



## Climate Planning

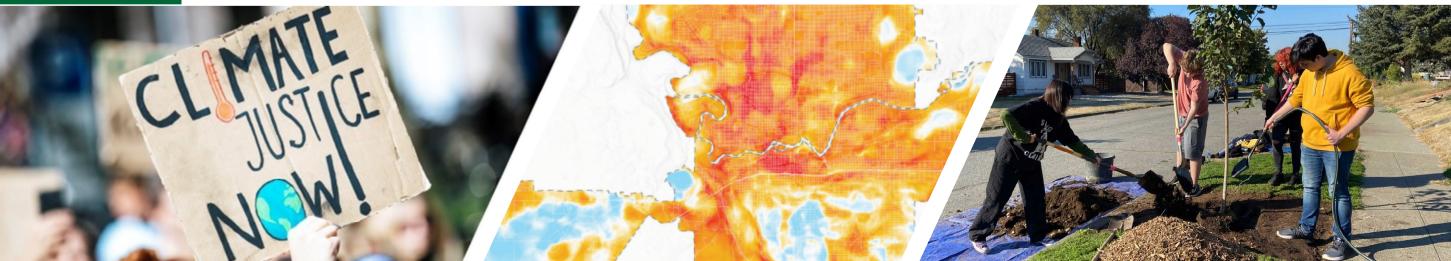
**Meeting: CRSB** 

Date: September 18, 2025

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## **Topics**

- Introductions
- Phase 2 Climate Planning Overview
- Developing Climate Policies
  - Requirements
  - Roles
  - CRSB Policy Discussion



The WA Department of Commerce climate planning grant is supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The CCA supports Washington's climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at <a href="https://www.climate.wa.gov">www.climate.wa.gov</a>.



## Introductions

- City of Spokane
  - Tirrell Black, Planning
  - Maren Murphy, Planning
  - Colin Quinn-Hurst, Planning
- Consultant Team
  - Lisa Grueter, BERK
  - Bethany Hoy, BERK
  - Maddie Seibert, Cascadia

- + City of Spokane
  - KayCee Downey, Planning
  - Logan Callen, ICM

- + Consulting Partners
  - KAI: Tribal Engagement
  - Fehr & Peers:Transportation Policy



## **Phase 2 Climate Planning Overview**

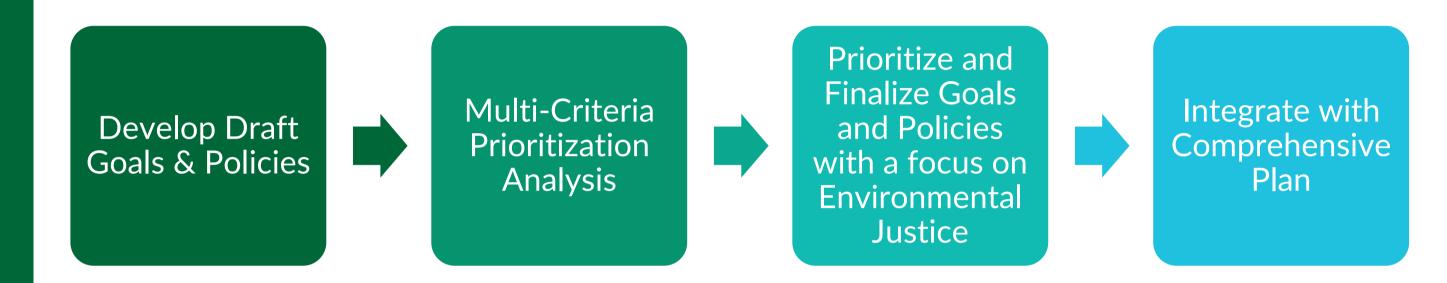
## Phase 2 Steps

#### Steps to Integrate Climate into Comprehensive Plan Phase 1 Phase 2 Step 2 Step 3 Step 5 Step 4 Step 1 Audit Plan and Assess Risk and Integrate goals Climate Policy: Explore Climate and policies **Policies** Vulnerability revise, adapt, Impacts & develop new Climate Justice

Updated: July 1, 2025



## **Phase 2 Key Elements of Policy Development**



Engagement: Survey, Focus Groups, TEW, Advisory & Legislative Bodies

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## **Engagement Touchpoints**

- Community Survey (Aug 2025)
- CRSB (Fall)
- Plan Commission (Fall)
- City Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) (Oct-March)
- Tribal Engagement Workgroup (TEW) (Oct-March)
- Community Workshops (Nov 2025)



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## Fall 2025 CRSB Meetings

- September 18 (Today!):
  - Initial policy development
- October 9:
  - Survey update
  - Policy development
  - Initial multi-criteria prioritization framework

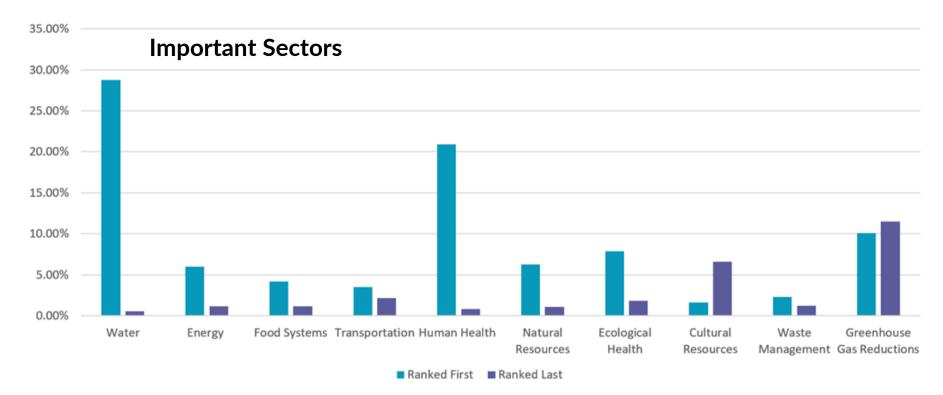
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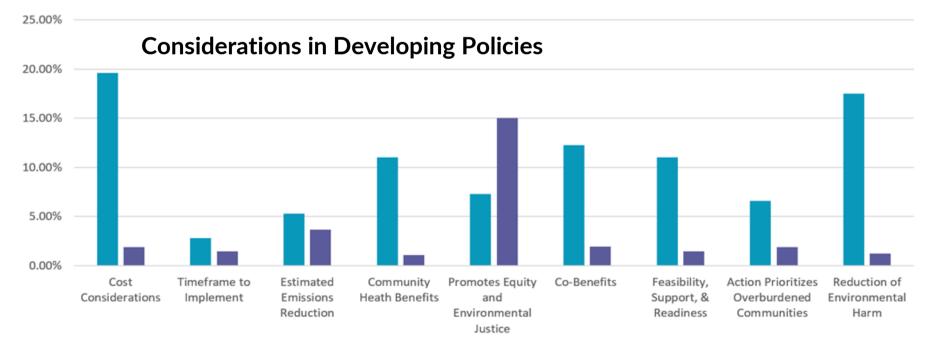
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# Community Climate Policy Survey

- July 21, 2025, through August 31, 2025
- 1,419 survey responses
- Full summary available end of September





■ Ranked First
■ Ranked Last









Nov 5 District 2

Evening

Location TBD Nov 12 District 1

Evening

Location TBD

## SAVE THE DATE!

PlanSpokane 2046 Community Workshop Series Nov 18 **District 3** 

Evening

Location TBD Nov 19 Citywide

Mid-day

Central Library









## **Developing Climate Policies**

#### **Planning Commission**

Transportation Commission

Land Use

Transportation

Capital Facilities & Utilities

Housing

**Economic Development** 

**Urban Design** 

**Natural Environment** 

Social Health

Neighborhoods

Parks and Open Space

Governance

**Shorelines** 

Climate Goals and Policies

Climate affects all aspects of planning and needs an integrative approach.

Climate Resilience & Sustainability Board

#### **ROLES**

- Plan Commission lead Comprehensive Plan
- Transportation Commission lead Transportation Element
- CRSB lead Climate integration



## **GMA Climate Element Requirements**

#### **GHG Sub-element**



September 18, 2025

- Reduction of GHG emissions generated by transportation and land use
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Prioritize reductions that benefit overburdened communities
  - maximize the co-benefits of reduced air pollution and environmental justice

#### **Resilience Sub-element**



- Moderate or avoid harm, enhance resiliency of natural and human systems, and enhance beneficial opportunities
- Consider natural hazards created or aggravated by climate change
- Address natural areas, vital habitat
- Adapt social, economic, and built environment
  - consistent with environmental justice

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## **Additional Guidance & Parameters**

- Amend or create 20-40 Goals & Policies
- Select GHG goals & policies from Commerce policy explorer
  - GHG sectors:
    - Transportation
    - Built Environment
    - Zoning
    - Energy
    - Waste Management
  - Resilience:
    - Consider best available science and credible projections/impact scenarios that moderate or avoid harm
    - Address 11 climate sectors
- Prepare matrix when policies are integrated across elements

**Agriculture & Food Systems Buildings & Energy Cultural Resources Economic Development Emergency Management** Health & Well-being **Ecosystems Transportation** Waste Management Water Resources Zoning & Development



## **Environmental Justice**

#### **Definition**

**RCW 36.70A.030** (16) "Environmental justice" means the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Environmental justice includes addressing disproportionate environmental and health impacts in all laws, rules, and policies with environmental impacts by prioritizing vulnerable populations and overburdened communities and the equitable distribution of resources and benefits.

**Climate Element** 

Resilience

Identify, protect, and enhance community resiliency to climate change impacts, including social, economic, and built environment factors, that support adaptation to climate impacts consistent with environmental justice.

Prioritize reductions that benefit overburdened communities in order to maximize the cobenefits of reduced air pollution and environmental justice.

**GHG** Reduction

The Land Use Element must give special consideration to achieving environmental justice in its goals and policies, including efforts to avoid creating or worsening environmental health disparities.

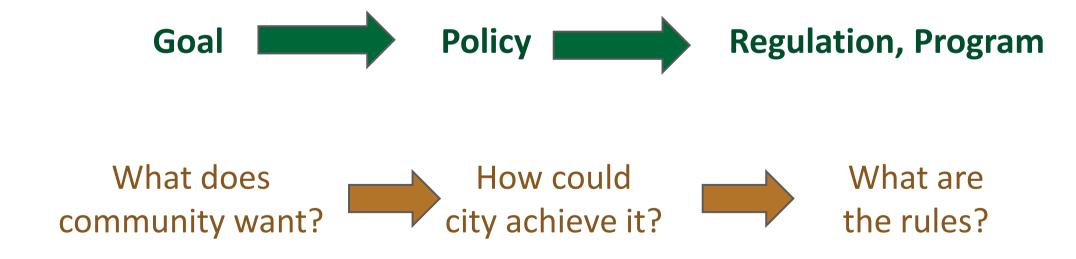
Transportation Element: ...active transportation facilities to serve as a gauge to judge performance of the system and success in helping to achieve the goals of this chapter consistent with environmental justice

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## **Definitions**

- A goal is a general statement of the community's desired outcome.
- Policies are a course of action that a community will take to meet its goals.





## **Sources of Policy Ideas**

- Commerce Climate Policy Explorer
- City of Spokane CRVA
  - Executive Summary
  - Considerations for the
     Comprehensive Plan (page 218)
- City of Spokane GHG Inventory 2022
  - Fact Sheet
  - Website with Story Map & Report



#### Climate Policy Explorer

#### Measures

Q Search..

#### High Priorit

- Identify and implement strategies for reducing residential development pressure in the wildland-urban interface.
  - Policy ID#: A.02

#### High Priorit

- Establish and maintain a purchase and transfer of development rights program to allow transferring
  development rights from areas that provide conservation and climate resilience benefits and promoting denser
  development in suitable areas.
  - Policy ID#: A.06

#### High Priority

- Identify and plan for climate impacts to valued community assets such as parks and recreation facilities, including relocation or replacement.
  - o Policy ID#: A.13

#### High Priorit

- Consider climate change, including sea-level rise, extreme precipitation, increased winter streamflow, and other impacts, in floodplain management planning.
  - o Policy ID#: A.14

#### h Priority GOAL

 Increase tree canopy cover to boost carbon sequestration, reduce heat islands, and improve air quality, prioritizing overburdened communities.

Total # of Measures that meet selected criteria:

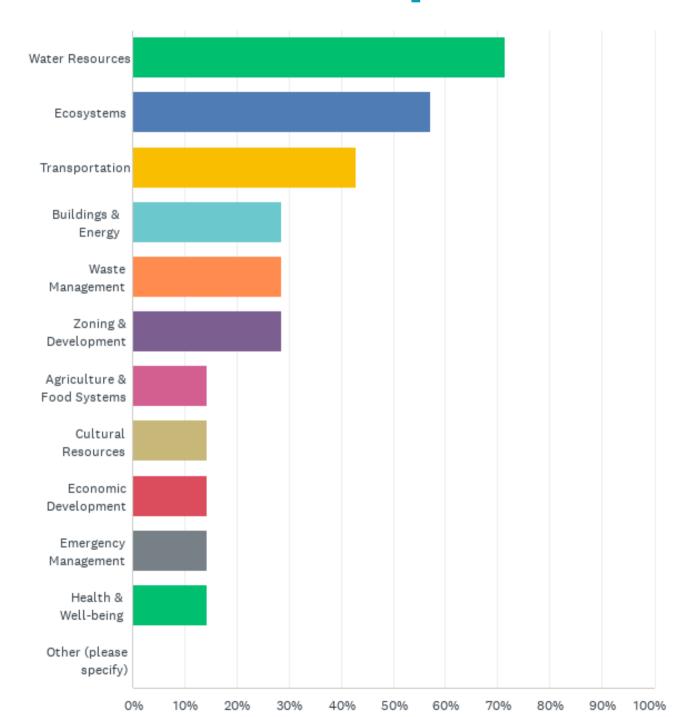
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## **CRSB Questions**

- Reviewing the <u>Climate Policy Explorer</u> for effective goals and policies ...
  - What are the top 3 sectors you have an interest in?
  - What are up to 5 climate goals or policies to integrate into the Comprehensive Plan?
  - Please explain why each are important for Spokane.
  - What other sources of information, strategies, or community feedback inspire you related to resilience, mitigation, or environmental justice (applicable to the City)?



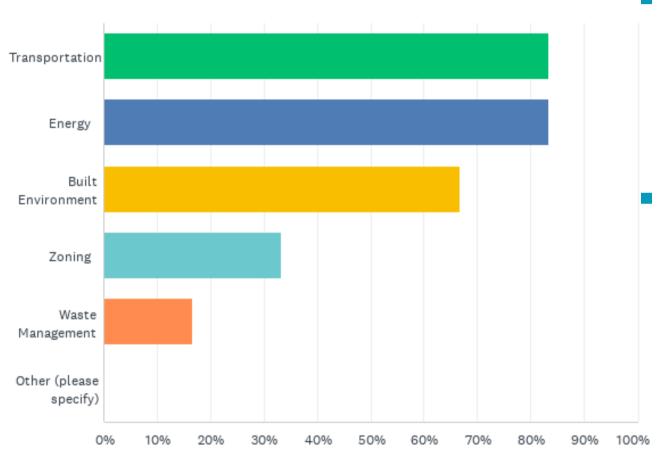
## Resilience – Top 3 Sectors Interested In (n=7)



- For those who filled in the survey, please share your ideas about priority sectors
- For others, what:
  - Resonates with you on top priorities?
  - What is missing or should be a higher priority?

## **GHG Priority Sectors (n=7)**

Q3 What sectors are most important to address regarding greenhouse gas emission reductions?



- For those who filled in the survey, please share your ideas about priority sectors for GHG reductions.
- For others, what:
  - Resonates with you on top priorities?
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## **Goal & Policy Discussion**

White Board





## **Next Steps**

- CRSB Policy & Priority Survey Open until 9/22
- Next Meeting 10/9



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