

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Manager
DATE: February 3, 2026
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2026-001, Updating Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets

1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. R2026-001, Updating Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets via City Council considerations.

This resolution was recommended for adoption by the Public Works Committee at their January 22, 2026, meeting.

2) Background:

This resolution updates the City's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets to be consistent with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update and Washington State targets.

3) Policy Support:

- City Council Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025-2026: Be a Leader in Environmental Health and Sustainability.
- Climate Element of Comprehensive Plan, adopted via Ordinance No. O2025-010.
- RCW 70A.45.020

4) Alternatives:

- Reject updating the city's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and retain 2018 goals. This would require a Comprehensive Plan amendment to reduce the goals set forth in the Climate Element adopted in 2025.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The total cost to implement the Climate Element and Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan is in the process of being estimated. To date, the cost to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has been restricted to allocated city budget funding and awarded grants.

Resources for the Future published a [2021 report](#) estimating the social cost of each ton of carbon emissions to be between \$61.40 and \$194.

6) Attachments:

- A. Resolution No. 2026-001, Updating Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets