



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**CC:** Marc A. Ott, City Manager; Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager; Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager; Anthony Snipes, Assistant City Manager; Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager; Bert Lumberras, Assistant City Manager; Ray Baray, Chief of Staff

**FROM:** Lucia Athens, Chief Sustainability Officer *LEA*

**DATE:** February 27, 2015

**SUBJECT:** **RESPONSE TO NET ZERO COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE GAS RESOLUTION 20140410-024**

On April 10, 2014, City Council passed Resolution 20140410-024 directing the City Manager to create an action plan to meet the goal of community-wide net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Resolution specified working with stakeholders from each major sector responsible for community-wide greenhouse gas emissions in Austin, including: Energy, Transportation, and Waste/Industrial sectors.

The Resolution directed staff to present the Plan for community review and Council adoption by March 1, 2015. Due to the complexity of the project and the schedule for Boards and Commissions meetings, additional time is needed to complete the assignment. The final Draft Plan will be posted for public comment in early April, and the final report will be submitted to Mayor and Council by the end of April.

A Steering Committee and four Technical Advisory Groups, covering the four major emissions sectors and made up of city staff and community members, have met regularly over the past seven months to develop the draft plan. Meeting agendas, minutes, and working materials from the process can be found at <http://austintexas.gov/page/community-greenhouse-gas-emissions>. In addition, Community outreach was conducted through SpeakUp Austin and a public survey that received more than 1,000 responses.

The result of this process is a preliminary Draft Plan that contains over 130 actions, prioritized by implementation phase. Staff is currently gathering input from Boards and Commissions, including the Urban Transportation Commission, Zero Waste Advisory Commission, Resource Management Commission, and the Electric Utility Commission. Comments from this outreach effort will be incorporated into the final Draft Plan. Please let me know if you have any questions.