



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6221
February 7, 2023
Public Hearing**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6221: Public Hearing on Draft Climate Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Conduct the public hearing	

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works		
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COUNCIL LIAISON:	Craig Reynolds	Jake Jacobson	Ted Weinberg
EXHIBITS:	1. n/a		
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	4. Focus efforts and actions to be an environmentally and fiscally sustainable, connected, and diverse community.		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to conduct a public hearing on the City’s Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP); there is no staff presentation for this item.

- The public comment period began with the publication of the Draft CAP on January 11, 2023 and ends at midnight on February 7.
- Public comments on the draft CAP have been gathered through an online commenting platform hosted by the City’s consultant and via email (see the [Let’s Talk engagement page](#) for details).
- The City Council will review the public comments received and provide direction to inform the development of the final CAP at its March 7, 2023 meeting.
- Plan adoption is anticipated at the end of March or early April 2023.

BACKGROUND

In alignment with neighboring communities, the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), and the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), the City of Mercer Island has established a goal to reduce community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 95% by 2050, with interim targets of 50% reduction by 2030 and 75% reduction by 2040 (see [Resolution No. 1620](#), March 2022), compared to a 2007 baseline.

This Climate Action Plan (CAP) outlines a roadmap for meeting this GHG emissions reduction commitment as well as achieving other important resiliency goals for the community, including preparing for unavoidable climate impacts, protecting valuable natural resources, and preserving quality of life on Mercer Island.

The CAP is a long-term planning document that organizes GHG reduction actions and resiliency measures in a strategic manner. The CAP takes into account near-term and long-term resource needs and other considerations that will affect the City's ability to meet the emissions reductions targets. Staff expect to deliver an annual progress report to the City Council, provide online performance data updates to the public each year, and update the CAP approximately every 10 years.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Public comments on the draft CAP have been gathered through an online interactive platform hosted by the City's consultant and via email (see the [Let's Talk engagement page](#) for details) for the past four weeks. Tonight's public hearing concludes the public comment period.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will gather input received during the February 7 public hearing, collate them with other public comments, and present common themes for Council discussion at the March 7 City Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Conduct the public hearing