



DATE: August 17, 2022
TO: Climate Work Group
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SUBJECT: External engagement plans for the Climate Action Work Plan

We have two sets of external engagement efforts related to the Climate Action Work Plan. Already under way is a peer review of the Environmental Justice Framework assessment tool that will be applied to the draft climate work plan. Reviewers include people working in the environmental justice space, such as the EJ coordinator at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Once the tool is refined, we will apply it to the work plan and revise the plan, as needed, in response.

Peer experts and environmental thought leaders

The second set of engagements will occur in late September and early October. We are meeting with sustainability and climate experts in our peer agencies (for example, MnDOT, MPCA, counties, cities) who will review the plan and provide feedback. We seek to know if our efforts are well-aligned with their own, and if there are actions we have not proposed that we would be helpful to them.

In the same period, we are engaging with a group of environmental thought leaders, such as Fresh Energy, MN350, Great Plains Institute, and others. We want to build our relationship with these groups, hear their feedback, and talk about the challenges we face and how we might be partners moving forward.

Advisory committees

We are consulting with Metropolitan Council advisory committees and inviting advisory committee members to either come to one of our peer meetings or have us present to their committees. These meetings will occur in September and October.

Metropolitan Council standing committees

The anticipated schedule for bringing the Climate Action Work Plan through the Council is as follows:

- Oct. 19 – First presentation to Committee of the Whole
- Oct. 24 – Transportation Committee (focus on transportation actions)
- Nov. 7 – Community Development Committee (focus on land use and planning-related actions)
- Nov. 8 – Environment Committee (focus on water resources/wastewater treatment actions)
- Nov. 9 – Management Committee (focus on potential budgetary implications over the 5-year plan)
- Nov. 16 – Committee of the Whole - presentation of revised plan
- Dec. 13 – Council approves Climate Action Work Plan