



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

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THROUGH: Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator

FROM: Amanda Watson, Climate Action Program Manager

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SUBJECT:

Staff are seeking input from the IDEA Committee for the development of a 5 year work plan for Tualatin's Community Climate Action Plan.

SUMMARY:

About the Community Climate Action Plan

In May 2024, the Tualatin City Council adopted Tualatin's first [Community Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP). Informed by climate science, local data, and community engagement, the plan details how climate change is affecting Tualatin and outlines goals, strategies, and actions to help our community adapt to and lessen the impacts of climate change. The plan is a roadmap for how Tualatin can reach net zero emissions by 2050 and increase community preparedness and resilience to climate change impacts like extreme heat, winter storms, and wildfire smoke.

Strategies in the plan to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions focus on reducing emissions from the biggest sources in Tualatin: energy used in buildings, transportation, and the production of food and goods used in Tualatin. Adaptation strategies focus on improving the resilience of community members, businesses, infrastructure, and natural systems to climate impacts Tualatin is most exposed to, including heat, wildfire smoke, winter storms and flooding.

Meeting these community-wide goals will take action from the City of Tualatin, residents, and businesses, as well as other organizations and levels of government. The plan includes actions the City of Tualatin can implement directly through City code, programs, and/or capital projects, actions the City needs to work with external partners to complete, as well as actions that are outside of the City's direct control, but the City can support or advocate for.

2024 - 2026 Progress

Following the adoption of the Community Climate Action Plan, City staff developed an initial two-year work plan outlining actions that were already underway and new actions to implement in FY 2024 - 2026.

Of the 33 actions in the 2024-2026 work plan, 6 have been completed and 20 are in progress or ongoing. New actions that were completed include supporting ongoing implementation of the plan through hiring a full-time Climate Action Program Manager position and identifying ongoing sources of funding for the City's climate action work. In progress actions span nearly all of the focus areas in the plan; some examples include updating Tualatin's approved street tree list with climate adapted tree species, updating the Public Works construction code to require low emission concrete and asphalt materials, and expanding housing variety and choice by

incentivizing and/or prioritizing building of smaller, clustered, and attached housing and other multifamily housing. Of the 7 actions not yet started, the majority are transportation electrification initiatives that are on hold because they would have been funded through a federal Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant that remains frozen.

5-Year Work Plan Development

Staff are currently developing the next work plan to guide Community Climate Action Plan implementation over the next 5 years, from 2027 - 2031. The development of a 5-year prioritized work plan for the CAP is one of the City Council's 2026 priorities. To develop the work plan, staff are engaging with stakeholders in different City departments, external agency partners, and soliciting input from the City's advisory committees.

The first step in the work plan development is establishing prioritization criteria. The criteria will be used to identify priority actions from the CAP that should be implemented over the next 5 years.

A cross-department staff working group developed an initial draft set of prioritization criteria, as follows:

Criteria	Elements	Description
Climate Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GHG emissions reductions (CO2e) Scale of climate hazard risk reduction (High, Moderate, Low) 	Degree to which the action contributes to emissions reductions and/or climate resilience (community preparedness).
Co-Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic prosperity/opportunity (e.g. employment, cost savings) Health & well-being (e.g. reduced air pollution, improved access to nature) Ecosystem health (e.g. water quality, wildlife habitat) Addresses needs of most impacted communities and/or reduces disparities 	Secondary benefits that the action contributes to, in addition to primary benefits of emissions reductions and/or increased community preparedness.
Alignment with Council Goals or Adopted Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with City Council 2030 vision Alignment with other adopted City Master Plans 	Synergistic benefits; does the action support other City Council priorities or adopted plans?
Feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community support Staff capacity Funding availability 	Level of effort to implement action in the next 5 years.
Implementation Cost		Estimated cost in \$.
Opportuneness/ Timeliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with other City Master Plan(s) Alignment with other current or planned City projects Alignment with projects or priorities of community, regional, and/or state partners Action is foundational to or enables other actions in the plan 	<p>Is implementation time-sensitive, or do actions need to be sequenced? (e.g., a tree canopy study enables development of strategies to retain or increase tree cover)</p> <p>Does implementing the action in the next 5 years increase efficiency or effectiveness due to alignment with other work, or</p>

		opportunities to leverage outside partnerships or funding?
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OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

Staff will incorporate feedback from the IDEA Committee into draft prioritization criteria for the 5-year work plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The work plan will inform budgeting for the City’s climate work over the 2027-2031 period.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Presentation