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SUBJECT: Environmental Action Plan 2nd Annual Progress Report
DATE: April, 25, 2018

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Please select the type of presentation you will be making to the Council Committee.
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

On April 25, 2018, the Environmental Services Department, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, will present the second 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.

BACKGROUND:

On April 19, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 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 City 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; and
- 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.