



Climate Action Plan Working Groups

Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes #1 – November 19, 2019

Goals from group members:

- Have an actionable plan with buy-in stakeholders/community/government regarding reducing emissions
- Achieve major greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions that will be popular with the public, and start rolling them out immediately.

How do we leverage our zoning to implement the changes we want? (Ex: parking, bike master plan, transit-oriented development)

- Car-free & Car-light lifestyles
- Reduce emissions in the transportation sector
- Science backed data-driven decision making rather than political ones
- Mitigation as much GHG emissions as we can starting ASAP.
- Create a plan for 80% GHG emissions by 2035, 100% by 2050
- Implementing green roofs / white roofs in buildings
- Getting cars off the road, implement electric vehicles, protect bike lanes
- Bus Rapid Transit and/or Urban Study
- Systems-based approach
- Brainstorm on non-obvious ways of cutting emissions with outside-the-box thinking
- Implement building standards
- Make sustainability economically viable

Are we focusing on mitigation? Or mitigation and adaptation?

- Main focus is mitigation, and adaptation will come up on its own.

General Discussion:

- An interim goal would be very beneficial. A goal that is too far lets people off the hook. Need to devote time/energy now rather than later.
- For energy group: All of the buildings going up are not going up to standard. Huge gains can be made by adopting NYC building codes.
- 5-year goals: City's vehicle fleet will be entirely electric (Hold politicians accountable). Insure a 50% increase in protected bike lanes.
- Look at the results of American Community Survey regarding, for example, vehicle ownership
- Vision Zero- reduce traffic fatalities / serious injuries to zero. Increase multimodal transit infrastructure. Create a cultural change for people more empowered to get out of their cars and promote other modes of transportation
- Safety and convenience is why people drive
- Overcrowded path is only going to get worse with more development

- No options for people to park + take the light rail downtown. Idea: City of Jersey City Acquires land near light rail for parking to reduce congestion on the west end.
- Incentives to use Citi Bike. Subsidize?
- Electric / hydrogen buses
- 5 electric trash trucks coming to JC
- Bridge to Manhattan long-shot goal
- Reduce short trips

Goals for Transportation Sector

- Set goals for highest emitting categories (gas-powered car)
- Alleviate intra-city congestion
- Switch modes of short trips from cars to multimodal transportation
- Improve access to public transit for all areas of the city
- Reduction in the percent of people using gas-powered cars
- Transportation of goods improvements: more electric, less diesel