



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021

Joint Sustainability Committee **(Official Name of Board or Commission)**

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

- to advise the council on matters related to conservation and sustainability; and
- review City policies and procedures relevant to the Austin Community Climate Plan, including planning, implementation, community engagement, goal setting, and progress monitoring; and
- promote close cooperation between the council, City management, City boards, commissions, committees, and taskforces, and individuals, institutions, and
- agencies concerned with the politics, procedures, and implementation of the Austin Community Climate Plan with the goal of coordinating all similar activities within the City and the community in order to secure the greatest public benefit; and
- forward to the city manager all advisory material that the joint committee provides to the council, the Office of Sustainability, City departments and offices, or City boards, commissions, committees, and task forces

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)

The JSC passed the following recommendations:

- July 22, 2020
 - 20200722-2B: JSC Recommendation on Project Connect Funding
- August 26, 2020
 - 20200826-2A: Supporting Austin Climate Equity Plan
- October 28, 2020
 - 20201028-2A: JSC Austin Climate Equity Plan and support for bold actions
 - 20201028-2B: Recommendation to support COA legislative agenda
 - 20201028-2C: Recommendation in Support of the Glasgow Food & Climate Declaration
 - 20201028-2D: Recommendation for Support for the Austin Climate Equity Plan
- March 24, 2021
 - 20210324-2D: Budget Recommendation
- April 28, 2021
 - 20210428-2D: Recommendation for PM2.5 Emissions Reduction

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

(If any of the board's actions were outside the scope of the mission statement, the report should explain the non-compliance issues.)

All of the committee's actions were within the scope of its mission statement

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

(Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.)

1. Oversee and contribute to the implementation of the Austin Climate Equity Plan by working with all city departments to evaluate and expand efforts to reduce emissions within City operations and in the community
2. Monitor and advise on implementation of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan
3. Monitor and advise on implementation of the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan
4. Work with city staff, stakeholders and experts to develop a model for carbon impact statements for all significant budget and policy decisions
5. Monitor and advise on the Austin Universal Recycling Ordinance to require organics collection for multifamily dwellings
6. Work to implement Vision Zero policies that promote mode shift to reduce private vehicle use, including improving pedestrian and bike safety with protected bike lanes

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7. Work with city staff and Cap Metro to speed the transition to electric vehicles, including buses and heavy vehicles
8. Support the development of the Austin Community Resilience Plan
9. Collaborate with the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board to enhance the regional food system, including by promoting climate-friendly diets and reducing food waste
10. Contribute to any revisions of the Austin Land Development Code
11. Advise on the possible expansion of the Joint Sustainability Committee to be more diverse and inclusive
12. Make equity a priority in all of these initiatives