



CLEAN AIR POLICY

Updated approach and next steps

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Ensuring Healthy Air

Local Collaborative and Regulatory Options
in the Portland Metro Area

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Air Quality is a Local Issue

- Portland residents are at higher risk of cancer from air pollution than anywhere else in Oregon.
- Air toxics are present throughout the region, but higher concentrations are found in densely populated Portland neighborhoods, near busy roadways and in areas with higher levels of business and industrial activity.
- City of Portland needs Air Quality experts on staff to address these serious threats to community health.
- City will work in partnership with Mult Co. and DEQ to align and coordinate air quality work plan.



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What will an Air Quality Program at the City of Portland achieve?

- ✓ Provide data/analysis for impacted communities and City Bureaus to inform decisions.
- ✓ Partner with local, regional, and state partners to maximize impacts of pollution reduction projects.
- ✓ Reduce community exposure from diesel, wood smoke, wildfire events, and heat.
- ✓ Support community and businesses through grants and developing good neighbor agreements.



Policy Process

- Mayor initially directed BPS to develop policy options to fund climate emergency declaration and air quality.
- Public comment on original proposal Dec 2020
- Stakeholder engagement and policy development ongoing since November 2020
- Commissioner Rubio kicked off four months of stakeholder workshops

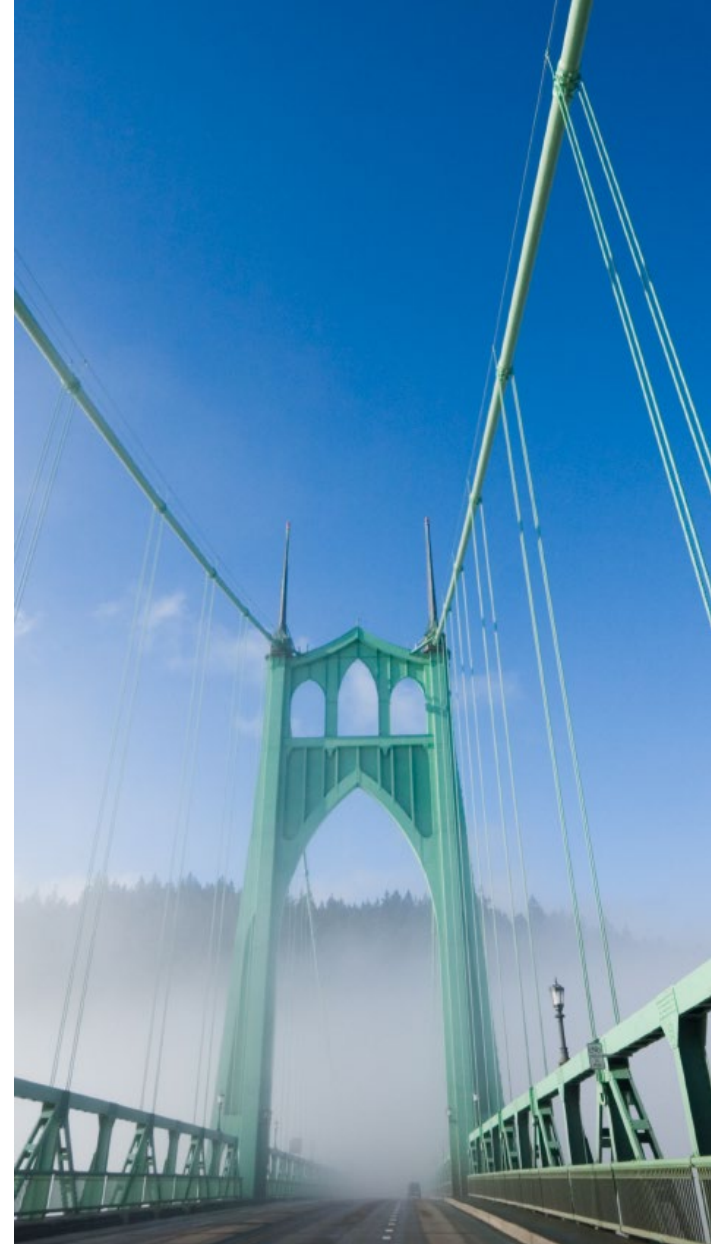
Workshop Participants

- EVRAZ
- Vigor Industrial
- Providence Health Systems
- Lewis & Clark Law School, Green Energy Institute
- Portland Business Alliance
- Columbia Corridor Association
- Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative
- Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- Latino Network
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Eco Northwest
- Climate Solutions
- City of Roses Disposal and Recycling
- Columbia Pacific Building Construction Trades Council
- Northwest Carpenters Union
- Multnomah County
- Oregon DEQ
- Governor's Office



Stakeholder's Shared Policy Goals

- Portland is a leader in clean/carbon-free industry
- Existing businesses transition to zero carbon
- BIPOC and local businesses centered in clean energy transition
- Portland is healthy, just and equitable place to live
- Portland meets carbon and clean air goals



Clean Industry Leadership

Portland Clean Industry Hub and Incubator

- Public-private collaboration space to develop new and cutting-edge low carbon, low waste, clean air technologies, and circular production practices that benefit Portland industries.
- Fall general budget request to fund a scoping study and staff position to inform Hub and Incubator development.
- Ready with vision to seek and attract Federal funding



Changes to proposed Clean Air Fee



Fee schedule adjusted based on stakeholder feedback that fee was applied inequitably. We recommend:

- Align fee levels for Simple and Standard Air Permits to \$20,000 (Initially \$15,000 and \$25,000)
- Link Title V fee to emissions levels (PM, SO_x, NO_x, VOC):
 - \$20,000 per ton base fee plus \$250/ton for emissions (Initially \$40,000)





Next Steps

- Public Comment Period – October to November
- City Council hearings - December 2021
- BPS to continue work on Carbon Fee proposal in 2022

Please review public comment drafts and share feedback



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Have questions or feedback?

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