

36748  
1579



City of Portland  
Bureau of  
**Planning and  
Sustainability**

Sam Adams, Mayor  
Susan Anderson, Director

**Planning**

1900 S.W. 4th Ave., Ste. 7100  
Portland, OR 97201-5350

Phone 503-823-7700  
FAX 503-823-7800  
TTY 503-823-6868

**Sustainability**

721 N.W. 9th Ave., Ste. 195  
Portland, OR 97209-3447

Phone 503-823-7222  
FAX 503-823-5311  
TTY 503-823-6868

[www.portlandonline.com/bps](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps)

An equal opportunity employer

Printed on recycled paper

**MEMORANDUM**

To: City Council

From: Susan Anderson, Director

Date: October 27, 2009

Re: Amendment to Council Agenda Item #1519: "Adopt the joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050."

---

Minor changes have been made to the joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan originally filed for Council Agenda Item 1519. The resolution remains the same, but the attachment should be replaced with the updated version of the Climate Action Plan, which includes the following changes:

- 1) Several typos and formatting errors were corrected.
- 2) On page 39: Text describing the 20-minute neighborhood concept was modified by deleting "or bike ride" to be consistent with other discussions of the 20-minute complete neighborhood which focus on walking.
- 3) On page 35: Objective 3, Action (iv) was clarified to read, "Collaborate to reduce the role of carbon--including from coal and natural gas sources--in Portland's electricity mix."
- 4) On page 48: Moved Objective 10, Action (iii) "Establish public place recycling in Central Portland" to Objective 11, Action (x) on page 49, to be consistent with the intent of the Objectives.

Corrected printed copies of the Climate Action Plan will be provided at the Council meeting.



City of Portland  
Bureau of

## Planning and Sustainability

Sam Adams, Mayor  
Susan Anderson, Director

### Planning

1900 S.W. 4th Ave., Ste. 7100  
Portland, OR 97201-5350

Phone 503-823-7700  
FAX 503-823-7800  
TTY 503-823-6868

### Sustainability

721 N.W. 9th Ave., Ste. 195  
Portland, OR 97209-3447

Phone 503-823-7222  
FAX 503-823-5311  
TTY 503-823-6868

[www.portlandonline.com/bps](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps)

An equal opportunity employer

Printed on recycled paper

### MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Sam Adams  
From: Susan Anderson, Director  
Date: 10-21-09

1. Resolution Title: Adopt the joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050.
2. Contact Name, Department, & Phone Number: Michael Armstrong, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, 503-823-6053
3. Requested Council Date: October 28, 2009

Consent Agenda Item: \_\_\_\_\_ or Regular Agenda Item:   X  

Emergency Item (answer below): \_\_\_\_\_ or Non- Emergency Item:   X  

*If emergency, why does this need to take effect immediately:*

4. History of Agenda Item/Background:

This resolution builds on years of climate action Portland, including the Energy Policy of 1990, the 1993 Carbon Dioxide Reduction Strategy, the 2001 Local Action Plan on Global Warming, and the Peak Oil Task Force recommendations. Portland and Multnomah County have had notable success in reducing greenhouse gas emissions to one percent below 1990 levels in 2008, which represents a per capita decrease of 19 percent and a marked contrast with national figures, which show a steady increase in emissions.

Council Resolution 36548 directed the Office of Sustainable Development to revise the City's previous climate-protection plan in coordination with Planning, Development Services, Environmental Services, Water, Housing and Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Transportation, PDC and Multnomah County.

A steering committee of citizens, businesses and public officials guided the development of the Climate Action Plan, which was released for public comment in April 2009. The City held eight public meetings to discuss the draft plan with residents, businesses and community organizations. More than 400 people participated in the meetings, and an additional 175 sets of comments were received through an online comment for, by email or in letters, totaling more than 2,600 comments and suggestions.

The Climate Action Plan was significantly revised, in response to the comments and now underscores the essential role of equity, natural systems, public health and a broad array of partner agencies and organizations involved in climate change work.

5. Purpose of Agenda Item:  
This Resolution seeks to adopt the resulting joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan, and establishes a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. It also establishes the City's support for a global climate-protection goal of reducing atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide to 350 parts per million.
6. Legal Issues: None.
7. What individuals or groups are or would be opposed to this resolution? Supportive?  
Generally, public feedback during the public comment period was overwhelmingly supportive of the plan and the proposed actions and goals. Many respondents were pleased with the plan, but felt it could do more and/or be more aggressive in certain areas. Significant changes were made to the plan in response to this feedback, particularly relating to equity, natural systems, public health and broader collaboration with other agencies, organizations, community groups and businesses. Many stakeholders expressed approval of these modifications and felt their concerns were being addressed in the revised document.  
  
Some individuals or organizations may still be opposed to particular aspects or actions of the plan – but we do not expect significant opposition to the plan in entirety. For example, the Portland Business Alliance may still be concerned that the plan does not sufficiently align the City's economic development and social goals, with the climate action goals. The Oregon Cattleman's Association opposes actions to encourage residents to reduce consumption of carbon-intensive foods (such as red meat). Some in the real estate community (e.g. BOMA) may oppose actions related to energy performance benchmarking and disclosure.
8. How Does This Relate to Current City Policies?  
This plan builds on years of climate action in Portland, including the Energy Policy of 1990, the 1993 Carbon Dioxide Reduction Strategy, the 2001 Local Action Plan on Global Warming, and the Peak Oil Task Force. In addition, this plan connects to existing and future efforts and plans including, the Transportation Systems Plan, the Bike Master Plan, the Streetcar System Plan, the Urban Forestry Management Plan, Grey to Green, Portland Plan and the Five-Year Economic Development Strategy, among others.
9. Community Participation: A steering committee of citizens, businesses and public officials guided the development of the Climate Action Plan. In addition, several organizations and groups participated by providing feedback and guidance, including: Mayor's Planning and Sustainability Cabinet, Sustainable Development Commission, Oregon Environmental Council, Peak Oil Task Force, and Food Policy Council. The broader public participated through town hall meetings, online comments and a variety of other events and presentations.
10. Other Government Participation: Multiple City bureaus, Multnomah County (various Departments), Metro, Oregon Department of Human Services, TriMet, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.
11. Financial Impact: The adoption of this plan does not have a direct financial impact. Financial impacts will need to be evaluated on a project and action implementation basis.