

# **AGENDA + MEETING MINUTES Climate Action Task Force Meeting**

June 6, 2023 at 11 am City Hall | Planning Conference Room 107 + Virtual

#### **Participants**

**CATF Members:** Community members:

A. Banjo J. Ergo (METRO)

S. White P. Seales (SC Climate Action Network

L. Espriella
B. Schargel
Staff:

J. Hicken T. Wise-West J. Long B. Lazareno

S. Corbin

F. Warren

A. Shatney

C. Gallogly

R. Huggins (Pinespire, consultant)

### 11 – 11:30 am City Transportation Projects and Collaboration

Claire Gallogly, Transportation Planner

These are the transportation programs, projects and initiatives the City is currently working on related to CAP 2030 implementation as presented by Claire:

GO Santa Cruz- transportation alternatives programs for downtown employees. includes transit passes, bike locker cards, ebike rebates, carpool matching, zero interest bike loans, emergency ride home, incentives and rewards.

#### Active Transportation Program:

- Rail Trail Segment 7 Phase 2: under construction, estimated completion early 2024
- Rail Trail Segment 8/9: In design and environmental phase, construction in 2026
- Swanton/Delaware Multiuse Path: design end of this year, construction 2025

#### Highway Safety Improvement Program:

- Citywide Signal Upgrades: advanced dilemma zone detection and retroreflective backplates
- Unsignalized Crossing Improvement Program: RRFB installation at high priority uncontrolled intersections

#### Programs:

- Bike/ped education for all students in all grades at Bay View (pilot "vertical" program)
- Community programs through grants in partnership with Ecology Action

Bike Share: launching June 20 for City of SC and UCSC. County, Capitola, Watsonville and Cabrillo ETA early 2024 --> Opportunity for Action: Participate in upcoming Transportation and Public Works Commission on June 26, 2023 at 6 pm to voice your support for bike share during the docking location appeals hearing.

Bay Street Corridor: this summer, protected bike lanes on Bay between Escalona and Iowa. Goal to complete corridor from West Cliff to High. Grants submitted and should hear this fall.

Paving: including bike and pedestrian improvements in all paving opportunities

West Cliff Drive: near and long term infrastructure improvements on West Cliff and surrounding neighborhoods --> Opportunity for Action: Participate in monthly outreach events and upcoming City Council meeting on August 22 where there will be the next update.

## 11:30 – 12 pm Municipal Fleet Electrification Planning Tool + Findings Andy Shatney, Energy Projects Coordinator and Ryan Huggins, Pinespire

- Participants received presentation of planning tool goals and functionality as well as the
  results of three initial vehicle electrification scenarios analyzed in terms of relative cost
  of ownership compared to ICE vehicles and GHG emission avoided annually.
  Presentation is embargoed until presented to leadership at City.
- Participants identified the need to consider time of use rates in scheduling charging, right sizing vehicle selection, integration with solar PV, bidirectional and V2G technologies. Staff are incorporating into the summary report.
- Question: Is the City considering hydrogen fueling for heavy duty vehicles considering METRO and now UCSC's plans for hydrogen fueled busses? The City did not evaluate hydrogen in its climate action plan but is interested in having conversations with METRO and UCSC to better understand their plans and how they may fit (or not) with the City's CAP 2030.
  - Jacki noted that hydrogen is a beneficial fuel byproduct of desalination process, which is still on the table as a water supply option.

#### 12 pm Wrap up

- Any volunteers for the Implementation Partners Roundtable Planning, let Tiffany know of your interest so we can schedule a first meeting in July.
- Next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 10 at 1:30 pm.
  - Climate Adaptation Plan / Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update