

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [14-0912](#) Approval of a Work Plan to Achieve the 2020 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets in the Adopted Climate Action Plan and Budget Modification No. 22

Chair Jones asked for a staff report.

Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner, presented the staff report. She stated that in May 2014 the Climate Action Plan (CAP) was presented to the Commission and later adopted by Council. She then stated that Council asked staff to present the Work Plan for the Climate Action Plan to all Commissions. Ms. Caruso stated the purpose of the action plan.

Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager, discussed the implementation of the work plan for the Climate Action Plan and gave specifics. She noted that Council asked how staff would monitor the progress of the CAP and she gave several examples noting that a budget modification would help pay for the same consultant team to develop the ongoing monitoring tool. Ms. Tovar then stated that staff will report to Council a progress report on a bi-annual basis. Ms. Tovar then spoke about funding the project and stated that the project will be funded by the general fund as well as enterprise funds and gave examples.

Vice Chair Jackson referred to Alternative No. 4 on the report regarding residential energy and water audits and asked if there was any estimate on how much this would impact the effectiveness. Ms. Tovar responded that the energy audit component was quite small and noted that at this time a number was not assigned but that the goal is to match the number that was there or better. Vice Chair Jackson expressed his concerns and stated that if at all possible the numbers that the state required should be exceeded. He then thanked staff for all their work and stated that he would be supporting the recommendations.

Commissioner Okuzumi referred to page 7, Activity CA-1.7, of the CAP Work Plan regarding Alternative Modes of Transportation as Safe Modes of Travel and stated that she was surprised to see Environmental Services as the lead department. She asked why the department of Public Works would not be involved. Ms. Tovar explained that the Environmental Services Department will be working closely Public Works on the Transportation side.

Commissioner Okuzumi then referred to page 9, CTO-2.1 and 2.2, of the CAP Work Plan regarding bicycle parking and asked staff why the cost range to

implement the two activities were listed as very high. She noted that it did not make sense to have them ranked as very high when the guidelines were already in place. Ms. Tovar stated that they would take a look at that and noted that it may have come from the overall measure development.

David Simons, VTA BPAC, stated that a way to encourage home audits is to have an alternative to either pay a certain percentage transfer tax or you get the audit.

Chair Jones asked for a motion. Vice Chair Jackson moved and Commissioner Kolber seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1 through 5: 1) Approve the Climate Action Plan Work Plan 2020; 2) Approve the bi-annual CAP monitoring and reporting timeframe; 3) Approve the bi-annual CAP modification process; 4) Approve revised CAP action related to residential energy and water audits; and 5) Approve Budget Modification No. 22 to provide funding for the CAP tracking tool and for initial outreach for CAP implementation.

Vice Chair Jackson stated that the Work Plan was really well thought out and appreciated Commissioner Okuzumi's points. He noted that he likes the fact that there are provisions for course corrections as it moves along.

Commissioner Cordes stated that he did not know if the bi-annual update included looking at opportunities to accelerate various programs but hoped that as part of the modification recommendation that it is determined which programs could be pulled in faster. Ms. Caruso stated that if new technology or a new process becomes available it can be changed.

Chair Jones stated that he was pleasantly surprised to read that a lot of the items discussed are being implemented already and supports the motion. Chair Jones thanked staff for all their work.

Commissioner Welch referred to the matrix and asked staff when that matrix would be shared with the public because it is important that people see the progress. Ms. Tovar stated that City-Wide mechanisms are available but they currently do not have a prescribed way to get it out.

Commissioner Kolber suggested getting information out through the Quarterly Report.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 - Vice Chair Jackson
Commissioner Cordes
Chair Jones
Commissioner Kolber
Commissioner Okuzumi
Commissioner Rausch
Commissioner Welch

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