

Info Item 2: Sustainability Plan Progress

Environment Committee, April 9, 2013



Presentation Overview

- Sustainability and the Met Council
- Sustainability Policy and Procedures
- Sustainability Plan Overview/Update
- Questions

Sustainability: A Big Idea

- Support Council
- Lead by example
- Improve own operations



Sustainability Task Force

- **Chairs**

- Jason Willett , MCES
- Pat Jones, Metro Transit

- **Members**

- Staff from each Council Division

- **Purpose**

- Develop and maintain sustainability policy, procedures and plan
- Share sustainability concepts and practices among divisions
- Recommend Council-wide initiatives

Sustainability Policy

“...conduct own operations in a sustainable manner, when economically feasible.”

Purpose of Policy

- Make a difference in own operations
- Lead by example in the Region
- Respond to Governor's Executive Order 11-13
- Improve/update existing policy

Sustainable Procedures, Plan

- Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Water
- Fleet
- Solid and Hazardous Waste



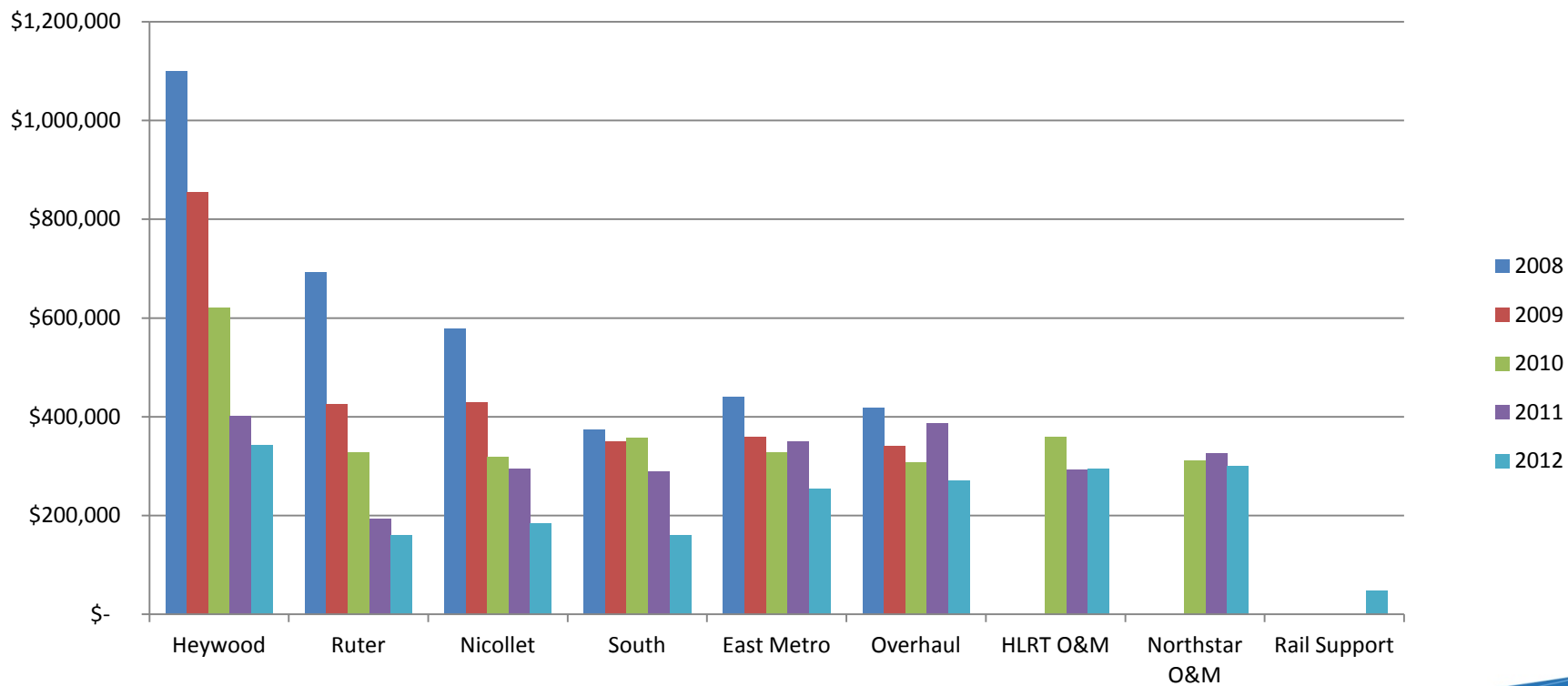
Sustainability: Policy to Practice

- ENERGY AND EMISSIONS

- Meet energy goals
- Implement energy conservation
- Track energy usage
- Report greenhouse gas emissions
- Implement renewable energy initiatives
- Purchase Energy Star office equipment



Transit Energy Cost by Year



Transit Solar Power

2012: Franklin Ave Shelters

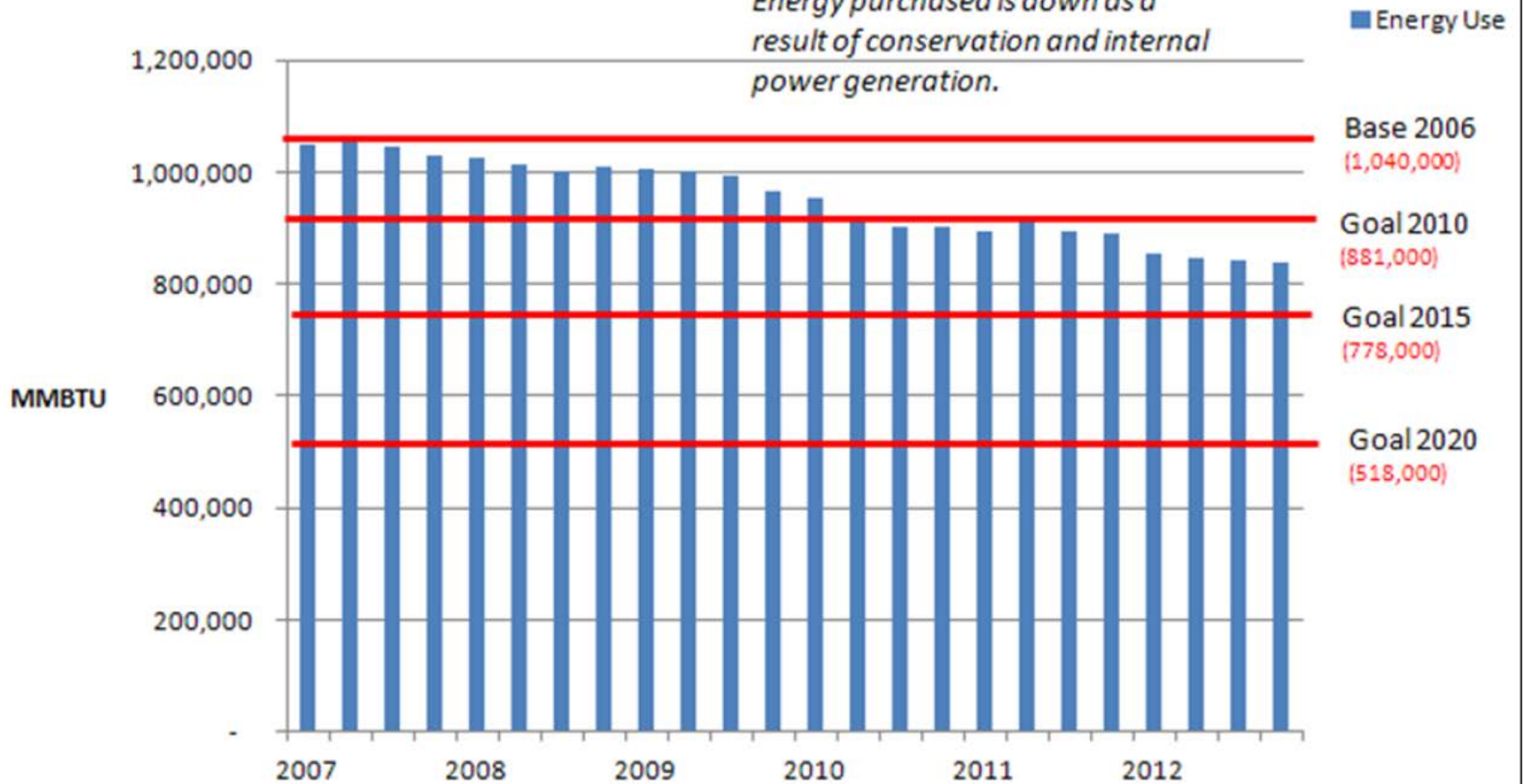


**2013: 610 & Noble P&R
Rail Support Facility**



ES Energy Purchased

Energy purchased is down as a result of conservation and internal power generation.



MCES Blue Lake Plant Solar Power



Sustainability: Policy to Practice

- WATER
 - Track water usage and conserve/reuse water
 - Create inventory of stormwater BMPs
 - Stormwater reuse education
- Proposed new tasks
 1. Monitor Council owned sewer lateral pipes (I/I)
 2. End purchases of products containing triclosan

Sustainability: Policy to Practice

- FLEET
 - Improve miles per gallon of vehicles
 - Bus replacement program
 - Increase video conferencing technology
 - Promote telecommuting



Sustainability: Policy to Practice

- SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
 - Reduce waste stream at facilities
 - Implement paperless transactions
 - Use recycled paper/sustainability timber harvest guidelines
 - Increase recycling of building materials



Next Steps

- Continue to implement tasks
- Refine tasks, add tasks to plan (as appropriate)
- June 2013: Submit plan to Pollution Control Agency

Conclusion

- Questions
- Comments
- Suggestions

