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# Austin Climate Equity Plan

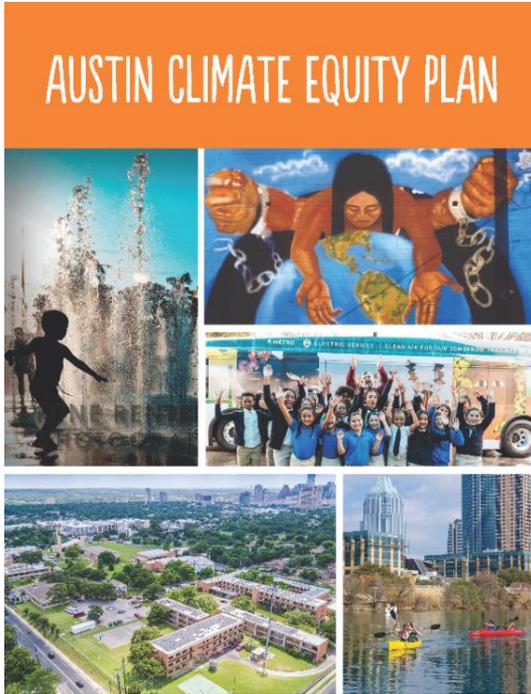
## Implementation Update

Joint Sustainability Committee  
February 23, 2022

# Overview

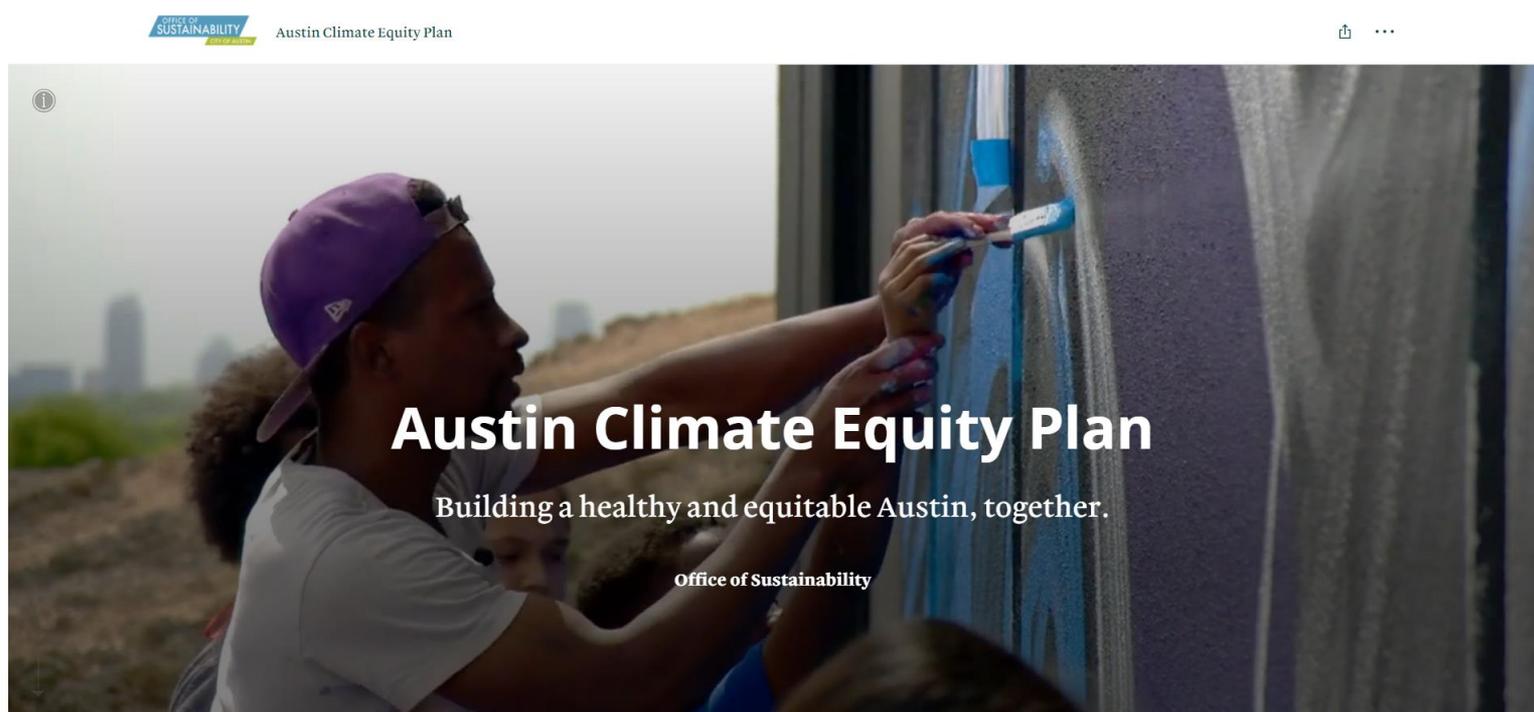
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# Feb 9 Memo Update to Council



- Leadership responsibilities over the implementation of the Climate Equity Plan
- Updating the bylaws of the Joint Sustainability Committee to add new members
- A publicly accessible dashboard to track plan implementation
- The Community Climate Ambassadors Program
- Community engagement efforts
- Plan recommendations that can be completed without a mid-year budget amendment
- Exploration of opportunities for further electrifying operations at the Austin Airport
- Status update on key items that have been initiated since the plan's adoption

# Austin Climate Equity Plan – Story Map



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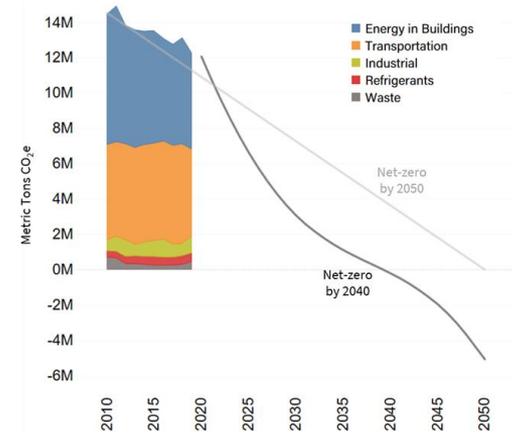
# Climate Ambassadors Update

- Hired a Climate Equity Engagement Associate in late January
- Currently having interdepartmental and community conversations with climate plan participants and former ambassadors to identify lessons learned
- Reviewing opportunity areas within climate plan's community engagement strategies
- Developing new framework for how this model can be adapted for implementation

# Implementation Tracking Website

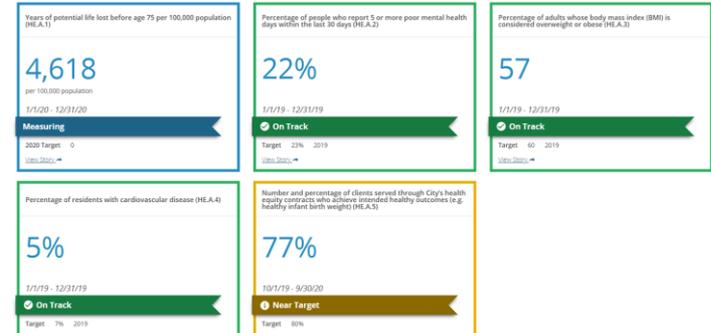
Using the Socrata Dashboard Platform:

1. Quantitative Data on all Quantitative 2030 Goals
2. Reporting on all 74 strategies: status, project phase, responsibility, tasks, budget, and impact



*Planning on Discussing the Audience, Purpose, and Details with the Working Group tomorrow*

Indicator Category: A. Healthy conditions among individuals [absence of unhealthy conditions]



# Strategy Status Categorization

Organizing the 74 Strategies into the following categories:

No budget implications

- Projects that are underway

Mid-year budget ask

- Projects with existing work plan, but pending funding

22-23 Budget Cycle

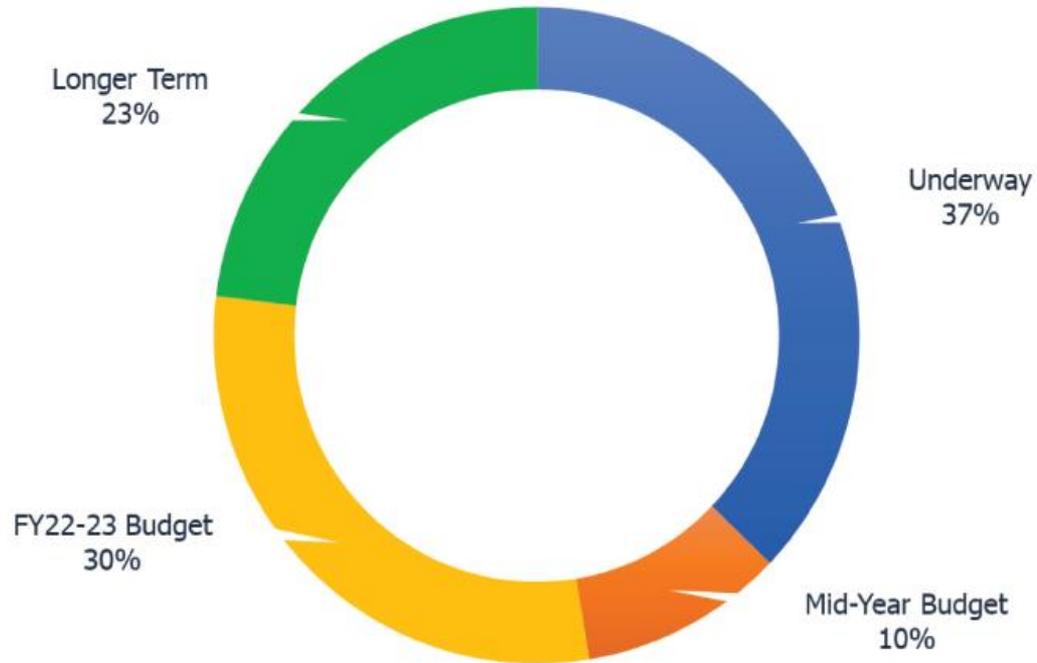
- Projects in need of work plan and funding

FY23 and beyond

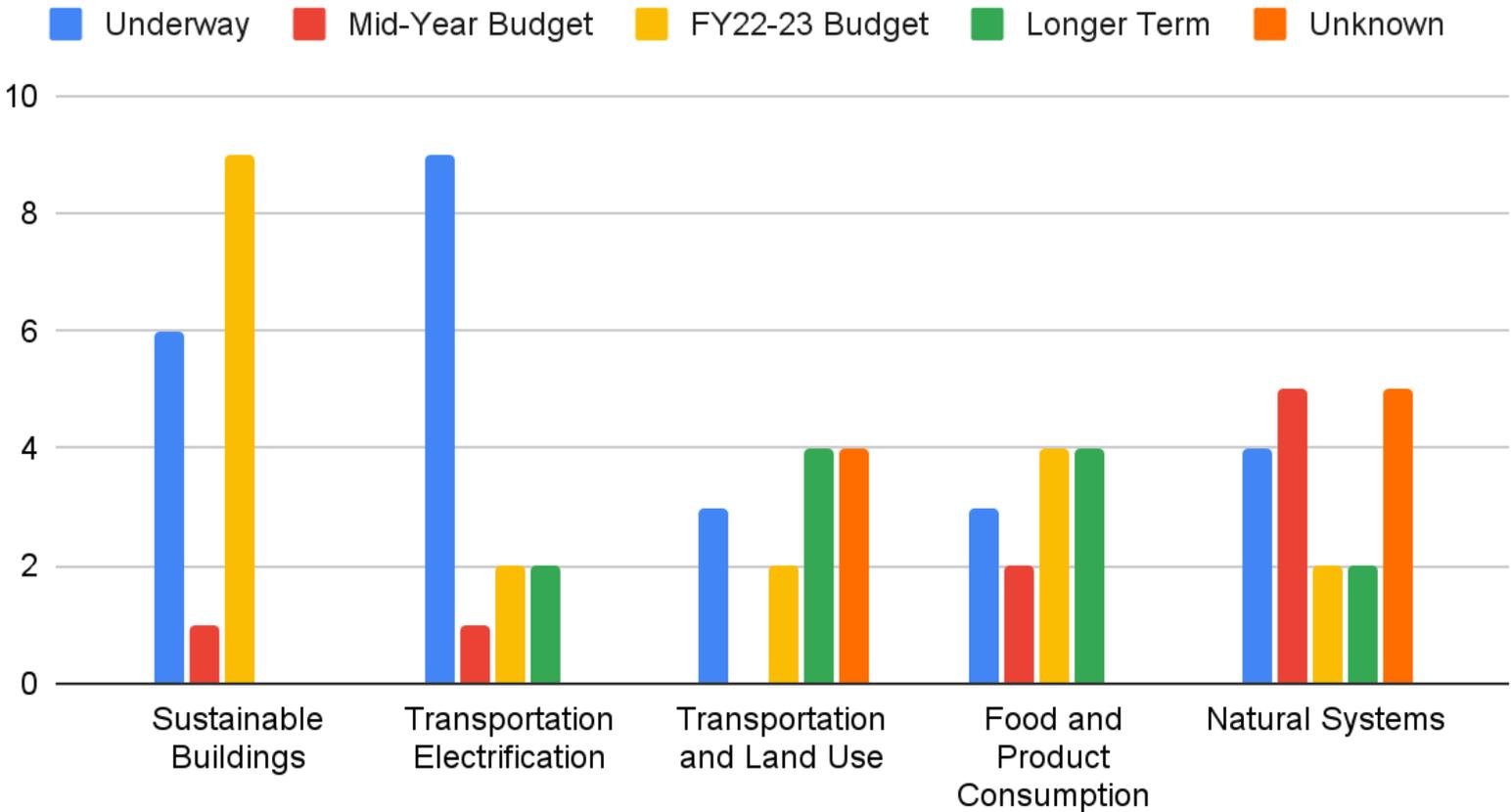
- Long-term Initiatives, need more development, capital-intensive

# 74 Strategies

Strategy Status Snapshot



# December 2021 - Status Summary of all 74 Strategies



# Key Takeaways from our Discussions

- 37% of the plan strategies are already being implemented in some way, and by next year over 75% of it could be underway
- Many of the mid-year budget needs are focused on:
  - Funding for consultants to assist with assessments
  - Hiring additional full-time staff to manage new initiatives
  - New focus on equity for existing programs or initiatives
- Mid-Year Needs are being reviewed and filtered by Management right now
  - Determining if funding exists that could be shifted, so no amendment needed
  - If existing funding can't be found
    - Budget Office needs to find funding sources
    - Packaged up and put on a Council Agenda as an RCA

# FY22-23 Budget Communications



## Resolution 110

**For Fiscal Year 2023 budget process and all future budgets, identify investments supporting greenhouse gas reduction efforts** to achieve net-zero goals.

- OOS is working with the Budget Office and Departments on what will be included
- End product goal: 2 pager summarizing new projects proposed for funding
- Include projects within other major plans
  - Project Connect, ASMP & Smart Mobility Roadmap
  - Austin Energy Resource Plan & Energy Code Update
  - Water Forward
  - Zero Waste Plan
  - Strategic Housing Blueprint & Imagine Austin
  - Urban Forest Masterplan and Long-Range Parks Plan

**Boards and Commissions have a process for Budget Recommendations, they are due on March 31<sup>st</sup>. This year the budget office wants the recommendation to also be uploaded on SpeakUp and one person needs to be assigned to create an account.**



# Implementation Discussion

- The OOS is not in control of implementation
  - We bring departments together and lead in a direction
  - We aggregate and coordinate reporting
  - Our office is responsible for a short list of projects / strategies
- Departments are where the action is
  - Most of the strategies will be implemented by their staff, their budget, and their management
  - They will have the best information on their status, funding, and details of implementation
  - They need a longer lead time for detailed conversations



# Working Group Discussion

- What is the purpose statement?
- What is the scope and boundaries?
- What are the tasks and schedule?
- What work will be completed and who will do it?
- How is the working group different than a JSC meeting?
- If outside JSC community members are invited
  - Who will manage the relationships and communications with them?
  - What is the purpose of their participation?
- OOS will not be running the meetings

# Stakeholders / Avenues for Participation



## ● Stakeholder Groups

- Council Members
- B&C Members
- Departmental Staff and Management
- Community Leaders
- Interested Community Members
- Community Members

## ● Existing Avenues

- Council Meetings
- Boards and Commissions
- JSC Meetings
- Climate Ambassadors
- New Options
  - 5 new JSC members
  - JSC Working Group

**Does the JSC need to do a power mapping exercise to determine who has influence where and who needs to participate in which avenue?**

# Next Steps

- Finalize work on the Mid-Year Budget Amendment
- Complete the Implementation Dashboard and go-live
- Continuing to Scope and Plan the new Climate Ambassadors Program
- Working with departments on reporting FY22-23 Budget items