

Cambridge Climate Committee Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2023

ET&P Director's Update

- 11/16 City Council hearing on 2 new regulatory opportunities
 - Specialized Net Zero Stretch Code
 - State Legislation for cities who submit home rule petitions and meet affordable housing goals to ban fossil fuels with exception of hospitals and labs
- 11/26 Overview of EV charging for public & what the city is doing to convert its fleet
- City has an order in for several EV trash trucks
- 11/22 - university relations committee hearing about BUEDO. Seth giving proposal about current considerations. Trying to ask the question how to deliver needed load reductions.
- Two-way bike lane on Brattle extended and new lane on Garden. There is some initial traffic chaos at the beginning but then it settles down.
- Scooters are a growing aspect of vehicle traffic in the city. Question of whether scooter share should be introduced but there are a lot of issues not part of the plan. Electric scooters are still poorly defined in state regulations.

Public Comment

- Eshaan Mathew – Happy about goal to have bikes available within 1/8 of a mile
- Committee feedback was taken on having public comment at this point in the meeting. Generally good feedback.

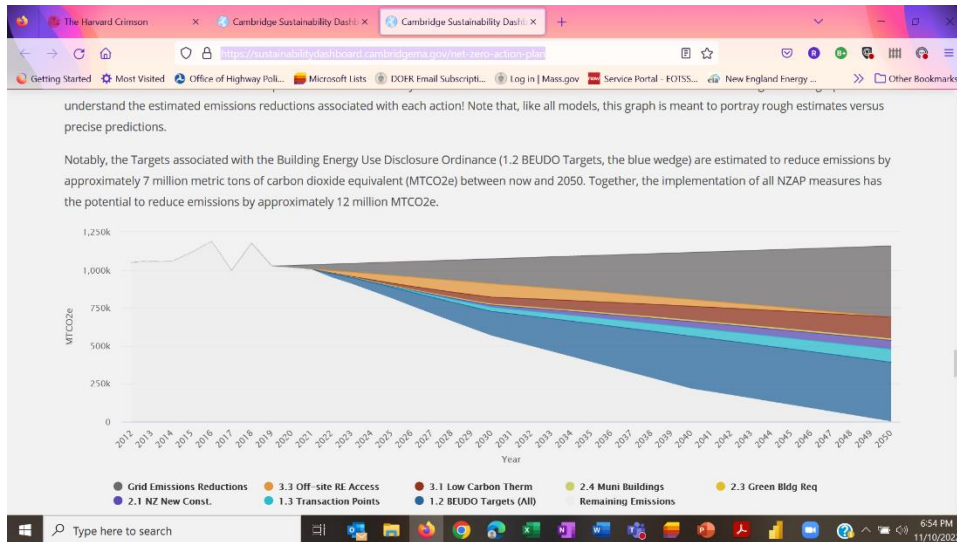
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New Membership

- We are close to process of recruiting new members. We are waiting on approval for the name change and they are ready with press release. The Committee has offered to scrap the name change if that is what is holding it up.

NZ Action Plan Annual Reporting Process

- Tom O'Neill here to assist Seth
- Final process of 5-year update. They have a committee meeting on the goals and full Council meeting by the end of the year.
- Annual status report – went forward with plan from NZAC
- They built [sustainability dashboard](#) to better communicate progress across emissions categories
 - Setting metrics and tracking progress
 - Next update in early 2023
 - Added NZAP tab to supplement legacy cite (that is a project page). Dashboard is natural place to track implementation progress
 - Action table that summarizes actions and tells us where they are
- FY22 Status Report on the dashboard – will be interactive but they will also publish in PDF
 - Meeting review on online version



- Kept traffic light indicator system for implementation status
- Included badges to indicate co-benefits for resilience and equity (integrating equity was a goal of the update)
- Divided into 4 action areas and shows a summary of action subareas, a summary of the timeline for that set of actions, and details on each action and implementation status
- Demonstration of some interactive features
- The committee discussed its initial feedback, including:
 - how the report readily identifies issues. E.g.:
 - Are there budget concerns?
 - What are the major barriers?
 - Can we reword things in plain language? “Cliff notes” version? Make it more accessible and part of the process of living in/moving to Cambridge.
 - Use this as a reference point to tie Committee operations to this tracker – e.g. when we discuss our custom retrofit program, point us to the report in the agenda because this is a quick, easy way to get context needed for discussions.
 - Is there a way to put context to the trends (e.g. noting when in the history of the trend there was an anomaly – they are adding smart goals into the report soon
 - Wants to see raw numbers next to the percentages
 - Wants to see actual achievement compared to the emissions reduction strategies graph. This may be hard to do but we did discuss ways it could be done.
- Next steps:
 - We need to ask questions that will help city communicate effectively and make effective edits
 - Write a letter with our recommendations on progress over the past year and where might our priorities be next year
 - Maybe lump these together. Production of the letter might generate the questions needed to improve the resource.
 - Timeframe for review: Subcommittee could review the report between now and the next meeting and present that report at the next meeting. They would give it to the

health and environment committee in the Council. We can use this as input for our FY23 budget request. If there are budgetary concerns, this timeline must be followed.

- Agreed to a quick breeze through in the next week and decide if we need more work
- Agreed to delay December CPAC to the 15th to allow subcommittee more time for review over the holiday
- David, Julie, Lyn, Tricha volunteered for the task

Member Updates

N/A