

MPAC Worksheet

Agenda item title: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan update

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Purpose/Objective

The purpose of this item is to update MPAC on the development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).

The CCAP will cover major sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the 7-county Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area and outline measures that Metro and partners can take to reduce these emissions in order to play their part in meeting state climate goals. It is the most comprehensive climate plan that Metro has ever created, and is a valuable opportunity to advance Metro's climate leadership. The CCAP will provide a unifying framework for addressing climate in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area that:

- Strengthens coordination on climate by identifying the GHG reduction measures that are most cost-effective and implementation-ready and describing where, when and how they could be implemented.
- Identifies potential policy and process changes that can help local and regional governments combat climate change more effectively.
- Clarifies how state, regional and local governments can best work together to combat climate change given their overlapping and complimentary roles.
- Supports Metro and its partner agencies in pursuing state, foundation, and federal funding to implement projects that benefit the climate.

Development of the CCAP is funded by a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Planning Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The CCAP is the second deliverable developed under this grant; the first was a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) submitted to EPA in February 2024. The PCAP was a 5-year plan focused on identifying near-term measures that were eligible for implementation grants to combat climate change. The CCAP is a 25-year plan that expands upon the PCAP by looking more broadly at how to reduce all GHG emissions and meet long-term climate goals. The states of Oregon and Washington also have parallel CPRG planning grants, and Metro coordinates with both states to ensure that the resulting plans are aligned and mutually supportive. See Metro's CPRG webpage¹ for more information on the CPRG grant, including the submitted PCAP.

Outcome

MPAC has an opportunity to ask questions about the process and work to date to prepare to offer more detailed feedback on the draft CCAP in July 2025. In particular, staff are interested in feedback on the following question with MPAC:

- Are there particular GHG reduction measures you would like to see prioritized in the draft CCAP?

¹ <https://oregonmetro.gov/climategrant>

What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?

Metro staff last presented to MPAC requesting feedback on the draft PCAP in January 2024. In April 2024, Metro, state agencies, and several local partners in Oregon and Washington applied for competitive CPRG implementation grants from EPA.² Metro then kicked off development of the CCAP in July 2025.

Over the past 10 months, Metro has completed significant engagement and analysis to help identify the GHG reduction measures that will make up the draft CCAP, including:

Engagement (summarized in Attachment 1), including with the following groups:

- Technical staff working on climate issues across the region, via the **Climate Partners' Forum**, which reviews CCAP work products and helps to ensure that the CCAP is aligned with and supportive of partner organizations' climate work. Forum participants are listed at the end of Attachment 1.
- **Public engagement**, via **online open houses** that focus on understanding which GHG reduction measures most benefit people and on how to best deliver these co-benefits. The results from the first online open house, held during December 2024-25, are summarized in Attachments 2. A second online open house is planned in August.
- **Regional policy and technical committees**, via committee presentations, to ensure that the CCAP meets regional needs and reflects existing regional and local plans.

A **greenhouse gas inventory** that highlights the sectors where there are the greatest opportunities to reduce GHG emissions, including buildings; transportation; and food, goods and services.

Emissions projections and targets that examine how the many state-led measures that are already underway in Oregon and Washington are likely to reduce emissions and describe the impact that local and regional partners need to do their part in meeting state climate goals. This work helps to illustrate not only how much the CCAP needs to reduce GHG emissions, but also highlights opportunities for local and regional leadership on climate work.

A **review of climate-related plans** to help identify and define potential GHG reduction measures for inclusion in the CCAP. The CCAP will build on the extensive climate work already happening in the metropolitan area. Metro has reviewed climate action plans from community-based organizations and local and regional agencies to identify potential measures for the CCAP, as well as plans on a variety of topics related to these measures (including transportation, land use and waste) to understand in more detail potential benefits, costs, and pathways to implementation.

A draft CCAP will be released this summer for review and feedback. MPAC will have an opportunity to review and provide feedback at that time.

What packet material do you plan to include?

Attachment 1: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan engagement activities

Attachment 2: CCAP Winter 2024-25 online open house summary and findings

Attachment 3: Initial screening results for potential CCAP GHG reduction measures

² Metro and partner agencies submitted 5 applications for implementation grants in April 2024 totaling roughly \$100 million. None of these applications were funded, but Oregon received funding for a statewide implementation grant for \$197 million focuses on reducing emissions from waste and materials, buildings, and transportation, which are the largest contributors to climate pollution in Oregon. Oregon's grant includes resources for local and regional climate programs that focus on reducing emissions in each of these three areas. See <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/ghgp/Documents/CPRGVisual-ODOE.pdf> for a summary of how the state plans to spend these funds.