



City Manager's Office

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SUBJECT: Sustainability Action Plan 4 Progress Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a progress update on Sustainability Action Plan 4. This is an information item. No action required.

BACKGROUND

Beginning in 2008, the City Council has adopted and implemented a series of plans and programs to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions. These efforts reflect a coordinated, evolving strategy, with each plan building on prior initiatives to advance emissions reductions.

In February 2008, the Mayor convened an Environmental Sustainability Task Force (ESTF) of more than 60 residents and business leaders to help the City shape its short- and long-term sustainability goals. The ESTF proposed 89 recommendations across 11 topic areas, helping to create a foundation for Mountain View's sustainability activities. A second ESTF was convened in September 2017. ESTF-2 was a Council Advisory Body of appointed community members that developed 36 recommendations for the City to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Building on the work of the Environmental Sustainability Task Forces and beginning in 2008, the City implemented four Sustainability Action Plans (SAPs), each structured as three-year tactical frameworks. These plans translated high-level sustainability goals into specific, measurable actions supported by defined budgets, timelines, and performance metrics.

Upon receipt of the ESTF-2 report and recommendations, staff developed the most recent Sustainability Action Plan. SAP-4 was adopted by the City Council on October 22, 2019 as the City's plan for investment in sustainability. SAP-4 originally included 81 new actions but has been

refined over time to focus on 57 high impact measures, with CSC informed of each update. Council also approved seven new positions as part of adopting SAP-4.

Staff have updated the City Council and CSC on the status of SAP-4 implementation as well as sought feedback on recommended modifications to the SAP-4 actions and budget several times since adoption. The most recent update to the CSC occurred on November 21, 2024, at which time 84% of the actions were completed or ongoing. Due to the large scope of the plan, implementation of a small number of actions remains underway. Staff are continuing work to complete the remaining actions and anticipate closing out the plan by the end of fiscal year 2026-2027.

As staff nears completion of SAP-4, work is underway to develop a new five-year decarbonization plan. Throughout 2025, the CSC has provided feedback on proposed actions for inclusion in the plan. On [May 26, 2025](#), the City Council held a study session to review and provide input on the draft plan's overall approach and proposed actions and confirmed their support for the proposed direction. Staff anticipates returning to the City Council in Q4 2026 for consideration and adoption of the final plan.

ANALYSIS

Ninety-one percent (91%) of the actions in the SAP-4 are completed or ongoing. While some of these projects are considered complete, many continue to deliver benefits through ongoing implementation or services that support the community or municipal operations. In addition, staff have been able to build on the original actions in SAP-4 with innovative additions or modifications to achieve greater GHG reductions. These efforts include:

- Developing City-funded rebate programs to complement SVCE's incentives;
- Advancing municipal electrification projects supported by policies and funding established through the SAP-4;
- Implementing targeted outreach campaigns to increase participation in rebate programs and encourage adoption of clean technologies;
- Leveraging external grant funding to expand initiatives like the Cool Block program and support municipal decarbonization efforts, including the replacement of gas water heaters

with electric heat pump water heaters and the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for the City fleet;

- Providing community resources such as heat-relief packs for residents most vulnerable to extreme heat, and
- Pursuing additional strategies to accelerate decarbonization, including applying for neighborhood-scale decarbonization projects in partnership with PG&E under SB 1221, exploring and adopting reach codes, and installing solar and battery storage at City facilities.

Attachment 1 includes a summary and status of all the SAP actions.

Nine percent (9%) of SAP-4 actions are still in progress, with most measures on track to be completed by the end of fiscal year 2026-2027. Table 1 **below** provides an update on these underway SAP actions.

Table 1: SAP Actions that Remain in Progress

Task No.	Action	Update
P2.2	Develop a new Urban Forest Plan as part of the City's Biodiversity Strategy	The updated draft plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 21, 2026 and during a City Council Study Session on April 28, 2026 . Council adoption is anticipated in June 2026.
S1.7	Develop a climate vulnerability and resilience plan.	The draft climate vulnerability assessment (CVA) was presented to the CSC on December 1, 2025 , and staff is updating the CVA based on feedback. Any remaining funds for this task will be reallocated to other high-impact decarbonization actions, such as incentives for heat pump water heaters and electric vehicle charging at or near multifamily properties.
S1.8	Plan and Implement for Municipal and Community Decarbonization	Development of the draft five-year community decarbonization plan is underway. Progress updates were presented to CSC on June 26 , November 6 , December 1 , 2025, and April 30, 2026 , and discussed at a Council Study Session on May 26, 2026 . The final plan will be brought to Council in Q4 2026. Phase I of the municipal decarbonization plan is underway. Nearly all eligible gas water heaters at City

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		<p>facilities have been replaced with electric heat pumps. Solar energy systems were installed on three City facilities this year. Additional solar energy systems, potentially combined with battery storage, is being explored for three more city facilities. The City has adopted a greenhouse gas-free fleet and landscaping equipment policy, and is piloting electric vehicles and equipment. Planned upgrades to electrical infrastructure at major City facilities will support the installation of EV charging infrastructure. Staff training for charging electric landscaping equipment safely and efficiently has been conducted. An update on the municipal decarbonization plan will be presented to the CSC in the fall of 2026. Any remaining funds for this task will be reallocated to other high-impact decarbonization actions.</p>
T3.2	Develop guidelines and infrastructure for e-scooter share pilot	The pilot is anticipated to launch in fall 2026. Funding will be used for marketing to educate the community about program guidelines, as well as treatments for designated parking zones, including striping, wayfinding signage, and other materials and equipment.
T6.6	Develop and explore residential and downtown TDM programs.	The City Council adopted a citywide TDM ordinance with a first reading on May 12, 2026 and a second reading on May 26, 2026 . The ordinance will apply to certain new development projects, including downtown and some residential developments.

Recommended Uses for Sustainability Fund Balance

The Sustainability Fund has a current balance of \$3,856,607 of which approximately \$1.9 million is allocated to current program, projects and staff and \$2 million is now available for allocation to high-impact decarbonization initiatives. This available funding reflects a combination of previously unallocated funds, unspent balances from completed projects, and funds reallocated

from projects that have secured alternative funding sources. This funding will be used to support the opportunities described in Table 2:

Table 2: Planned Uses for Sustainability Fund Balance

Funding Amount	Description of Use
\$500,000	Expansion of rebate program for heat pump water heaters. Staff anticipates requesting Council authorization in June 2026 to amend the agreement with SVCE to implement additional funding. This expansion is intended to support compliance with upcoming Air District appliance rules, which, beginning in 2027, will require newly installed residential water heaters to meet zero-NOx emissions standards, effectively shifting the market toward electric technologies. Given this phased timeline, with similar requirements for furnaces starting in 2029, staff proposes extending program efforts to ensure residents and property owners are prepared for these changes.
\$500,000	Expansion of rebate programs for EV charging at existing multi-family properties. This program is expected to launch this year with grant funding from SVCE; staff proposes adding City funding to expand the program and support additional participants, as initial funds are likely to be expended quickly. Staff anticipates requesting Council authorization in fall 2026 to execute an agreement with SVCE to expand the program.
\$200,000	Support for the continuation of the Mountain View Community Shuttle program.
\$300,000	Investment in EV charging infrastructure for the City fleet to ensure compliance with the City's Greenhouse Gas Free Fleet and Landscaping Equipment Policy adopted by the City Council.
\$300,000-500,000	The City is also exploring the installation of solar photovoltaic systems, paired with battery energy storage where feasible and appropriate, at Mountain View City Hall, the Mountain View Public Library, and the Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center. This funding may be used to support soft costs associated with the solar projects, including consultant services, project overhead, permitting, and staff administration required for project development and delivery of solar arrays at City facilities. This funding does not include construction or contractor costs for the installation of the systems. Earlier this year, City staff issued a request for proposals for solar design-build services and is currently evaluating submissions to determine which projects will proceed, a public hearing for Council authorization is anticipated in September.

Staff is also evaluating additional high-impact decarbonization opportunities and will return with recommendations as concepts are further developed. Potential initiatives include support for an electric bike incentive program to complement SVCE's offerings, if launched, as well as targeted incentives for customers that will be exempt from the Air District's water heater requirements taking effect in 2027.

Staff anticipates closing out SAP-4 by the end of fiscal year 2026-2027. At that time, any unspent funds could be redirected to support actions identified in the upcoming five-year community decarbonization plan under development.

On several occasions, staff has leveraged SAP-4 funding to secure additional funding sources or finance projects until reimbursements are received. Staff estimates that the City has received over \$30 million in grants or incentives related to projects in the SAP-4.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Sustainability Fund has a current balance of \$3,856,607. There is sufficient budget in the Sustainability Project Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Project 20-99) to implement remaining actions. No additional appropriation is needed at this time.

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Attachments: 1. Sustainability Action Plan Progress Update