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Green Building Policy Check-in

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Policy Scope

Green Building Policy (GBP) implements Climate Action Framework

- Phased approach; emphasis on feasibility, impact on achieving Council climate goals through modeling
- Minimum performance standards with incentives for higher attainment levels
- Will initially result in code changes to VMC Title 17 (Building Code) for *new* construction
- Will likely result in recommended code changes to VMC Title 20 (Land Use and Development) in conjunction with Comprehensive Plan Update
- May result in future recommended code changes to other chapters of the VMC (e.g., stormwater, transportation)
- Equity considerations to be embedded in the policy development process



Research and Policy Review Background

Sustainability Solutions Group (SSG) selected to assist staff

- Peer Cities Policy Review Report
- Green Building Strategies Report
- Engagement Strategy
- Meetings with other cities
- Data collection for policy modeling work



Implementation Considerations

Market & Development Economics Influence Effectiveness

- What is the incremental cost to development and how does that impact project viability?
- What is the required timeline for development partners to adapt to new requirements and technologies?
- What is the appropriate balance between new regulations and incentive-based programs?
- How should implementation be phased to cause the least amount of market disruption?



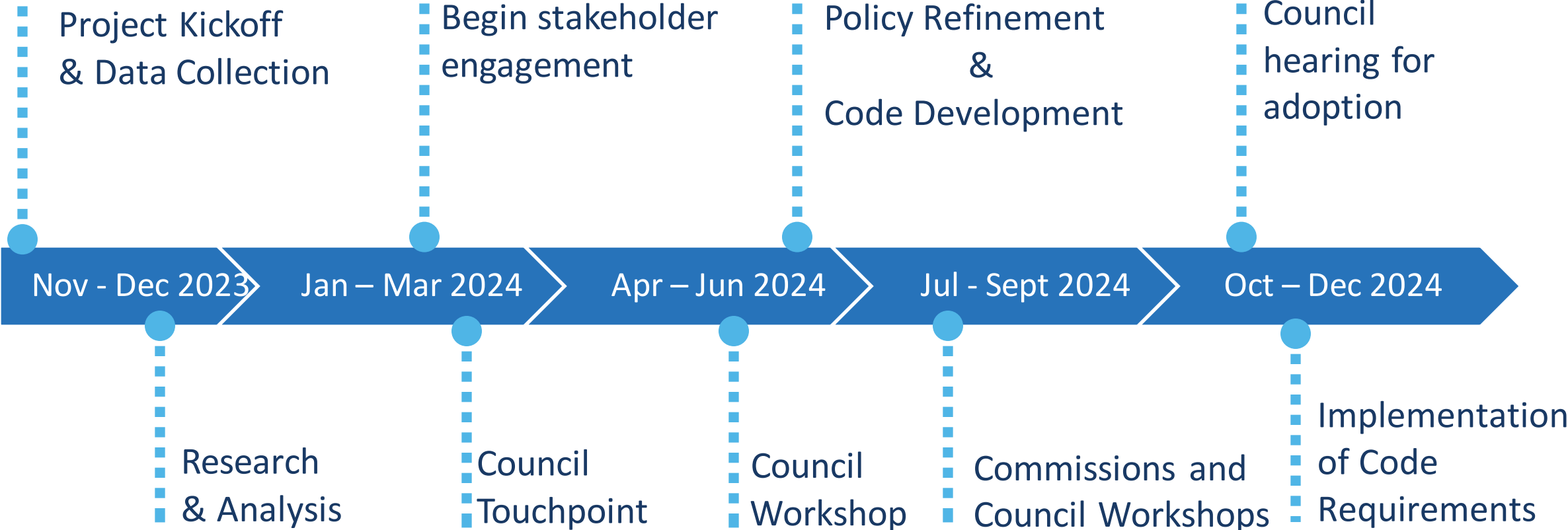
Engagement Strategy

Robust Stakeholder and Public Engagement

- **Pre-Engagement Interviews** (identify stakeholders' preferred ways to engage in process)
- **Focus Groups** with development, environmental, non-profit, & large property interests
- **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**
Internal & external subject matter experts, multiple meetings between April-July
- **Survey**
Distributed via project mailing list
- **Public workshops**
Broader forum for stakeholder groups
- **City Communications**
Be Heard, project updates, social media



Green Building Policy Development Timeline





Next Steps

- Coordinate stakeholder/public outreach with concurrent city processes
- Begin Technical Advisory Group meetings
- Set dates for Workshops, Roundtables
- Hold Council Workshop May 20

