# Austin Community Climate Plan 2020 Revision

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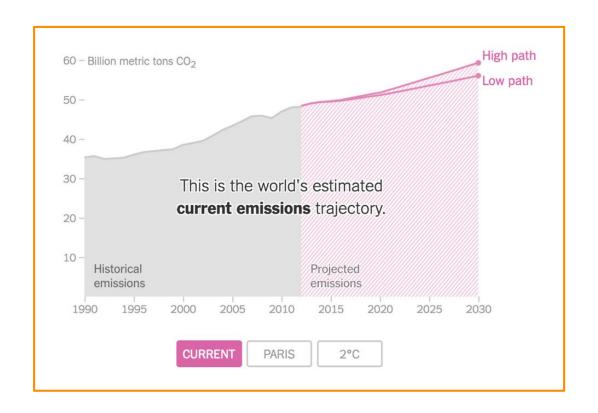


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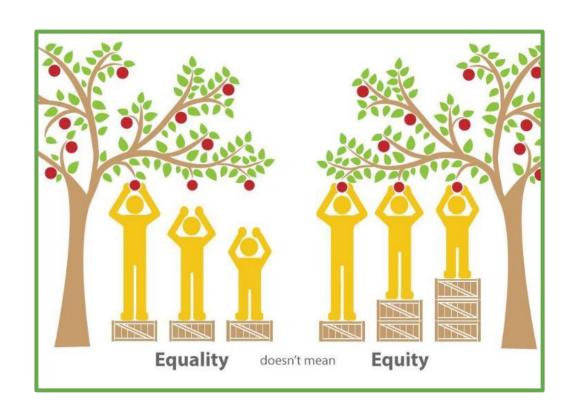


# We are Changing the Earth's Climate



Warming over 2°C could be catastrophic to life on earth

## The City's Commitment to Equity



Racial equity is the condition when race no longer predicts a person's quality of life outcomes in our community

# Our Commitment to Climate Equity

#### **Climate Change**

Eliminate the use of fossil fuels for energy & transportation

- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Less dependence on cars
- Electric vehicles
- More trees & natural spaces
- Healthier consumer choices

Health

**Affordability** 

Accessibility

**Cultural Preservation** 

**Community Capacity** 

**Just Transition** 

Accountability

#### **Racial Equity**

Eliminate disparities that can be predicted by race

- Safety for all at all times
- No disproportionate economic outcomes
- Fair access to services for all
- Inclusive participation in our city
- Positive health outcomes for all
- Embrace culture & difference

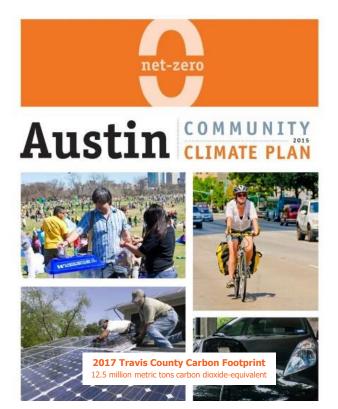
# Why Equity and Climate?

- Climate change affects everyone, but doesn't impact all communities equally
- The systems that exploit the environment also exploit people
- Communities of color have wisdom and lived experience
- Designing solutions for those that need them the most will benefit everyone

If we're not proactively addressing equity, we're perpetuating injustice

#### Goals of this Revision

## 2015 Community Climate Plan



Electricity & Natural Gas

Transportation & Land Use

Materials & Waste Management

**Industrial Processes** 



# **2019 Climate Policy Directives**

**January** 

May

August





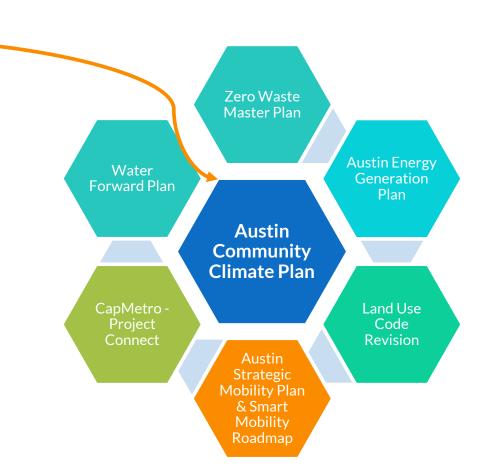


#### **Process Overview and Schedule**

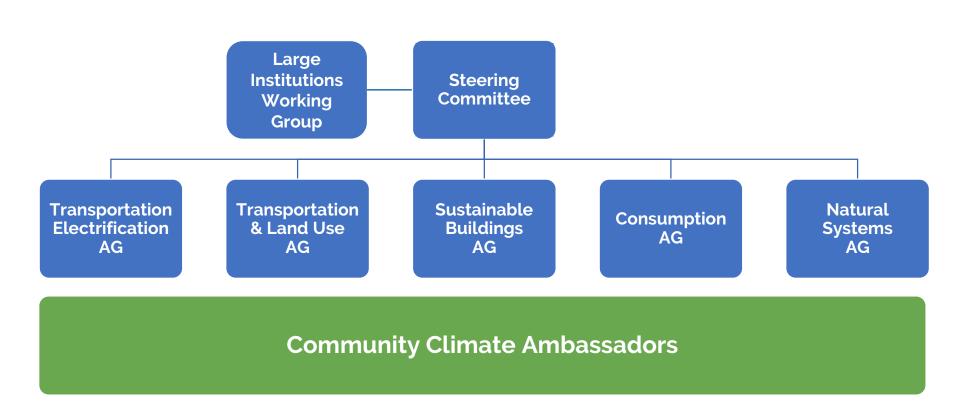
### A Plan Among Plans

#### **5 Plan Sections:**

- Sustainable Buildings
- Transportation Electrification
- Transportation & Land Use
- Natural Systems
- Consumption



#### **Process Overview and Schedule**



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## **Equity-focused Engagement**







# Equity Tool

# **Evaluating Equity**

Our strategies must prioritize low income communities and communities of color in these ways:

**Health** — Improving mental and physical health.

**Affordability** — Lowering and stabilizing living costs.

**Accessibility** — Increasing access to opportunities, transportation and a healthy environment.

**Just Transition** — Ensuring that benefits reach these communities first.

**Community Capacity** — Elevating and strengthening community skills, abilities and resources.

**Cultural Preservation** — Deliberately honoring cultural history to maintain past and present heritage.

**Accountability** — Ensuring government and institutional accountability for equitable implementation.

# **Equity Process for Advisory Groups**



# Next Steps

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5 Goal Areas

Consumption of Goods



2 Sustainable Buildings



3 Natural Systems



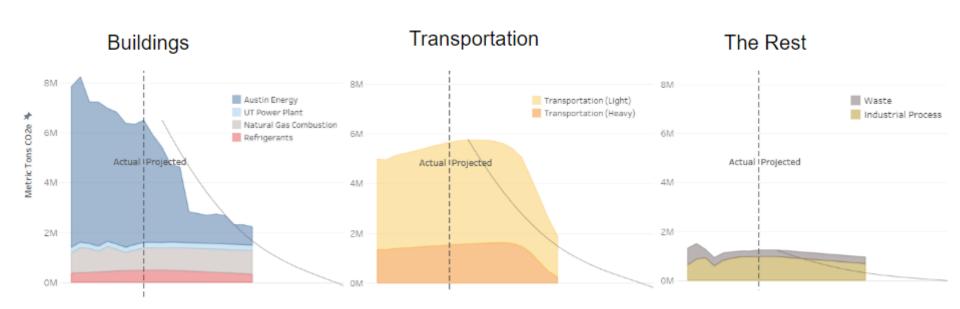
Transportation & Land Use



5 Transportation Electrification



# **Emissions Projections & Modeling**



#### **Next Steps**

# Schedule

May	Defining goals & strategies, drafting the plan
June	First full draft of the plan
July	Internal reviews
Aug	Boards + Commissions review, public comment period
Sept	Finalize and present to council



# Thank you!

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- SpeakUp Austin!