



Waste & Consumption TWG Meeting #4 Summary

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
9:00 - 10:00 AM

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Note: This summary accompanies the slide presentation used for the online meeting. See slides for context.

Administration

- Community Engagement Update: around 17 outreach activities have occurred since the last meeting
- The overall CAAP schedule has been extended from December 2018 to April 2019.
- Online meetings will no longer occur. All meetings will be in-person going forward. More details to come.
- 2016 Community-wide and Municipal GHG inventory shared on 6/29/18. Public comment will last for two weeks, through Friday, July 13, 2018.
- Comments/Q&A:
 - Q: Has the cost-benefit analysis request been sent out yet?/A: Not yet.
 - Q: Will we discuss the fact that city ordinances banning plastic bags was struck down?/A: We should continue to discuss this. We did receive confirmation from the City Attorney's office that the state law also dictates that local governments cannot assess a fee or deposit on plastic bags.

Implementation Plan

- Discussed potential Implementation Measures to ensure the successful implementation of the CAAP
- Editable version in Google Drive for those who would like to suggest revisions to the proposed measures (see homework section below)
- Comments/Q&A:
 - Q: Who coordinates this plan with other partners? Who is in charge of implementation?/A: The City of San Antonio's Office of Sustainability.

Climate Projections

- The UTSA Climate Projections were sent out via email on 6/25/18 to all SC and TWG members.
- The climate projections were completed by UTSA researchers using a methodology consistent with the National Climate Assessment. The projections were peer-reviewed by national experts. The full report is also available on the Google Drive and on the SA Climate Ready website.
- The analysis utilized a high emissions scenario and a low emissions scenario as the boundaries for the projections.
- In sum, from now until 2100:
 - summer temperatures are projected to **increase**
 - average summer daytime maximum temperatures are projected to **increase**
 - days with maximum temperatures over 100° F are projected to **increase**
 - days with maximum temperatures over 110° F are projected to **increase**
 - nights with a minimum temperature above 80° F are projected to **increase**
 - nights with a minimum temperature below 32° F are projected to **decrease**
 - annual inches of precipitation are expected to **decrease slightly**
- Comments/Q&A:
 - Q: What effect do climate projections generally have on waste production, recycling, etc.?/A: Climate projections probably have limited impact on production, but hotter temperatures can

exacerbate/intensify methane production from landfills.

Vision & Priorities Survey

- Note that response rate is very low relative to SA population (but survey data continues to be collected)
- The full set of demographic data is available on the Google Drive under the Steering Committee folder
- To summarize:
 - The youngest and oldest San Antonians are **underrepresented**
 - Males are **underrepresented** and females are **overrepresented**
 - Hispanic/Latinos and Black/African-Americans are **underrepresented**
 - Whites/Caucasians are **overrepresented**
 - Middle-income residents are **overrepresented**
 - Lower-income residents are **underrepresented**
 - Top-rated visions across all demographics include **more green spaces and trees, more renewable energy, more sidewalks, and cleaner rivers and streams**
 - Lowest-rated visions across all demographics include **better educational opportunities, more electric vehicles and charging stations, and more equity for all citizens**
 - Younger respondents prioritize **jobs, clean rivers and streams, green spaces and trees, food and water access/security, and safe streets & equality**
 - Oldest respondents care most about **improved air quality**
 - Top-rated priorities across all demographics include **education and outreach throughout the process, a plan that is implementable, and a plan that is fair and equitable**
 - Lowest-rated priorities across all demographics include **cross-sector buy-in, better communication among stakeholders and partners, and transporting reporting of plan implementation and progress**
 - The highest priority of Asian-American respondents is **reduced greenhouse gases**
 - The highest priority among Hispanic/Latino, Black/African-American, and White/Caucasian respondents is **education throughout the process**
- The Phase 2 Survey is under development and will be based on measures from the TWG.
- Comments/Q&A:
 - Initial survey results demonstrate that waste and recycling are not high on anyone's list of priorities. This fact demonstrates that our TWG has an uphill battle to fight. We need to figure out a way to make it more of a priority for people.
 - We can tie waste/consumption to other things respondents care about, such as cleaner rivers and streams.

Co-Benefits

- Discussed 3 examples of how to represent co-benefits (co-benefits are positive effects associated with reducing GHGs)
- Reviewed high-level overview of co-benefits identified by the Steering Committee during their brainstorming session
- TWG should submit ideas for other co-benefits not included in the initial list

Meeting Wrap-Up

- Homework for the next meeting:
 - Review climate projections material sent on 6/25/18
 - Participate in GHG inventory public comment period
 - Provide feedback on implementation plan and co-benefits by Friday, July 13th (To access the editable document on the Google Drive, click here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=134pHvVCheuuFx9_auUn0d6cSyDk9Azza)
- Feedback to be sent to lisa.lin@sanantonio.gov or danielle.vitoff@navigant.com
- Next meeting: Wednesday, July 25th from 9:00am-12:00pm at 1400 S. Flores Main Conference Room.

Comments/Q&A

- Q: Based on the climate projections, impacts to low-income households will be tremendous. What's the consideration for those who do not have access to A/C?/A: The Climate Adaptation will address heat-related issues, and the A/C will be discussed in the Energy & Buildings TWG.
- Q: How can the questions emerging from each TWG be relayed back to the Steering Committee? What avenues can be used?/A: Several options exist: TWG members may attend SC meeting, reach out directly to SC chair Anita Ledbetter, or ask that Navigant/COSA relay questions to SC.