

# 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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