

Sustainability Commission FY 13 Annual Report: Accomplishments from FY 13 Work Plan

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| Triple Bottom Line | Participate in Lane Livability Consortium analysis of TBL and evaluate ways to improve use of the tool. Advise Council on which projects need TBL analysis; including an appropriate set of criteria. | Effective, timely and appropriate use of the tool. Evaluate and improve tool. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in the Lane Livability Consortium (LLC) analysis of TBL. Determine if this analysis will provide a way to flag decisions where a TBL should be performed. If not, come up with a list of indicators and questions to walk through to determine if a TBL evaluation is needed. Review Council's Tentative Working Agenda and highlight items that should include a TBL evaluation. Communicate to the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager which decisions should include a TBL evaluation. Track the decisions to see if a TBL is performed. Evaluate how the TBL was used well and how it could be improved. Focus on each of the three components to a TBL to determine what level of treatment each received. Present the findings (of whether a TBL was used) to the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager's office at the end of their work-plan cycle. Also track decisions that come up throughout the year that were not included on the Tentative Working Agenda and determine if a TBL should be performed. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in the LLC as soon as possible. Generate list of indicators/questions if the LLC is not the appropriate venue as soon as possible (by end of year – Dec 2012). Determine when to review Tentative Working Agenda and determine what should have a TBL evaluation (by February 2013). Communicate findings to the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager along with list of criteria generated (by March 2013). Continue to track Council decisions throughout the year. Create a report that shows which decisions used a TBL evaluation and send to the Mayor, Council and City Manager at the end of the year (Dec 2013). Continuous. <p>Accomplishments: Awaiting findings from projects conducted as part of Lane Livability Consortium. Council Liaison has requested that City Manager begin including TBL analysis in Agenda Item Summaries submitted to Council.</p> |

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| <p>Transportation System Plan and Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan</p> | <p>Participate in development and adoption of TSP and implementation of PBMP.</p> | <p>TSP is designed to meet fossil fuel reduction goal, Projects in the PBMP are implemented and get a mode shift toward active transportation.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in public input opportunities in developing the TSP's list of prioritized projects. Participate in the public hearing process regarding STIP grants for the East/West Amazon and the Jessen bike paths. Draft letter of support for the city's application to ODOT to fund the NE Livable Streets project. Provide ongoing support/public comment regarding South Willamette Street improvements. Street Repair Bond Measure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Urge BPAC and staff to prioritize projects that are most important for changing the mode split. Ask staff to incorporate bike/ped considerations in ALL roads that are repaired. Recommend to City Council that it adopt a policy that major street reconstruction and re-pavement projects should proceed in tandem with implementation of projects recommended in the BPMP and other Eugene transportation plans. Recommend to City Council that it adopt a policy where transportation funds available to the City, which are not constitutionally dedicated to the automobile, be expended preferentially for active transportation modes. Provide support for a Sidewalk Infill Plan. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>TSP</u>: Project list should be set by spring, 2013, so we will engage through the end of the process. <u>STIP Grants</u>: Dec. 13 and Jan 9 are key dates for public hearings on STIP grants. <u>Livable Streets</u>: ODOT application due Dec. 15. <u>S. Willamette</u>: Public forums on Nov. 13, March 2013, and June/July, 2013. Public meeting re: land use on Oct. 30, 2012. Draft plan to be finished by Aug. 2013. Final plan to Council by Oct. 2013. <u>Bond Measure</u>: Mode-split project recommendations and letter to staff should be completed before 2013. <u>PBMP Coordination</u>: Discuss as a Commission and make policy recommendation to Council in Dec/Jan. Meet with city staff for more info. <u>Active Transportation Funding</u>: Discuss as a Commission and make policy recommendation to Council in Dec/Jan. <u>Sidewalk Infill Plan</u>: Ongoing <p>Accomplishments: Testimony provided to Lane ACT and MPC on STIP priorities 12/13/12. Memo to Council re: S. Willamette on 5/8/13.</p> |
| <p>Sustainable practices</p> | <p>Investigate and develop a Commission report around how current City policy encourages or discourages sustainable practices within private businesses. Recommend changes in City policy that will encourage sustainable business practices.</p> | <p>Complete and submit to staff and council a report and recommendations about how to improve policy support for green business practices.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Interview eight visible Green Businesses in Eugene (e.g., from Green Business Network and/or Green Lane): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are their sustainable practices? What has been easy or hard about dealing with the City? What changes would they suggest? Interview Sustainability staff in Boulder, CO, Portland, OR, Chicago, NYC, Santa Monica, CA, Chattanooga, San Francisco for ideas about what they've done or are planning to do in this arena Craft report and recommendations | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> By January 31st, 2013 By March 30th, 2013 Draft by April 30th, final by May 31st. <p>Accomplishments: Presentation about the project to GreenLane in June. Research findings to be vetted with city staff.</p> |

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| Carbon fee | Investigate revenue neutral fee on greenhouse gas emissions, and bring back a recommendation on what effective action can be taken to advance. | Potential policy recommendation to bring forward to Council. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Research means and examples of implementing a plan to send a price signal around greenhouse gas emissions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Structure Geographic scope Provide outline to and check in with sustainability commission re recommendations Provide draft recommendations to sustainability commission | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Late November January March <p>Accomplishments: memo to Council on 4/25/13. Requested work session to discuss and adopt resolution. Obtained Council support position on SB 306 calling for a statewide carbon pricing study. Submitted letters of support to State Legislature. SB 306 passed both houses and was signed by the Governor.</p> |
| Regional collaboration and planning | Work towards regional coordination for decision making around sustainability/climate change. (With Lane Livability Consortium and scenario planning aligned to achieve a sustainable future). | Recommendation to Council that city participates in regional collaboration for climate mitigation and resilience. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a summary description of existing local mechanisms, especially intergovernmental mechanisms, for regional collaboration around sustainability/climate change. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Within the region: Lane Livability Consortium, MPO and scenario planning, WV compact, Regional Prosperity Plan, Willamette River Basin, LCOG. Potential models from other regions (e.g. King Co, WA). Interview elected officials and executive staff (mayors/chairs/directors) including above organizations and other key stakeholders (e.g. schools, utilities serving Eugene) regarding which mechanisms have greatest potential to be effective toward this goal, opportunities and barriers to address. Develop and share recommendations with commission and City Council/Mayor. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> By mid-December By end of April By end of May (Sustainability Commission) and June (City Council) |
| 20 minute neighborhoods | Track progress of the pilot 20 minute neighborhoods; identify and flag opportunities for policy recommendations based on pilot programs and creating neighborhood engagement. | Monitor and champion outcomes from pilot, including practical steps and best practices to implement 20 minute neighborhoods. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attend several public input opportunities for the pilot projects to evaluate amount/effectiveness of public input. Meet with City staff and neighborhood leaders to discuss progress of 20 minute neighborhood projects. Compile list of recommendations concerning implementation of 20 minute neighborhood and submit to Sustainability Commission for review. | <p>Accomplishments: a committee of commissioners recommended that the commission focus on the Lane Livability Consortium LLC). Commission hosted multiple presentations on LLC projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> South Willamette Pilot: public input sessions planned Oct. 2012-July 2013 with final plans for (1) street and (2) land use to City Council by fall 2013. Next Public Forums Oct. 30 and Nov. 13 Northeast: project expected to begin in January and continue for 9 months (i.e. September) <p>Accomplishments: addressed in memo to Council on 5/8/13 (see Transportation System Plan above)</p> |

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| Internal Climate Action Plan | Monitor and advise, explore possibility of doing internal climate planning in each city department. | Correspond with Council about progress and pace of implementation and make recommendation for further action. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for interviews with department heads and City Manager. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposals on incentives for making changes. Review ICAP and progress report and department level trends. Determine whether staff or Sustainability Commission should conduct interviews. Conduct interviews (if commission is doing so). Make recommendation to Sustainability Commission for vetting prior to moving to council. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> By January January February <p>Accomplishments: memo to Council on 4/25/13 with request for work session. Work session planned for January 2014.</p> |
| EmX | Monitor and advocate for the development and impact evaluation of an integrated EmX system and build partnerships with other entities to advocate and educate. | Liaison will monitor and recommend action on part of commission. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in BEST (Better Eugene Springfield Transit) meetings and deliberations. Maintain regular contact with LTD officials regarding status of all EmX routes, funding and information. Monitor EmX opposition information. Work with BEST and LTD to craft advocacy messaging. Inform Sustainability Commission monthly on EmX status. Develop recommendations for City Council as appropriate. | Ongoing |
| Sustainable energy policy | Agenda items for joint EWEB/City Council meeting | Provide recommendations for items on the agenda | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct interviews with EWEB and City staff as needed. Develop recommendations for agenda items and submit to Sustainability Commission for vetting | <p>Accomplishments: participated as described.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 months prior to deadline for submitting agenda items 1-2 months prior to deadline for submitting agenda items <p>Accomplishments: no joint meeting between EWEB and Council was held in FY 13.</p> |
| Work requests | Current outstanding requests include 1) sweat-free purchasing policy, 2) environmental justice initiative, and 3) 4-J schools. | Determine process to effectively deal with requests. Place items on agenda and develop response within 60 days. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and adopt a process. Determine if value added by Sustainability Commission for current outstanding items. Be responsive to any new incoming requests. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nov. 2012 Nov. 2012: respond to request for Environmental Justice training. Jan. 2013 respond to request for sweat-free purchasing policy. Ongoing. <p>Accomplishments: process adopted by commission. Joint meeting with Human Rights Commission held in May 2013 on sweat-free purchasing policy.</p> |