



Annual Report-Fiscal Year 2017

Introduction

On October 17, 2016, the Sustainability Commission presented its fiscal year (FY) 2017 Work Plan to City Council and provided a revised final version of the Work Plan to Council in November 2016. The FY17 Work Plan reflected the Commission's intent to work on issues in four specific areas, but also its intent to allow for flexibility to address issues as they came up.

The priority topics included:

- Land Use and Transportation
- Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience
- Envision Eugene
- Sustainable Economic Development

FY17 Work Plan Progress

Progress on the four priority topic areas presented in the FY17 Work Plan was significant, though limited. Accomplishments are listed below.

- **Public Comment to City Council.** The Commission provided public comments to City Council on numerous occasions, including in support of the 2016 Climate Recovery Ordinance (CRO) amendments (adopted), on the Transportation System Plan (approved with amendments), in support of City Council opposition to the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and asking for information on the process to divest from US Bank.
- **Written Communication to Council and Staff:** The Commission sent advisory comments to Council and staff on several topics, with varying effect.
 - After the Commission provided comments on the TSP, Commissioners were pleased to see revisions in the plan to improve alignment with the Climate Recovery Ordinance, and to see Council direct staff to develop a TSP Implementation Plan focusing on achieving CRO and Vision Zero goals.
 - The Commission commented in support of the UGB Expansion for Jobs, Schools and Parks, and consider the environmental justice aspects of this plan to be an important step toward equity for residents of west Eugene.
 - Our comments on Belt Line did not affect the status of this project in the TSP
- **Representing Sustainability Perspective on Other Bodies.** As representatives of the Sustainability Commission, Commissioners served on other groups including the Mayor's Ad Hoc Work Group on the CRO and the Moving Ahead Sounding Board.
- **Commission and Committee Meetings.** The Commission held eleven monthly meetings in FY17, and offered opportunity for public comment at each of these meetings. In addition, the Commission created committees to work on topics related to Land Use and Transportation Planning and Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience. These committees met regularly throughout the year. In spring of 2017, the Commission also created a committee to explore the topic of Tiny Houses.

- **Building Capacity.** The Commission worked with a facilitator to identify the practices and tools the Commission needs to be more successful. At its August 2017 retreat, Commissioners developed and adopted new working agreements addressing topics such as (1) the process of preparing and submitting a proposal to City Council, (2) the role of committees, (3) guidelines for communicating with Council, staff and outside bodies, (4) expectations of Commissioners, and (5) a plan for coordinating with other boards and commissions.