



CITY OF ALBANY CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

2019 - 2021 WORK PLAN

Approved by the Climate Action Committee: April 17, 2019

Approved by the City Council: May 20, 2019

Background

The following work plan identifies recent accomplishments, and priority work items for the upcoming work plan period. The work plan includes items identified as priority projects within the City Council's Strategic Plan. The Climate Action Committee shall review the work plan each year in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items. Work plans are presented to the Council every two years, and if a change is needed to the work plan outside of that schedule, the Climate Action Committee shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Climate Action Committee is to serve as a technical advisory committee regarding matters related to climate action, and to advise council on matters related to 1) reducing greenhouse gasses; and 2) adapting to climate change.

Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Supported development and launch of Community Choice Aggregation program East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), including recommendation to opt up all Albany accounts to carbon-free electricity
- Evaluated Climate Action Plan progress
- Assisted in initiating the process of developing of a new Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, including identifying goals, reviewing the Request for Proposals, reviewing proposals, interviewing consultants, and recommending contracting with Cascadia Consulting to develop the plan
- Supported new climate action planning process through review of community survey, hosting a community workshop, and subcommittee research and analysis
- Supported the development and promotion of the Carbon-Free Albany web platform
- Supported Home Energy Score Assessment Pilot of 20 single family homes and analyzed results
- Supported pursuit of a grant for electric vehicle charging stations for City facilities

2019 – 2021 Policy Review and Initiatives

- Support the development of a new Climate Action & Adaptation Plan and determine Committee role in plan implementation
- Review Climate Action & Adaptation Plan progress annually
- Review options for potential modifications to reach code building construction regulations identified in the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan
- Consider waste reduction efforts in line with the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan
- Continue to promote opt-ups to 100% renewable electricity option offered by EBCE
- Promote the Carbon-Free Albany Challenge
- Continue to interact with schools regarding energy efficiency and renewables

- Receive updates on large development projects and major modifications to the Planning & Zoning Code
- Make significant progress on policy measures to reduce natural gas and transportation emissions
- Advise Council on near term actions to address climate change, such as electrification of in new building construction (restricting natural gas), reducing transportation emissions, implementing a utility user tax