

Steering Committee Meeting #2 Summary

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

5:00-6:00 PM

Online Meeting

Facilitators: Nils Frenkel (Navigant), Danielle Vitoff (Navigant), Eloisa Portillo-Morales (City of San Antonio)

Recap: the Vision and Priorities

- Review of synthesized vision from Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups:
 - Innovative and forward-looking
 - San Antonio specific (focus on equity)
 - Broad community engagement and buy-in
 - A community where all residents are Climate Ready
- Review of Steering Committee's Vision
 - Smart City by 2030 (two-way meters, Internet of Things)
 - Efficiency, specifically through transit-oriented development
 - Valuing well-being through healthy families and strong communities
 - Connecting people who are not connected
 - San Antonio as a economic magnet, focus on economic opportunities
 - Plan for, endure, and recover from extreme weather threats
 - Engraining climate change solutions in San Antonio culture
- Review of Steering Committee's Priorities
 - Mutual understanding of our assets (renewable energy, infrastructure, etc.)
 - Clarity in the goals for climate reduction
 - True inventory of current emissions
 - Evaluate co-benefits to identify solutions that cut across all sectors
 - Education on climate change, specifically for younger generations
 - Joint planning with Mayor's Housing Task Force and other concurrent initiatives
 - Community awareness of the CAAP Process
 - Plan written in a way to endure through mayoral and council changes
- Introduction to Danielle Vitoff, Navigant's Project Manager for the CAAP
- Focus on an audacious goal; a lot of work to be done for the CAAP in a short period of time

Administration: Process, Timeline, and Expectations

- Reviewed timeline through February 2019
- Reviewed role of the Steering Committee
- 2-month looping process between online and in-person meetings
- Proposed meeting for the 3rd week of the month for Steering Committee chair and TWG Liaisons in advance of the TWGs' meetings
- Homework will be assigned at each meeting so that pertinent input can be gathered, recorded, and made available to the planning process. The homework assigned today will be used for the in-person meeting.
- Reviewed Steering Committee Chair and Technical Working Group Liaisons:
 - Anita Ledbetter, Steering Committee Chair
 - Dr. Olufemi Osidele, Energy & Buildings TWG Liaison
 - Jeffrey Arndt, Transportation & Land Use TWG Liaison
 - Sara Beesley, Water & Natural Resources TWG Liaison
 - Jessica Guerrero, Climate Equity TWG Liaison

- Dr. Carlos A. Garcia, Waste & Consumption TWG Liaison
- Comments/Q&A:
 - Q: What was the selection process for the Steering Committee Chair and TWG liaisons?/A: It came from the Mayor's office and consultation with Councilwoman Sandoval.
 - It is important to work with the Mayor's Housing Task Force and ConnectSA and list other plans by name to ensure more accountability.
 - Q: Can you advise us ahead of time when a "heavily involved" session is due for the TWGs?/A: There are not necessarily more "heavily involved" sessions, but the in-person meetings will be more interactive due to the nature of Webex meetings v. in-person meetings.

Community Engagement

- The vision is to engage the entire (representative demographics) community during the process with 3 events per district.
- Overview of April Community Engagement Activities
 - CAAP team met with and presented to numerous organizations and had a presence at many public
- Comments/Q&A:
 - Q: What is the general response from the online surveys?/A: Overall, what we are hearing is positive. There have been a few comments through surveys that have been negative, but they still check items like "wanting clean air" or "better transport". We need to carry the message properly.
 - Q: Are there measures for engagement?/A: We will determine this in the coming weeks.

2016 GHG Inventory Update

- Reviewed key differences between 2014 and 2016 protocol requirements.
- With the data received to date, the 2016 GHG Community Inventory is projected to be between -8% to +8% from the 2014 GHG Community Inventory.
- There might be a slight decrease, but data will continue to be refined.
- Most likely, there will also be a slight decrease in per capita GHG emissions.
- Per GPD emissions will most likely be significantly lower due to the increase in population and potential decrease in emissions.
- CPS Energy's Electricity Mix has reduced in GHG intensity due to a cleaner fuel mix and increased renewable energy generation.
- Another reason for potential decrease in GHGs could be attributed to milder temperatures in 2016, especially in November 2016.
- The Global Warming Potentials (GWP) of GHGs on 2016 are based a different guidance document from 2014. It is now based on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
- Emissions in the buildings sector reduced slightly while transportation emissions increased slightly. Other sectors remained relatively the same. The largest opportunity for GHG reductions are still going to be in the buildings and transportation sectors.
- A deeper dive into Energy & Buildings, Solid Waste, and Transportation indicated some changes from 2014 to 2016. Residential and commercial buildings has similar contributions, solid waste emissions has changed due to weather and the length of time the landfill has been closed, and GHGs from passenger vehicles and public transit fuel consumption has increased.

GHG Projection & Target

- Developing multiple scenarios to get to a Paris Compliant target. Between the various science-based target methodologies (i.e. absolute reduction, intensity reduction, and sectoral approach), sectoral approach makes the most sense for San Antonio because it looks at each sector and sets more meaningful targets.
- San Antonio Business-as-Usual (BAU) assumptions used for the 2014 inventory are currently being used for the 2016 inventory. Feedback requested for BAU assumptions.
- TWGs were asked to brainstorm potential measures for consideration for the Climate Action Plan.

Equity Framework

- Best practices from across other cities used to draft the equity framework
- Reviewed the 7 steps to center equity in the plan
- Reviewed poll response from the Climate Equity TWG: What does the CAAP definition of equity need to include?



- Outlined how the equity framework activity will correlate with the timeline of the CAAP Process Phases

Homework, Takeaways, and Next Steps

- Homework for next meeting due on Wednesday, May 30th:
 - Recommend at least one organization or event with which the CAAP process should engage in the next three months.
- Feedback to be sent to lisa.lin@sanantonio.gov or danielle.vitoff@navigant.com
- Next meeting is on Wednesday, June 6th from 5:00-7:00 pm at 1400 S. Flores, Main Conference Room.

Additional Comments/Webex Q&A

- Q: If we're not working on policies or a direct path to policies who is?/A: The plan will be broader in nature in order to get through political barriers. Individual policies and code changes will be addressed during implementation.
- An infographic depicting the approval process to get the plan passed as well as the process of implementation would be helpful./Response: An infographic will be developed for this.
- Q: Who has been involved and what have they said?/A: The goal is to reach a representative sample of the community. We are analyzing responses received so far.
- Q: Will UTSA be used to conduct a representative survey of City residents to get baseline data as to where the community vision and priorities are now?/A: Navigant is analyzing the responses we have received so far to understand where the gaps are in terms of reaching our representative sample goal.
- It would be helpful if we could get a summary of the vision and priorities from the engagement activities held to this point so that questions and examples provided moving forward could be better refined./Response: An update will be provided at the June meeting.
- Q: Could we have access to the materials used by presenters, including mapping tools and resources for identification of local impact, used with these public presentations?/A: The CoSA/Navigant team will share as much of the background material that we are able, however there will be limitations around some of the details and tools that we can share with a wider audience. As we can, materials will be located on the Google drive for public consumption.
- Q: For manufacturing/industrial, how are emissions inventories being gathered?/A: The inventory does not currently include direct industrial emissions (ex. emissions from the cement-making process). The decision not to include direct emissions from industry was formalized as part of the decision to pursue the BASIC Reporting Level in the public methodology document and attributed to "data availability issues". The public methodology document is available here: http://saclimateready.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/SAClimateReady_Methodologies_FINAL.pdf
Please note that we do include emissions associated with the electricity and fuel used at industrial facilities.

- Q: Will be interested to understand your assumptions for future projections in cases in which federal policy is opaque./A: Assumptions around future projections will be discussed in further detail during the June Steering Committee meeting.
- I think we may consider Equity for our most vulnerable communities into a few sections...geographic location (topography, etc), infrastructure (drainage, energy demand zones, streets etc), environmentally sensitive site and environmental protection zones as metrics because we can measure them over time.
- Q: What is the process that SC and TWG will go through to make decisions in which policies to put in the CAAP development plan? Voting? Is there a process already made?/A: The first round of inputs were identified during the May TWG in-person meetings. These inputs will be shared and discussed during the June Steering Committee meeting. These measures will continue to be shared, discussed, and refined with the TWGs through the course of the summer.
- Q: Will an agenda be shared before the next meeting? What will be the primary focus of the June 6 meeting?/A: Yes. Agenda items will include initial findings from the Vision & Priorities survey, co-benefits, and GHG projections and assumptions.