



Sustainable Tacoma Commission Annual Report to Council

City of Tacoma | Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability
Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee
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OVERVIEW



- Commission background information
- 2021-2022 accomplishments
- 2022 priorities, work plan, recommendations

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COMMISSION BACKGROUND



- Formed in 2008 by Resolution 37631
- Community advisory body designed to bring expertise to City Council and staff as well as accountability for Tacoma's sustainability goals and initiatives, particularly Tacoma's 2030 Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- Membership seeks to balance representation of stakeholders
- Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC) provides annual updates and recommendations to City Council

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2021 STC RECOMMENDATIONS



- Overall 2021 Recommendations for City Council and Management
- Tacoma's Carbon Emissions Target & Preparing for Climate Action
- Support for Tacoma 2030 Climate Action Plan Adoption and Urgent Action
- Tideflats and Industrial Land Use Non-Interim Regulations (3 letters)
- Extreme Heat and Wildfire Smoke Preparedness and Response
- The Home in Tacoma Project (Phase I)
- Support for Proposed Tree Code Updates
- Environmental Services Commission's Seat for STC Member

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2022 STC RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2023-2024 Budget Requests & Recommendations
- Home in Tacoma Phase II
- South Tacoma Economic Green Zone Proposal Support
- Tideflats Subarea Plan EIS Scoping

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BUDGET PROCESS REQUESTS

1. City Manager: **direct departments to identify budget proposals' climate benefits** (reducing emissions or preparing for climate change impacts)
2. City Manager: **deliver a list of department-level biennial budget proposals** that reduce emissions or prepare for climate impacts by June 3 to the STC
3. City Manager: **prioritize and clearly communicate** to Tacoma City Council which budget proposals deliver **climate change benefits** and co-benefits
4. Tacoma City Council: **prioritize climate change investments that offer co-benefits** for public health, housing, transportation, and green jobs

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BUDGET & POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Prioritize funding for **11 CAP-required staffing**
2. Prioritize funding for state/federal **grant matches** for climate-safe infrastructure
3. **Home in Tacoma Phase II:** (a) Prioritize density, transit access, tree canopy (b) require strong health standards and electrification for new constructions, retrofits
4. Direct the City Manager to appoint an action team to **prepare and coordinate regional lifesaving services and communications for extreme heat and smoke** before summer

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UPCOMING STC ACTIVITIES

- WA Clean Fuel Standard & Climate Commitment Act implementation
- Green Economy Study
- Pierce Transit system planning and services
- Green Hydrogen research and development
- Climate Action Plan Waste Prevention and City-County Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Plan updates
- Biannual community Sustainability Small Grant applications review

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