



Memorandum

TO: TRANSPORTATION AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Climate Smart San Jose Plan
Semi-Annual Report

DATE: 3/24/25

Honorable City Council Members,

Your Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) would like to submit the following comments on the "Climate Smart San Jose Plan Semi-Annual Status Report":

1. We appreciate our City's Climate Smart goals for energy, water, transportation, and local jobs. Last month we submitted comment about the San José Clean Energy Programs with our recommendations for the budget priorities that are needed to improve safety on our city's streets.
2. Today, we remind you of the following: In November 2021, our City Council set a goal of communitywide carbon neutrality by 2030, thereby accelerating our City's Climate Smart program. At this November 2021 meeting our Councilmembers also approved the initiative called "Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030." The year 2030 is only five years from now.
3. Please enable our City's upcoming budget to fund the programs that have a proven record of reducing carbon emissions, that improve air quality, that reduce other pollutants and reduce the gasoline and electricity that's used to power motorized vehicles.
4. These are the Vision Zero program; the Annual Bikeways Program; Better Bike Plan 2025; Transit First; Vehicle Miles Traveled goals, and the programs that maintain our bikeways, trails, and pedestrian safety accommodations. These programs not only get us closer to carbon neutrality--these programs enable individuals of all ages and abilities to walk, wheelchair, and bicycle safely within our City.

These comments were approved unanimously at the March 24, 2025 BPAC meeting.

Sincerely,

Aarshdeep Kahlon, Chairperson

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TE commission : please consider all grant proposals/ applications for climate funding to be open to the public. Mini grant proposals allow the community to be aware and informed/ involved in future projects to address climate concerns and citywide impacts on climate. Thanks LK

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Outlook

Agenda Item 6.2: Accept Climate Smart report & support key upcoming initiatives

From Linda Hutchins-Knowles <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 4/22/2025 12:30 AM

To The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vicemayor Foley, and City Councilmembers:

Please see the attached letter from Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley urging you to accept the Climate Smart San José semi-annual report and support key upcoming initiatives.

Thank you and Happy Earth Day!
Linda Hutchins-Knowles

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April 21, 2025

To: mayor@sanjoseca.gov, district1@sanjoseca.gov, district2@sanjoseca.gov, district3@sanjoseca.gov, district4@sanjoseca.gov, district5@sanjoseca.gov, district6@sanjoseca.gov, district7@sanjoseca.gov, district8@sanjoseca.gov, district9@sanjoseca.gov, district10@sanjoseca.gov, agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov

Re: Agenda Item 6.2: Accept Climate Smart report and support key upcoming initiatives

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vicemayor Foley, and Councilmembers:

Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley—a grassroots group with over 2000 local supporters advocating for a healthy environment today and a livable climate tomorrow for all children—appreciates the Environmental Service Department’s efforts to support residents and businesses to live and work more sustainably.

We urge you to **accept the semi-annual report on the Climate Smart San José plan** and to **support the upcoming key initiatives**, including:

- Launching a home battery energy storage system incentive program
- Finalizing a fleet electrification master plan for City vehicles
- Executing consultant agreements for a transportation decision support system to guide investments
- Finalizing a Climate Smart Zero Waste Element
- Hosting an inaugural Climate Smart training session for City leadership
- Bringing a Climate Smart plan update (Summer 2025) and an update on building electrification workforce development programs (Spring 2025) to City Council

We further suggest that **all City Councilmembers and their key policy staff be included in the Climate Smart training session for City leadership.**

We agree with Staff that “Continued investment and focus are essential to achieving the City’s ambitious goal of carbon neutrality by 2030.”

Given the federal government's impending withdrawal from the landmark Paris Climate Accord, **the climate leadership of cities like San José is more important than ever.** Thank you for your past and future support of San José's key climate programs.

For our children's climate,
Linda Hutchins-Knowles, Co-Founder & Team Coordinator
Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley