



# CITY OF SAN MATEO

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## Agenda Report

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**TO:** Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission

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**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, May 08, 2019

**SUBJECT:**  
Climate Action Plan Update - Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Strategies

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide direction and feedback on greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies for inclusion in the updated Climate Action Plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City is in the process of updating the Climate Action Plan (CAP) that was adopted in April 2015 to provide a comprehensive strategy to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The City has made steady progress in implementing the adopted CAP and the updated 2017 GHG emissions inventory showed that the City has already met and exceeded its goal to reduce emissions 15% below 2005 levels by 2020. Despite this significant accomplishment, reducing emissions becomes more and more challenging as many of the easier strategies have been implemented and the State continues to establish ambitious climate goals for upcoming years. The updated CAP will set reduction targets consistent with State efforts to reduce emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.

At the March 13, 2019 Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission, the project team presented an assessment of the 28 adopted CAP measures, identifying the implementation progress made to date. The Commission provided feedback and direction on whether to update or remove existing measures in the updated CAP. The City will need to add new reduction strategies that were not considered in the adopted CAP in order to meet GHG reduction goals. Since the March 13 Commission meeting, the project team has developed a set of 26 new strategies summarized in Table 1 of the PlaceWorks memo. The project team seeks the Commission's feedback on the new strategies.

After the Commission's feedback, the project team will incorporate comments and on June 6, 2019, staff plan to hold a community workshop to gain community input on the different GHG reduction strategies. At the July 10, 2019 Commission meeting, staff will return to the Commission for additional discussion and to finalize the GHG reduction strategies.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

Sufficient funding for the Climate Action Plan was budgeted in the Construction Services Fund as part of the 2018-2020 Business Plan.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), receipt of information is not subject to CEQA because it is an administrative activity of government that will not result in physical changes to the environment. An environmental review of the subsequent Climate Action Plan document will be conducted and is included in the overall project scope.

**NOTICE PROVIDED**

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Att 1 – PlaceWorks memo

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