Vancouver's Climate Action Plan City of Vancouver Planning Commission July 12, 2022



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Climate Action Plan - overview **Key Strategies**

Planning Commission Focus

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Overview







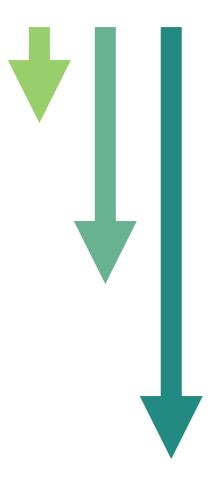
City Council approved the Climate Priority Declaration on June 6th, 2022.







Adopted the following Climate Action goals:



2025: 80% reduction in City GHG emissions

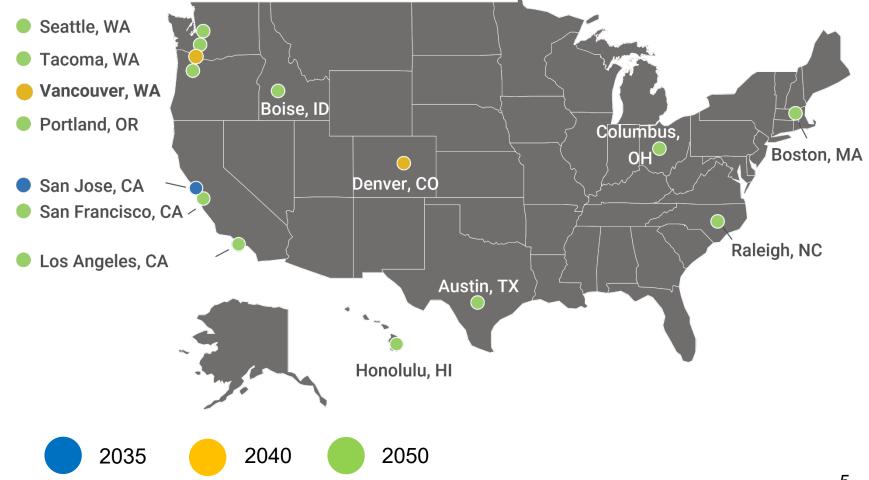
2030: 80% reduction in GHG emissions by the Vancouver community

2040: Carbon neutral by both municipal operations and the Vancouver community





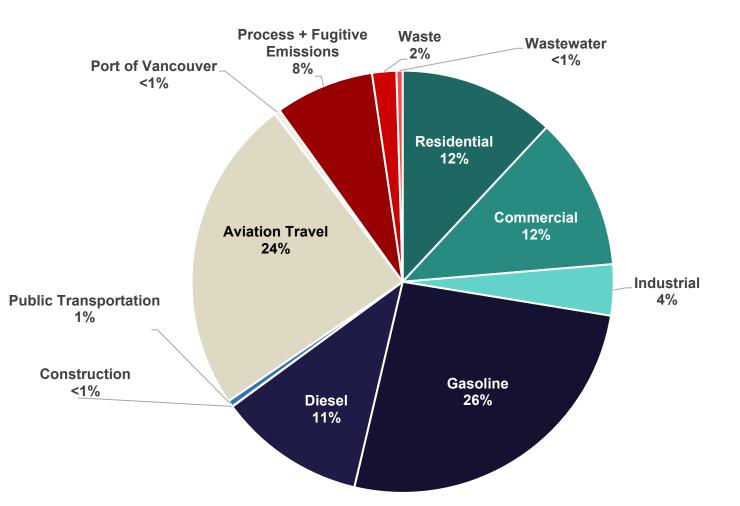
Establishes Vancouver as a national leader in carbon neutrality goals.







2019 Community Emissions

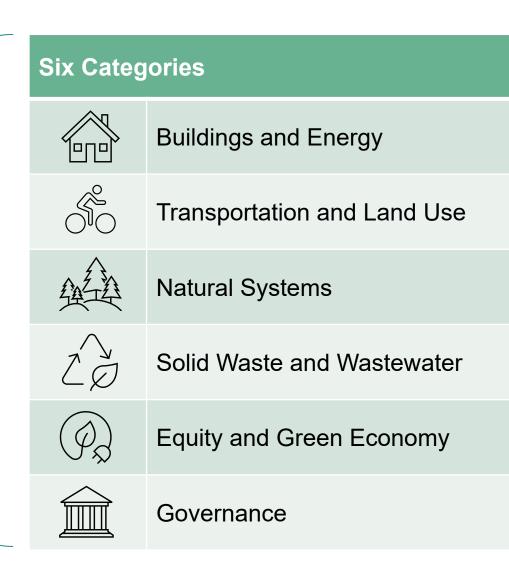






The CAP at a glance

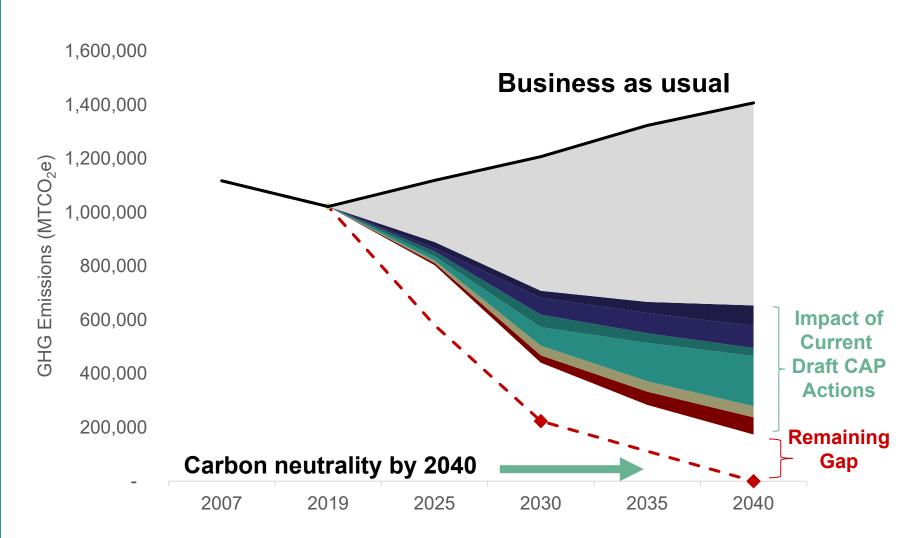
90+ actions can help us reach 84% of our 2040 goal.







Total Estimated Impact



Key Strategies

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• Increase walking, biking and transit and decrease driving.

 Rapid transition to electric and low-carbon vehicles.



Land Use

- Efficient use of land.
- Grow upward, not outward.
- Provide abundant, affordable housing in walkable 20-minute neighborhoods.





Building and Energy: Key Strategies



- Reduce building energy demand for commercial and residential buildings.
- Transition to lowest-carbon power source available when feasible.
- Clean up existing power sources.



Natural Systems

- Preserve, expand and enhance public greenspaces and tree canopy for carbon capture.
- Support private property owners in planting trees, gardening with natives, and using natural soil improvement practices.







Solid Waste and Wastewater

- Reduce amount of waste produced.
- Recycle or reclaim materials wherever possible.
- Produce RNG at Wastewater Treatment Facility for on-site use

Equity & the Green Economy

- Higher education and apprenticeship partnerships
- Climate adaptation prioritize vulnerable residents







• Funding for climate initiatives.

• Build staff capacity for CAP implementation.



Planning Commission Focus











Middle Housing/ Upzoning

- Code and zoning updates to promote mixed-use developments that are dense, transit-oriented, and supports active transportation mode choices
- Incentivize housing developments based on affordability and proximity to alternative transportation corridors
- Code and zoning updates to provide abundant housing choices at a variety of affordability levels by allowing diverse housing types in all residential areas
- Prioritize middle housing in existing single-family residential neighborhoods well served by transit



Clean Building Performance Standards

WA SB 5722

- Building Performance Standards currently apply to nonresidential +50K sq ft buildings.
- Expands to include 20-50K sq ft
- City could provide support and technical assistance for building owners



Green Building Policy

- Begin process 2023
- Differentiate between building types
- City could set EUI standard; developer/architects determine pathway to achieve it.



Electric heat pumps - new construction

WA State Building Code Council

- 2023 new businesses and apartments to use electric heat pumps.
- City Green Building Policy would comply with State energy code



Transportation fueling

- Expand infrastructure for electric, CNG, propane, H2, renewable diesel
- Cleaner fuels for fleet vehicles
- Reduce barriers to station upgrades for expanded fueling options
- City green purchasing policy prioritize clean fleet contractors

Next Steps





CAP Council Schedule

August 8

Council Workshop – walk through final Climate Action Plan

September 12

Public Hearing and Climate Action Plan Adoption

Thank You

Questions?

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Cost Considerations

- Lifecyle costs vs. up-front costs
- Federal and State funding

• The "cost of doing nothing"

