



Climate Action Plan

Strategy Prioritization and Refinement & Crucial Conversations



May 4, 2022

Climate Action Plan Timeline



1st Round of Focus Groups



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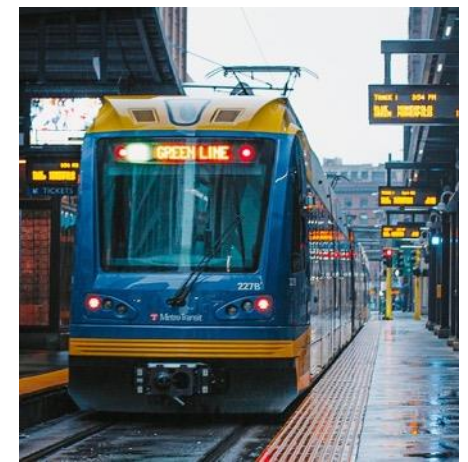
February/March Focus Group Meetings

- Establish relationship between consultant and Council work units (over 80 participants)
- Broad conversations across five climate strategy areas
 - Wastewater
 - Water Resources
 - Energy-related Emissions
 - Transit Services Operations
 - Regional Planning
- Summary memo of each focus group and preliminary findings
- Emergent objective areas established

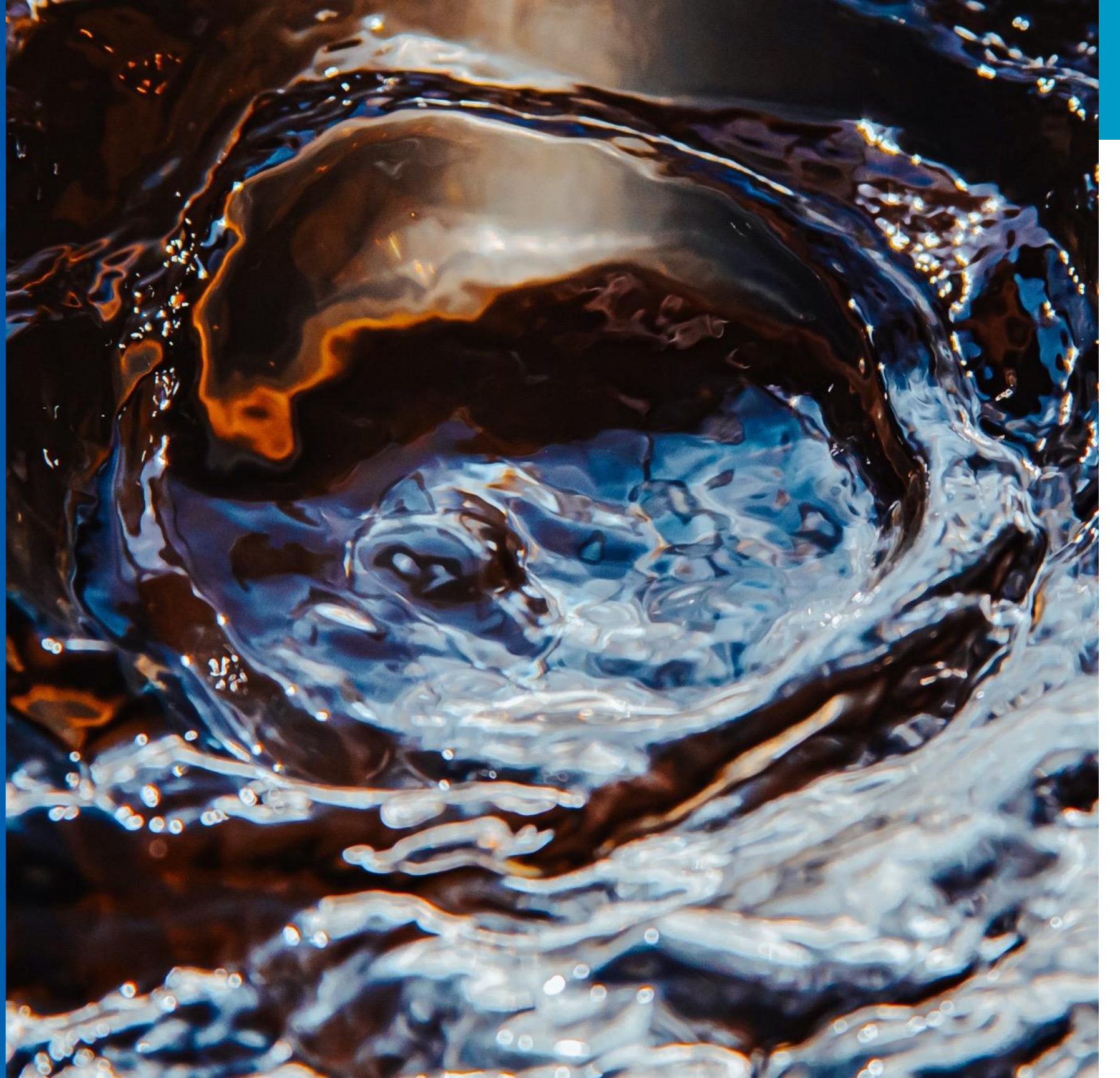
Preliminary Findings from 1st Round

Summary of Focus Group Findings

- Desire for more data to aid in goal setting and decision-making processes.
- Need for dedicated staffing, resources, and funding as climate change stresses Council systems.
- Improve communication and collaboration across the divisions of the Council.
- Challenge in creating change due to lack of regulatory authority. Important to establish a framework that recognizes Council influence and responsibilities.



2nd Round of Focus Groups



2nd Round of Focus Group Meetings



Focus Groups

- Present summary of what was heard
- Establish policy areas of focus
- Use exercise to keep, toss, change, or park various strategies for all five focus groups
- Share best practice approaches for policies and implementation strategies



Schedule further prioritization and refinement



Present draft policy areas and strategies to Council Member Climate Work Group in June

Prioritization and Refinement Process



Strategies need to be prioritized and revised

- Prioritization and refinement to occur over 2 – 3 stages in each division.
- Consideration in each phase giving to the following:
 - Purpose
 - Audience
 - Process
- Each division will have a slightly different approach, some with in-person meetings, some with more remote engagement
- Complete by the end of May

Questions for CM Climate Work Group



What factors do we need to focus on when it comes to strategy prioritization?

You might consider the following:

- Council authority and roles
- Areas of focus
- Timeline of Climate Action Plan (3-5 years)
- Impact versus effort of strategies
- Staff capacity
- Funding
- Expertise
- Alignment with other efforts

Other?

Why are these factors important?

Questions for CM Climate Work Group



What factors do we need to focus on when it comes to strategy refinement?

You might consider the following:

- Clarity
- Conciseness
- Responsibility
- Dedicated resources
- Timebound actions
- Evaluation metrics

Why are these factors important?

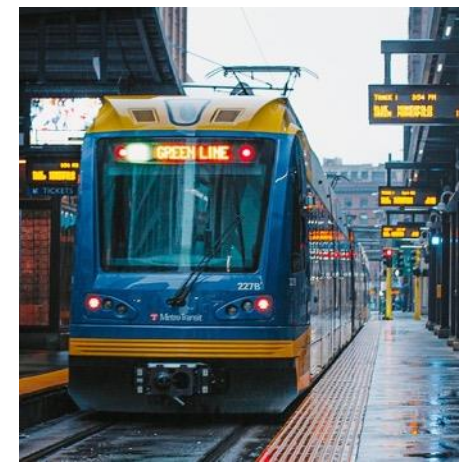
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Crucial conversations connect to prioritization and refinement

- **Regional leadership** – How far are we willing to go?
- **Funding and resource allocation** – How do we determine appropriate investment in climate change strategies?
- **Environmental justice** – How do we prioritize underserved communities to benefit the most from our climate strategies?
- **Compliance** – How do we start to plan for potential changes in our regulatory regimes considering climate change?
- **Evaluating success** – How do we assess potential impact of our actions, and how do we measure the impact after our actions?



Questions



How do we address some of these crucial conversations to harness opportunities and deal with barriers in the adoption of our climate action plan?



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