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REPORT TO COUNCIL

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TO: City Council

FROM: Susan Anderson, Director

SUBJECT: City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan 2017
Progress Report

Attached for Council consideration is the progress report for the 2015 Climate Action Plan.

The Portland and Multnomah County 2015 Climate Action Plan charts a path to reduce local carbon emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate. The plan seeks to maximize the economic, social and environmental co-benefits of transitioning away from fossil fuels.

The Climate Action Plan identifies over 170 actions to be completed or significantly underway by 2020. The City of Portland and Multnomah County have been working systematically to implement these actions since the plan's adoption in June 2015. Nearly all of the actions outlined in the Climate Action Plan are already underway, with 84 percent of those actions on track for completion by 2020. Four percent of the actions have been completed, while 11 percent have not yet started or are facing obstacles to implementation.

The Climate Action Plan Progress Report serves as an interim opportunity to evaluate progress so that steps can be taken to adapt and revise implementation strategies as necessary. The report begins with an overview of the data for local carbon emissions (pages 6 - 7). Since 1990, Portland has welcomed 33 percent more people and 24 percent more jobs, while carbon emissions have fallen 41 percent on a per person basis. This trajectory demonstrates that it is possible to achieve significant carbon emission reductions while growing the economy and the population.



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The progress report also highlights recent major accomplishments (pages 8 - 15), including benchmarking energy performance of commercial buildings, scoring home energy use, greening Oregon's electricity supply, financing energy efficiency, restricting fossil fuel infrastructure, sharing bikes, funding transportation improvements, pursuing inclusionary housing, requiring deconstruction and salvage, helping residents save money, car-free crossing of the Willamette River, increasing recycling and composting, growing food, bringing nature into the city, building resilience to a warming climate, building community capacity and electrifying the transportation system.

The report's appendix (pages 18 - 65) contains implementation details for each action in the 2015 Climate Action Plan. Each action in the summary table includes the action's status (e.g., complete, on track, in progress, not started), as well as a written description on the implementation efforts underway, results to date and challenges being encountered (if any).

A subsequent progress report will be completed and delivered to Council in 2018, prior to the development of the updated 2020 Climate Action Plan.



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