



# Adopt the Climate Action Work Plan

Metropolitan Council

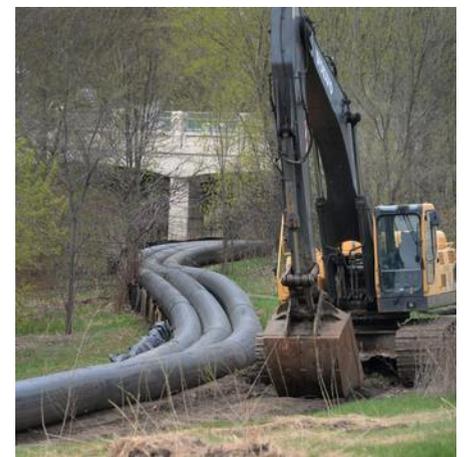


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# Purpose of the Climate Action Work Plan

## Climate change is already impacting our operations

- **Builds** on our existing climate work
- **Unifies** our efforts across the Council
- **Defines** commitments, strategies, and actions that will strengthen our ability to deliver services to the region
- **Moves us forward** on a pledge we made in *Thrive MSP 2040* to become a climate leader



# Moving to Implementation



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# Engagement Phase

## Peer Agencies

- Department of Commerce
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Transportation Discussion Group
- Minnesota Department of Administration
- City of Richfield
- Basset Creek Watershed Management Commission
- Hennepin County
- City of Woodbury
- City of Bloomington
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- City of Edina
- MnDOT
- St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health
- Board of Soil and Water Resources
- Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
- Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management

## Environmental Thought Leaders

- The Nature Conservancy
- Resilient Cities & Communities
- Fresh Energy
- Great Plains Institute
- MN Renewables Now
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- Climate Generation
- MN Interfaith Power & Light
- University of St. Thomas
- CERTs
- Freshwater
- Minneapolis Downtown Council & Downtown Improvement District
- University of Minnesota

## Council Committees

- Transportation Committee
- Transportation Policy Plan Work Group
- Community Development Committee
- Environment Committee
- Management Committee

# What we heard



## Themes

- Eagerness for collaboration
- Welcomed environmental justice approach to climate action
- Shared enthusiasm for climate work beyond mitigation
- Questions on progress of existing work
- Suggestions for improvements in energy efficiency, cost-benefit analysis, and other operational issues
- Questions on how the Council will measure progress, performance metrics, and reporting

# Revisions to the Plan



## Responding to engagement and refining the draft

- Added definition of environmental justice earlier in plan text; adjustments to environmental justice section for consistency with other commitments
- Added discussion on cost analysis and importance of service reliability
- Added new transportation-related actions to the matrix
- Revised the matrix to ensure consistent approach to prioritization, scheduling, and identification of enabling actions
- Reexamined the characterization of staffing and funding requirements for each of the actions
- Added environmental justice implementation flags to the matrix for additional actions
- Included quantitative and qualitative metrics for each of the commitments

# Proposed Action



## That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the Climate Action Work Plan.
2. Direct Council staff to provide annual reports on the implementation of the plan.



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