



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3821, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

2/15/2024

Posting Language

Approve a resolution updating the Austin Climate Equity Plan regarding telework policies and per capita waste disposal rate goals.

Lead Department

Office of Sustainability

Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

September 30, 2021 - Council approved Resolution No. 20210930-099, adopting the Austin Climate Equity Plan, which sets a new community-wide goal of equitably reaching net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, using a steep decline path followed by negative emissions.

September 30, 2021 - Council approved Resolution No. 20210930-110, directing the City Manager to establish leadership responsibilities over Austin Climate Equity Plan implementation, provide quarterly updates on plan implementation, identify budget recommendations that support plan implementation, prioritize strategies that provide multiple benefits (including regional collaboration), and monitor climate related federal legislation and propose opportunities to assist in the city's climate efforts within legislation that passes.

November 2, 2023 - Council approved Resolution No. 20231102-002 adopting the 2023 Austin Resource Recovery Comprehensive Plan.

November 9, 2023 - Council approved Resolution No. 20231109-029, directing the City Manager to draft amendments to the Austin Climate Equity Plan (among other plans) regarding telework policies, as recommended by Planning Commission on October 24, 2023.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 24, 2023 - Joint Sustainability Committee (JSC) passed Recommendation No. 20240124 -002 in support of City Council's recommendations. JSC also recommended amending Food and Production Consumption Goal 3 on page 75 to reflect the disposal rate goals in the 2023 Austin Resource Recovery Comprehensive Plan adopted by Council Resolution No. 20231102-002. The JSC's recommendations will also be included as additional backup to this item.

Additional Backup Information:

As directed in Resolution No. 20231109-029, the Office of Sustainability has created recommendations for amendments to the 2023 Austin Climate Equity Plan regarding telework policies and per capita waste disposal rate goals. These recommendations will be included as additional backup to this item.