



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan briefing

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**Title**

Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan briefing

**Recommended Action**

Information only. No action requested.

**Report**

**Issue:**

The City is participating in a regional climate mitigation planning effort, which intersects with the BPAC's work and interests.

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**Background and Analysis:**

Regional Climate Mitigation Planning

In April 2018, Thurston County, Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) signed an Interlocal Agreement to complete Phase I of a regional Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, with TRPC leading the effort. Phase I work resulted in the following regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets:

- 45% below 2015 levels by 2030
- 85% below 2015 levels by 2050

In November 2018, Olympia and the other regional jurisdictions approved a Phase II Interlocal Agreement addressing the development of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. A draft version of the Plan has been published for the public to review. Staff sent Committee Members a link to the online open house, where they could review the Plan.

Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Public Review Draft

The Draft Plan lays out a road map for continuing regional collaboration on reducing local

greenhouse gas emissions. It is intended to provide Olympia and its project partners with a suite of solid strategies that will guide next steps, not lock the jurisdictions into specific actions that may not make sense as the details are worked out.

The framework for reducing local greenhouse gas emissions presented in the Draft Plan includes:

- Greening our grid
- Shifting energy sources
- Living lighter
- Storing carbon
- Building local capacity

Each action included in the Draft Plan will require additional work to understand its feasibility, cost and impacts as implementation is considered. As a first step in this work, the project partners have grouped each action into the following general implementation approaches:

- Legislative agenda
- Regionally coordinated
- Individual jurisdiction
- Supporting partner

#### Internal City Coordination

To ensure coordination occurs on climate issues as the mitigation plan is developed, the City of Olympia Executive Team formed an internal Climate Action Workgroup. To date the Workgroup has:

- Developed a list of Early Climate Actions and begun action implementation
- Provided feedback on implementation issues associated with the narrowed list of assessed actions.
- Provided input on priority actions for implementation during 2021 and 2022.

#### Next Steps

The next steps in the climate mitigation planning process include:

- Phase III Interlocal Agreement addressing implementation
- Individual jurisdiction review and approval

#### BPAC's role

Please review the Draft Plan and the City's Early Climate Actions. Links to both are attached. Come prepared to share your thoughts and feedback on both at the meeting.

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**Options:**

None - briefing only

**Financial Impact:**

None from this briefing

**Attachments:**

[Link to Draft Plan](#)

[Link to City's Climate Change Response page](#)