

Information Item

Date: September 15, 2020

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Johnnie Taylor, Director of Operations
Helen Peplowski, Office of Sustainability Director

Subject:
Information on the Internal Sustainability Action Plan

Strategic Focus Area: Healthy Environment

Strategic Objective: Support Green Initiatives

Strategic Plan Action Item: Reinvigorate Sustainability Programs

Key Work Item: Yes



The Office of Sustainability recognizes the importance of setting goals for addressing climate change threats. The City committed to doing so through the Climate Mayor's group, the 'We Are Still In' campaign, and participation in Cities Initiative, organized by the Environmental Defense Fund.

Sustainability staff created the action plan in coordination with other City departments and divisions. The plan includes goals and actions that relate to Transportation, Energy Systems, Green Space and Waste Systems that will improve air quality and reduce emissions either directly or indirectly. The plan also includes a short-term emissions reduction goal.

Sustainability staff proposes the committee review the attached Internal Sustainability Action Plan that provides specific actions and goals for the City. This plan will be a good starting point for future sustainability planning efforts and goals.