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### MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Sam Adams

From: Susan Anderson, Director

Date: 10-21-09

1. Resolution Title: Direct City bureaus to implement policies and programs to put Portland on a path to reduce local emissions of greenhouse gases 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 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 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, in coordination with other bureaus, to revise the City's previous climate-protection plan. See the background memo for the accompanying Resolution to adopt the resulting Climate Action Plan for more information on that process.

The Climate Action Plan establishes an overall 2050 emissions reduction goal of 80%, along with 2030 objectives, and actions to be completed by 2012. The actions will be reviewed and updated every three years. The Plan requires the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to report to the Sustainable Development Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council on local carbon emissions, progress in implementing the 2009 Climate Action Plan and recommendations to improve implementation.

5. Purpose of Agenda Item:  
This Resolution seeks to direct City bureaus to implement the policies and programs outlined in the Climate Action Plan, specifically calling out key bureau responsibilities for implementing and collaborating on selected actions contained in the Plan.
6. Legal Issues: None.
7. What individuals or groups are or would be opposed to this resolution? Supportive?  
There is broad support for the adoption of the Climate Action Plan, and significant opposition to this resolution is not expected. As specific actions move into the implementation phase, some individuals or groups may support or oppose the details of that implementation.
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.
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.