
EUGENE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION FY 16 WORK PLAN

September 2015

Introduction

The FY 16 work plan reflects a refined set of priorities that will enable the commission to focus its efforts with greater attention and coordination. These priority topics include:

- Land Use and Transportation
- Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience
- Envision Eugene
- Sustainable Economic Development

Sustainability efforts by their nature call for an integrated approach that addresses the complex interactions and connections between many of the City's planning activities. This is reflected in the planned activities of the commission that emphasize the important links between land use, transportation, local economy and climate action. Several high-level policy initiatives are moving forward in tandem, including Envision Eugene, Transportation System Plan, and the Climate Recovery Ordinance, and the commission will seek to advise Council on how best to integrate them to advance community sustainability goals.

As the commission advances the work detailed in the attached work plan, it will be important to maintain flexibility to take up new or revised priorities. The Work Plan includes a section for emerging issues to reflect this. The commission will work with Council to adjust its course as necessary to address any new priorities.

In formulating this year's priorities and activities, the commission relied on several overarching goals that inform their work and define success, including:

- Promote aspects of sustainability within the three areas of the Triple Bottom Line.
- Provide relevant, timely information to City Council.
- Have more organizations within the community working on sustainability in an intentional way.
- Have a mechanism for climate adaptation/mitigation work at County and regional levels.
- Maintain alignment with commitments the City of Eugene has made around sustainability.

Matrix

The matrix on the next page(s) includes the primary topics the commission plans to address in the coming year along with specific activities for advancing the commission's goals in these areas.

| Topic | Topic description | Outcomes | Planned activities | Timeline |
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| <p>Land Use and Transportation</p> | <p>Link Envision Eugene with the Transportation System Plan and other land use and transportation decisions, in policies and practice.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted policies and emerging practices work together to support compact, mixed-use developments serving 20-Minute Neighborhoods. Policies are in place to promote fewer auto trips and greater reliance on walking, bicycling and transit. Council and staff consider the guiding principles of Envision Eugene and requirements of the Climate Recovery Ordinance in all day-to-day decisions involving land use, development, transportation and resource allocation. Encourage Council to direct staff to analyze and report the full energy and financial impact of all transportation and land use decisions, including both embedded energy of construction and energy consumed in the use of the project over its intended lifespan. | <p>TSP: Provide written/oral input to Planning Commission and Council, especially concerning Complete Streets, funding priorities (consider proportional funding, evaluate Belt Line plans), and consistency with Envision Eugene. Urge Council to direct staff to report and compare life-cycle energy and financial costs of TSP projects.</p> <p>Moving Ahead: Provide input into selection/design of key transit corridors that will best serve the pillars of Envision Eugene (i.e., livable compact 20-Minute Neighborhoods, reduced auto use, equity, economic opportunity, etc.).</p> <p>Envision Eugene: Provide input to City Council regarding the adoption and implementation of Envision Eugene advocating for high density mixed use development along high capacity corridors. Urge Council to direct staff to report and compare life-cycle energy and financial costs of land use decisions. Provide input into Urban Reserves Planning per Council agenda. Review and provide input on Comprehensive Plan documents.</p> <p>Bike Share: Advise staff on implementation of a Bike Share system that serves TSP/CRO goal of reducing auto reliance, while also being financially sound.</p> <p>South Willamette: Monitor implementation of trial re-design of South Willamette, and remind Council of its Envision Eugene context. Review South Willamette Concept Plan and provide input toward creation of a context-sensitive 20-Minute Neighborhood in this location.</p> | <p>TSP--Adoption of Envision Eugene and TSP planned for Fall/Winter 2015.</p> <p>Moving Ahead--selection of key corridors Winter, 2015 with corridor evaluation into summer 2016.</p> <p>Bike Share--RFP out in Fall, 2015 with vendor selected by Jan. 1,2016 Operational by Fall, 2016.</p> <p>South Willamette--Trial of re-designed street starting in 2016. Council action on South Willamette Concept Plan in Fall, 2015.</p> <p>Vision Zero--BEST efforts are underway now and will continue.</p> <p>Street Repair Bond Measure--Bond Measure would go to vote in 2017. Ideas for content of measure might begin in 2016.</p> <p>Parks & Rec Plan--Draft Plan will be developed Fall/Winter 2015-16.</p> |

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| <p>Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience</p> | <p>Promote and support investments and policies that help mitigate adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters and increase resiliency to those impacts which can't be mitigated.</p> | <p>1. Review emission reduction strategies and timeline for reaching CRO goals. Evaluate updates to the Internal Climate Action Plan (ICAP) and Community Climate and Energy Action Plan (CEAP). Provide comments to the City Manager and Council.</p> <p>2. Collaboratively work with the City Manager and staff to develop CRO evaluation criteria to be used in assessing City projects and policy decisions to mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.</p> <p>3. Explore the concept of a local GHG reduction program(s) to support emission reductions (as measured by carbon dioxide equivalent [CO₂e]) in conjunction with other CRO related activities.</p> | <p>Vision Zero: Collaborate with BEST to help make all modes of travel safe for everyone.</p> <p>Street Repair Bond Measure: Advise on EE context of future bond measure, if opportunity arises. Urge Council to direct staff to report and compare life-cycle energy and financial costs of proposed bond measure projects.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation System Plan: TBL analysis of draft Parks & Rec Plan.</p> <p>1. Critique proposed targets and benchmarks for adopted goals and proposed new 350 ppm community goal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback to staff. • Review process for ratifying targets and benchmarks and for adopting new goal. • Prepare Sustainability Commission comments. • Report to Manager and Council. <p>2. Explore methods for estimating CRO project benefits and impacts with staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new working concepts and CRO criteria for decision-making. • Assist in establishing Plan CRO monitoring protocols and metrics that will be used to determine progress. <p>3. Report to the Council and City Manager on the feasibility of partnerships with EWEB and other entities to establish and implement a local GHG emission reduction program.</p> <p>4. Help council connect the dots</p> | <p>1. Review and provide comments on CRO targets, benchmarks and goals in time to inform the Council's review and approval process.</p> <p>2. During FY16 quarter 1, develop work plan and schedule for development of CRO evaluation criteria. Prepare draft recommendations for City Manager and Council review and approval by no later than April 2016 (FY16 third quarter).</p> <p>3. Prepare draft report for Commission review and approval by the second quarter FY16. The final Commission-approved report will be submitted to the Council and City Manager by the end of the second quarter FY16.</p> <p>4. Ongoing</p> |

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| Envision Eugene | Link Envision Eugene with Climate Recovery Ordinance Goals and Sustainability. | <p>4. The Sustainability Commission will be a thought leader in climate change and natural disaster mitigation efforts. The community will be more resilient to the adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters.</p> <p>1. Provide comments and recommendations to Council, Mayor, and City Manager on proposed updates to Envision Eugene especially as it relates to Pillar 3 (Plan for climate change and uncertainty) and Pillar 7 (Envision Eugene Implementation).</p> | <p>between plans and systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend meetings, review drafts, and provide TBL input as requested. Provide written and in-person commentary on proposed policies and infrastructure investments. Reach-out and engage other City Commissions and stakeholders, as appropriate, on issues related to climate change mitigation and resiliency to natural disaster disruptions. <p>1. Work with staff to identify CRO significant goals in EE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review methods and measures for EE-CRO progress. Prepare Sustainability Commission report. Present to Manager and Council. <p>2. Provide Sustainability Commission perspective and presence in EE development with focus on metrics and monitoring criteria.</p> <p>3. Advocate for 2 members of the Commission to be appointed to the Envision Eugene-Technical Advisory Committee (EE-TAC)</p> | <p>1. Review and provide comments on draft revisions to EE within 2 months after issuance or sooner depending on the Council's review and approval process.</p> <p>2. Appointment of Commission members to EE-TAC is assumed to occur during the first quarter of 2016. Thereafter, ongoing Commission involvement.</p> |
| Sustainable Economic Development | Promote Sustainable Economic Development within Eugene and throughout the surrounding areas. | Serve as the voice for integrating sustainability principles into economic prosperity policies. | <p>Attend City Council presentations on targeted industry sectors as they come before Council for consideration, review drafts, and provide TBL perspectives on the sectors.</p> <p>Support development of the business case for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks & Recreation Moving Ahead/Transit <p>Support Council and staff efforts on</p> | Ongoing – depends on Council scheduling. |

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| | | | <p>Economic Prosperity as requested.</p> <p>Attend Clear Lake UGB Expansion planning discussions to help ensure protection of ag land and also access to Food & Beverage and other target industry sectors.</p> <p>Develop supporting information as requested by City Council and staff to encourage sustainable food production and food-related business in the Clear Lake Road Overlay Zone</p> <p>Support City, County, local business, Green Lane, and Chamber efforts to regionalize target industry sectors.</p> <p>Attend meetings, review drafts, and provide TBL input as requested.</p> | |
| Emerging Issues | Maintain capacity to address emerging issues | Support Council discussion and decision-making with input and review | <p>Some potential issues include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affordable housing 2. Solarize Eugene and other renewable energy projects 3. Urban forestry 4. Track and Field championships 5. Railroad quiet zone | Ongoing |