



CAWP Update CM Climate Work Group

Environmental Justice and Peer Agency Engagement



October 5, 2022

Environmental Justice Review



Purpose

Upholds the Climate Action Work Plan's commitment to incorporating environmental justice (EJ) principles in all stages of climate work

Internal memo from EJ Task Force to Climate Action Work Plan project team

1. Process
2. Findings
3. Recommendations
4. Results

Recommendations Summary



Quick Changes

- Edit 3 actions
- Add 5 actions under Commitment 5: Environmental Justice
- The matrix in the final plan should **visually indicate** the actions that have been flagged with EJ implications and/or EJ spatial-locational impacts

Recommendations Summary



Re-chartered EJ Task Force

- Create EJ Framework, building off Climate Action Work Plan-Environmental Justice Task Force's existing work
- In the framework, include EJ guidelines for project implementation. Understand that each project is nuanced, and create processes that allow projects to work from broad principles but address specific concerns (both Council-related and community-related concerns)
- Assess impacts of projects on overburdened communities
- Work with other equity-related groups in Council

Results: Spatial-Locational Impacts



- Some actions (~6) flagged as **high likelihood** of spatial-locational EJ impacts
- Some actions (~9) flagged as **potential likelihood** of spatial-locational EJ impacts
- NOTE: Spatial-locational impacts can be both positive and negative

External engagement



Peer Agency & Environmental Thought Leaders



In-person and Virtual Engagement

- Peer Agency Engagement
 - In-person, September 27
 - Virtual, September 28
- Environmental Thought Leaders
 - In-person, October 6 (8 registered)
 - Virtual, October 7 (11 registered)

Small Group Discussion Format

- Breakout tables with Met Council subject matter experts
- Looking to hear feedback on what you like, what's missing, and how you see yourself (and your organization) involved in implementation
- 35 minutes for discussion before large group debrief

Table Topics

- Energy and facilities
- Transportation
- Planning for resilience
- Equity

Discussion questions



- What's top of mind for you?
- What excites you about this plan?
- Where do you see opportunities for your network/organization?
- What is missing from the plan, especially regarding environmental justice and resilience?

What we heard

- **Need for collaboration** – Council should convene on climate for the region, fostering new and lasting partnerships
- **EJ approach to climate welcomed** – Participants were interested that the Council is being more intentional on EJ
- **Shared enthusiasm for climate work beyond mitigation** – Interest in intersectional issues related to climate and resilience
- **Strong interest in Council's role in transportation and transit** – Participants are very engaged in Council efforts on transportation electrification and emissions reductions (through vehicle miles traveled and other means)



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