

Santa Cruz Public Review Draft CAP 2030 Comment Summary

There were 542 comments received in the online Konveio document comment platform and 12 individual emails received offering comments. The project team compiled all comments together and filtered comments into two categories: comment type and comment theme.

Filtering by **comment type** helped identify specific priority comments to address directly. The priority categories include relevant comments, clarifications, and edits. The other categories are general comments (the most common category), general agreement and general disagreement. These are non-priority comments to address, as many of these offer suggestions are outside the scope of the CAP 2030 or include statements without concrete suggestions. However, comment themes have been assessed through all categories, so many ideas in general comments have been addressed under the theme section.

Filtering by **theme** helped staff assess whether certain topic areas need to be addressed, and include themes mainly from the relevant comments, clarifications, and general comments categories. Many comments in the general agreement and general disagreement category do not have a theme attached, as there is no response required. Some general comments that do not relate to another broad category are also listed without a theme.

Themes

Below are the following comment themes, ordered based on most common theme to the least common. Additional sub-themes are listed under each theme. Comments in **RED CAPS** are staff responses to public review comments.

Emissions Forecast (33) – ADDRESSED VIA CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATION EDITS TO CAP.

- Emissions forecast graph (Figure 2) does not show an aggressive trajectory for emissions reductions in Santa Cruz, nor does it include a 1990 baseline
- Historical mass emissions graph (Figure 6) shows future per capita goal is higher than current
- Historical mass emissions graph (Figure 6) and Page 13 executive summary total emissions do not add up
- Support for an earlier carbon neutrality goal
- “Net Zero” as a goal should not be used **DEFINITION / DISTINCTION MADE.**

Support/fund Metro (21) – CLARIFY ROLE OF CITY IN METRO AND TRANSIT DECISION MAKING.

- Support for better transportation services from Metro **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Employers need to support and encourage public transit **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Free bus passes (including for youth). **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Support for AB1919 **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Buses are only efficient if they are full

General Transit (21) - CLARIFY ROLE OF CITY IN METRO AND TRANSIT DECISION MAKING.

- Miscellaneous transportation measures that were not captured in other categories **NOTED**
- General support for alternative transportation **NOTED**

EV Infrastructure (20)

- Support for more EV-only parking **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

- Support for charging infrastructure **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Support for a faster transition to an electric City fleet **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION; IN PROGRESS WITH GRANT FROM CCCES FOR FLEET ELECTRIFICATION ROADMAP TO BE COMPLETE IN EARLY 2023**

Implementation (17)

- Concerns for implementation of actions **SEE APPENDICES: IMPLEMENTATION MEMO AND FUNDING/FINANCING PLAN IN DOCUMENT BOX AT CITYOFSANTACRUZ.COM/CLIMATEACTIONPLAN FOR DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING PLANS.**

City Composting (14)

- Support to expand City composting program (including to Multifamily buildings) **CITY DOES NOT DO COMPOSTING. CITY INSTEAD COLLECTS FOOD SCRAPS AND CONVERTS TO ENERGY AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY. PER SB 1383 FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION STARTS IN 2022 INCLUDING TO MF HOUSING.**

Against Lower Parking (12) – TO BE EVALUATED INCLUDING COMMUNITY OUTREACH AS PART OF SPECIFIED ACTION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Opposition to parking minimums and decreasing parking **NOTED**
- Perceived discrepancy between achieving EV goals and decreasing parking **NOTED**

Environmental Restoration (12)

- Support for increased green space **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Support for regenerative landscaping and agriculture **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Support for food gardens

Climate science (12) – VERIFIED CLIMATE SCIENCE IS DEPICTED ACCURATELY AND CURRENT

- Updated information around current climate science
- Desire for greater explanation of climate science in the plan

Lower Parking Requirements (11) - TO BE EVALUATED INCLUDING COMMUNITY OUTREACH AS PART OF SPECIFIED ACTION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Support for lower (or no) parking minimums for developments
- Opposition to reliance on/ promotion of EVs to achieving increased public transit and lower parking

Plant-based diet (11) – HIGHLIGHTED EARLIER IN PLAN AS PART OF 8 MOST IMPACTFUL ACTIONS IN CALL TO ACTION IN EXEC SUMMARY, LINKING MOST IMPACTFUL ACTIONS FROM COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PLATFORM, RESILIENT SC LAUNCHING IN SEPTEMBER.

- Support for emphasizing the need for plant-based diets to reduce GHG emissions in the Plan **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Support for specific measures the City can take to encourage Plant-based diets **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

Image (10) – ALL NON SC IMAGES REPLACED; GRAPHICS CLARIFIED

- A non-Santa Cruz image should be replaced
- An info-graphic was confusing and should be edited

Safe Biking (10)

- More bike lockers and bike parking **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Greater explanation of “Vision Zero” **SEE GLOSSARY**

Increasing Electrification (9)

- Support to speed rate of electrification, especially for homeowners, such as through greater incentives, door-to-door sign ups, and others **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

Equity (9)

- General concerns around equity not tied to a specific topic area **EVERY MEASURE AND ACTION WAS DESIGNED THRU THE USE OF AN EQUITY SCREENING TOOL (SEE RELATED APPENDIX). NO ACTION THAT WAS DEEMED TO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON EQUITABLE OUTCOMES WAS ALLOWED TO MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE EQUITY CONCERN WITHIN THE ACTION OR WITH A COMPLEMENTARY ACTION.**

Consumption Inventory (8)

- Support for creating a consumption-based inventory **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION; CITY STAFF ARE TESTING LOW COST OPTIONS TO ESTIMATE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE CONSUMPTION BASED EMISSIONS CURRENTLY. INCLUDED CLARIFICATION THAT CITY CAP MEASURES PRIMARILY ADDRESS EMISSIONS SOURCES FROM THE STATE SCOPING PLAN BUT THAT THEY ARE ONLY A PORTION OF OVERALL EMISSIONS. ENCOURAGES HOLISTIC APPROACH TO EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS VIA RESILIENT SANTA CRUZ**

Battery storage (8)

- Support for including battery storage requirements for solar (esp. behind the meter battery storage) **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

Light Rail (7)

- Support for light rail **TO BE EVALUATED WITH ACTION SPECIFIED PERTAINING TO RAIL TRAIL.**

Climate Impacts (7)

- Additional climate impacts, (including air pollution impacts, flooding and sea level rise impacts) **ADDRESSED**

Microgrids (6)

- Support for more microgrids in the City **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

Greywater (6)

- Desire for more greywater infrastructure (rain barrels, catch basins) available for homes **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

Circular Economy (6)

- Support for reducing waste and increasing the reuse of goods in the City **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

Carbon Sequestration (6)

- Support for further carbon sequestration opportunities **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**
- Opposition to using treating carbon sequestration efforts as carbon offsets that could still cause damage by allowing emissions to occur **THE ONLY OFFSET PROGRAM THE CITY WILL EXPLORE IS A REGIONAL CARBON SEQUESTRATION OFFSET PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE SB1383 COMPLIANCE STATUS. THIS IS NOT PART OF THE CEQA DEFENSIBLE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS QUANTIFIED SINCE IT IS OUTSIDE THE STATE SCOPING PLAN.**

City Achievement Section (6)

- Confusion around many of the metrics listed in City Achievements section - **CLARIFIED**
- Desire for greater context around metrics- what were previous baseline metrics? **SEE THE CITY'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2020 CLOSEOUT REPORT**

Electrification and Equity (5)

- Concerns about equitable electrification - **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION; THIS ISSUE IS BEING FURTHER EVALUATED AND DESIGNED INTO THE EXISTING BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION ROADMAP IN DEVELOPMENT**

Telework (4)

- Comments clarifying teleworking policy **NOTED**
- Support for City employee teleworking **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

Sidewalks (4)



- Support for ensuring well-maintained sidewalks to promote accessibility and walking **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

No Idling (3)

- Support for enforcement of anti-idling policies. **ENFORCEMENT IS A FUNCTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE CITY CONDUCTED AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WITH SCHOOLS ON THIS TOPIC, PLACING SIGNAGE IN LOADING ZONES AND PARKING LOTS. THIS IS PART OF THE COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PLATFORM, RESILIENT SC TO CREATE AWARENESS.**

No Parking Garage (3)

- Against development of downtown parking garage **NOTED**

Streamline Permitting (2)

- Support to fast-track solar permits and reduce cost of permitting **ALREADY IN PLACE**

Parking Revenue (2)

- Desire for revenue from parking enforcement to go directly to more active transportation programs **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION TO EXPLORE**
- Clarification about what taxes/ fees discussed in the transportation section actually mean **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION TO EXPLORE FURTHER**

Water (2)

- General comments about concern of lack of water in Santa Cruz **THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS STUDYING WATER SUPPLY IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE CURRENTLY.**

Transportation into SC (2)

- Concerns about how transportation into Santa Cruz will be addressed **NOTED**

Adaptation (2)

- Desire for more adaptation actions in the Plan **THIS IS NOT A COMBINED EMISSIONS REDUCTION / CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN. CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN UPDATE WILL START AT END OF 2022**
- Desire to make explicit the need for adaptation **NOTED**

eBike Incentives (2)

- Increased incentives for electric bikes **INCLUDED AS AN ACTION**

Community Health (2)

- Desire for resilience and community health to be co-benefits **THESE ARE ALREADY LISTED AS CO BENEFITS.**