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**SUBJECT:** Environmental Action Plan Progress Report  
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**SUMMARY:**

On April 26, 2017 the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability will present the first annual progress report for the City of Tacoma's Environmental Action Plan (EAP). A requirement of the EAP is to produce an annual report on the EAP's Performance Indicators. The purpose of the presentation is to inform the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee on the progress made on the actions and measures contained in the EAP's first year. This presentation is for information only, no actions will be requested.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 19, 2016 the Tacoma City Council approved Resolution 39427 adopting the City's first Environmental Action Plan. The EAP centralizes existing City goals and policies and using a public process established prioritized strategies and actions for improving environmental quality. The EAP defines five-year targets and performance indicators. The resolution calls for annual reports to provide transparency on the progress of the EAP.

**ISSUE:**

The City has many environmental and sustainability goals and policies that are located in a variety of legislation, plans, and other documents. Because of the many locations and points of responsibility for these goals and policies it has been difficult to track the City's overall progress on environmental issues. The EAP centralizes these goals and policies and establishes specific action items and performance indicators so that progress is readily communicated to the Council and community. The EAP prioritizes actions and performance indicators based on the following seven criteria:

- Local Environment;
- Health;
- Equity;
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction;
- Affordability;
- Local Economy
- Public Support

These criteria ensure that the EAP priorities align with the following strategic priorities:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This is an informational briefing only, no alternatives are being presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an information briefing only, no fiscal impacts are expected at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational briefing only, no recommendations are being presented.