

Adoption of a New Council Policy for Climate Action Plan Implementation Prioritization

Environment Committee

Item 4

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Office of the Independent Budget Analyst



Previous Work

New Council Policy Recommended by our Office

- Our Office, per Council's request, began working on a proposed Council Policy surrounding CAP Implementation and Actions
 - Based on a recommendation from our Office
- Initial draft presented to the Environment Committee in November 2022, with subsequent full draft presented in February
- Began outreach to interested stakeholders in November, which continued through February
 - Also included Virtual Public Forum

Public Outreach & Feedback

Meetings with Relevant Stakeholders

- Most outreach has been with interested organizations
- Almost all groups prioritized GHG reductions, feasibility, or equity above other metrics.
- Also held a Virtual Public Forum for anyone to attend

Organizational Outreach

Climate Action Campaign

Environmental Health Coalition

Circulate San Diego

San Diego Chamber of Commerce

Sustainability & Industry Committee, SDCoC

Sustainability Equity Stakeholder Working Group

UCSD Professors

Chavista Congress (Youth Advocacy Group)

Draft Policy Components

Action Timing

- Draft Implementation Plan differentiates actions based on whether the actions are fundamental to the achieving the measures and targets within the CAP.
- Four Action Timing categories are:
 - Preliminary – Must come first
 - Foundational – Must be done to fulfill the goals and targets of a measure
 - Next – Come after Foundational actions
 - Other – All other actions related to a measure
- **Policy proposes that Preliminary and Foundational actions be prioritized over Next and Other actions**

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Draft Policy Uses Existing CAP Prioritization Metrics

Metrics Include

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions

Feasibility

Potential for Equitable Implementation

Air Quality

Public Health

Jobs & Economy

Resiliency

The metrics and their methodologies are for the most part objective, and were developed and vetted through numerous groups, including the Equity Stakeholder Working Group, CAP Review Committee, and others.

**Funding removed due to lack of consensus on how to translate funding status into a prioritizable measure.*

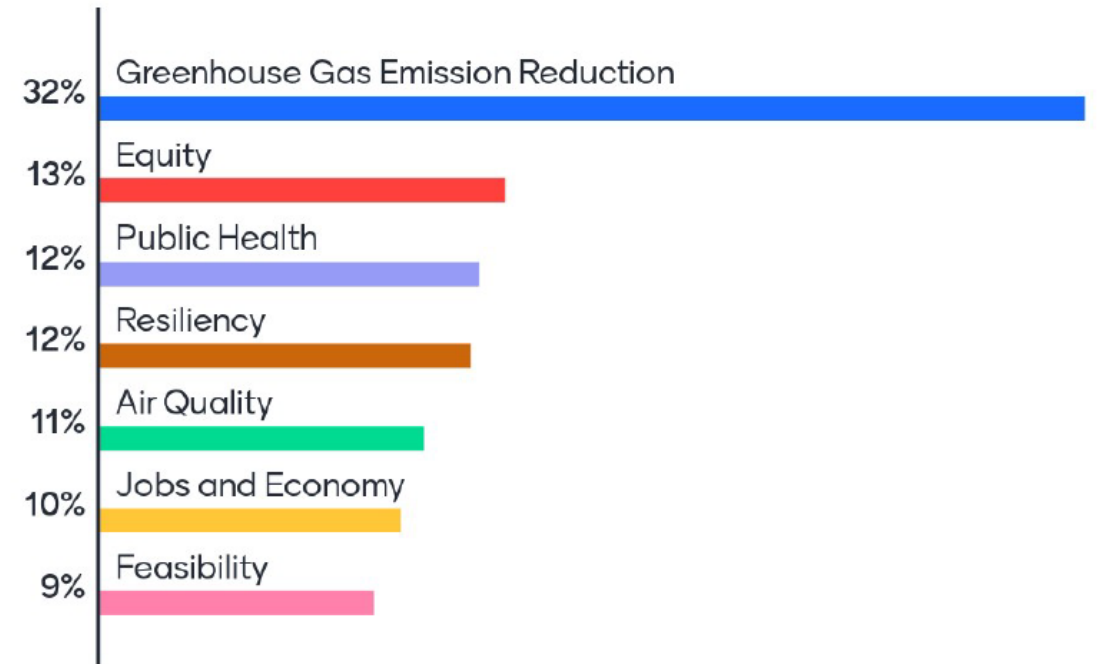
Virtual Public Forum Results

Requested Attendees Fill Out Survey

Importance Ranking (22)



Assign Weights (20)



Draft Policy Components

Scoring Matrix

- Policy and Feedback focus most on the Scoring Matrix
- Separate weights due to importance of GHG emissions to Foundational actions
- In response to additional public feedback, spread between scores has been reduced
 - GHG Reduction scores remain high

Measures	Foundational Weights	Next & Other Weights
GHG Reduction	33	25
Feasibility	12	13
Equity	16	20
Air Quality	10	10
Public Health	12	13
Jobs & Economy	7	9
Resiliency	10	10
Total	100	100



Policy Results

Preliminary & Foundational

Sample Scores				Scores from Matrix			Final
Strategy	Number	Description	Action Timing	Feasibility	Equity	Resilient	Prioritization
				Score	Score		Score
STRATEGY 3 - Mobility & Land Use	MLU-3.1-SA13	Update street planning and design process with a focus on community input from Communities of Concern to prioritize pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit	Foundational	6.4	9.1	0	46.44
STRATEGY 3 - Mobility & Land Use	MLU-3.2c	Ensure every high-volume transit stop has access to transit shelters, which include shade structures and benches; work with MTS to establish a standard for the provision of bus shelters in the city (e.g., minimum accommodations) with a priority in Communities of Concern	Foundational	3.7	6.85	5.5	44.10
STRATEGY 3 - Mobility & Land Use	MLU-3.4b	Retime traffic signals to reduce vehicle fuel consumption through improving the flow of traffic	Foundational	9.1	1	0	43.02

- Largest increase was 9 positions
- Largest decrease was 5 positions

Policy Results

Next & Other

<u>Sample Scores</u>				<u>Scores from Matrix</u>			<u>Final</u>
<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Action Timing</u>	<u>Feasibility Score</u>	<u>Equity Score</u>	<u>Resilience</u>	<u>Prioritization Score</u>
STRATEGY 5 - Resilient Infrastructure and Healthy Ecosystems	SA8	Install cool pavement material on City parking lots and in the public right-of-way, prioritizing RIHE-5.3- Communities of Concern, to increase building energy efficiency and reduce urban heat island effect	Other	4.42	6.55	10	49.28
STRATEGY 5 - Resilient Infrastructure and Healthy Ecosystems	SA1	Prioritize partnerships with San Diego's tribes and restorative environmental justice opportunities on wetland restoration projects	Other	8.2	10	0	30.66

- Largest increase was 51 positions
- Largest decrease was 31 positions

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Other Changes

- Recommend an update in two years initially, and then with CAP updates thereafter
- Other changes made to help staff implement the policy
- Redlined version provided
- Policy is still under review by the City Attorney's Office
 - Additional changes to policy language may be necessary

Conclusion

Proposed Action

- Adopt Council Policy 900-22 Prioritizing Actions for Climate Action Plan Implementation