

CJP Public Meeting  
Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
Meeting Notes

**Attendees - in person**

1. John Wasiutynski - Project Staff, Mult Co Office of Sustainability
2. Tim Lynch - Project Staff, Mult Co Office of Sustainability
3. Monique Smiley - Project Staff, Mult Co Office of Sustainability
4. Silivia Tanner - Project Staff, Mult Co Office of Sustainability
5. Annabelle Rousseau - Verde
6. Mary Rudolph - NW Natural
7. Asukulu Songolo - AYCO
8. Sonrisa - City of Portland BPS
9. Vinh Mason - City of Portland BPS
10. Desiree Eden Ocampo - Rahab's Sisters

**Attendees - Online**

1. Jillian Hughes - Project Staff, Mult Co Office of Sustainability
2. Bob Gravely - Pacific Power
3. Anna DeMers - PacifiCorp (Carbon Policy Advisor)
4. Amy Rathfelder - NW Natural
5. Anna Kurnizki - Oregon Community Warehouse
6. Sarai Childs - Sonopo LP Emergency Response
7. Tanya Hartnett - Working Waterfront Coalition (WWC)
8. Michaela McCormick - Extinction Rebellion
9. Zora Hess - Community Organizer
10. Cherice Bock - 350 PDX
11. Agazi Negatu He - Ethiopian & Eritrean Cultural Resource Center (EECRC)
12. Daniel Baker - Ethiopian & Eritrean Cultural Resource Center (EECRC)
13. Kainalu Bailey - Neighbors for Clean Air (NCA)
14. Avaly Scarpelli - BOMA
15. Fabiola Casas - Espousal Consulting
16. Diane Meisenhelter - Extinction Rebellion
17. Briar Wray - PCC
18. Taren Evans - CCC
19. Casey Jogerst - West Multnomah Soil Water Conservation District (WMSWCD)
20. Nikita Daryanani - Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC)
21. Theodora Tsongas - Oregon Physicians OPR
22. Axcelle Campana - Nacio Design / EJ Planning
23. Helene Birecki - Climate Reality Portland Chapter
24. Jenny O'Connor - CEI Policy Project
25. Anne-Marie Urukundo - Outgrowing Hunger/Rockwood CDC
26. Danny Noonan - BREACH Collective

## Discussion - Revised Strategies & Indicators

- Danny - Seemed meticulous in incorporating feedback and there seemed to be a balancing act between different priorities.
- Asukulu - Glad that each goal was given their set priorities and I'm worried what will happen when county officials don't align with the work.
  - Tim - North star approach with the CJP goals will help with long term alignment.
- Asukulu - Once the CJP is adopted, will you support campaigns that communities are working on? What does accountability look like?
  - John - As staff, we cannot engage around electoral politics, but we have an [Advisory Council on Sustainability & Innovation \(ACSI\)](#) that would be an oversight committee.
- Michaela - I think everything in the CJP is crucial and it's obvious it's not fully realistic. Targeted universalism - I would suggest the board prioritize:
  - All of those things that define the process into community input then to policy decisions. It's going to take years to pursue all of these strategies.
  - Everything from land use, air quality, fossil fuels, etc. should be prioritized at this point when it's presented to the board. Prioritize strategies that are targeting frontline communities (BIPOC, people on medicaid, people with disabilities).
  - Make use of that value of targeted universalism and ongoing processes for frontline community input.
- Desiree Eden - The strategies/politics will shift, but the universal goals will stay the same. In terms of recommending which strategies for the board to prioritize, if influence is on the high and ownership is high then that's where we should start because that's where the county owns it. What would that process look like?
  - John - For example, we have an East County Transportation Safety Plan that has indicators on pedestrian safety, so we look to that plan to connect with the CJP. Where we have identified a county strategy that is something we can do.
  - John - Where community leadership is needed, staff can't do it. There are strategies that aren't appropriate for staff to do, it doesn't mean there isn't a role in it for the County, but that the impetus has to come from the community. We went to frontline communities for recommendations, and brought them back to our steering committee. A lot of the strategies we see are a community priority and through this process we have identified what our role is.
- Desiree Eden - Will there be an accountability committee? What are those mechanisms for accountability?
  - John - Staff will complete a baseline report with all of the indicators listed by the goal. The 2015 plan only had 1 metric and it was GHG emissions. The Climate Justice Plan is more multidimensional.
  - Ask the board to change the code for ACSI to be more community facing and report back to the community. It's also an opportunity to surface additional community-based work and highlight community leadership and actions.

- Cherice - This is a great plan that was built with intentional and care. Will there be a toolkit to explain how to read the plan when it's ready?
  - John - yes we wanted to get it out for comment and will have more context, currently working on the complete plan that will include a toolkit to help navigate strategies.
- Cherice - Some of the fossil fuel sections I would rather not be there, especially about green hydrogen and natural gas, but I think it's a compromise.
- Unknown - Is there anyone at the City of Portland that has a different authority? How can it be connected to the city's climate action plan? It has a breadth that's much wider than this plan itself but one of the indicators - how do we get funding?
  - John - COO's Office on the County's Strategic Plan will be aligned with the CJP, so there is an executive level path for implementation, in addition to an internal coordination team. Coordination with the City of Portland is ongoing.
- Zora - Funding - including for community groups - doesn't work. Reimbursement based. Yearly. Will there be a request or recommendation for the Board to think differently about the way the County funds both County programs and CBO's
  - John - Recognition that the normal consultant funding pathway local governments use often aren't compatible with CBO's. Funding is always a challenge, but there are a number of strategies that can be implemented without new resources. But it will be a challenge and I really welcome thoughts about how to do better.
- Diane - Were all the community notes posted? Appreciate the well-being economic frame is included, and aligned with the climate justice approach. It is important to think about the lower resource actions that need to be committed to on an ongoing basis. Need for the County to commit to a certain number of large actions that address climate justice explicitly, as well as community resilience/response actions. Five year timeline with concrete actions for example. Need to both reduce harm through emissions reduction and prepare the community for impacts. Particularly policy actions that could have significant impacts.
- Annabelle - When can we expect a translated version of the draft?
  - Jillian - Important questions. Staff will be adding a condensed version to the website that will allow for multilingual translation.
- Jillian - Highlighted comments from the chat. Ensuring equity action.
  - Axcel - Clear about where the County has control/impact and where the community to lead. Still a lot to navigate but well laid out.
  - Jillian noted that additional links for references, appendices will be added.
- Sonrisa - Kudos - Is it clear what the City is going to be asked to do? Index or table of contents that is a cheat sheet and having numbering would be helpful. Question with the timeline, will the board commit to a certain amount of time. Are the County strategies going to have prioritization?

- John - Goals are a commitment. Indicators are committed, with a commitment to modify to include community data, also a commitment to strategies identified as County strategies.
- Fabiola - What does coordination with other regional jurisdictions look like? For example, Metro's 50 year vision work and Clark County's environmental justice work.
  - John - Partnership is an implementation priority, the Office of Sustainability will be a coordinating and sometimes implementing body for the County, a lot of the work will happen in departments. Process engaged with Cities of Portland, Gresham and Metro.
- Asukulu - What other languages? Continued youth engagement?
  - Monique - We will continue to engage with the Multnomah Youth Commission, including meeting with their Transit Equity Advocacy workgroup next week.
  - Translation based on need / request, and leveraging the website's ability. Will be looking for communities to identify how/where they want the County to show up or support.
  - John - Example of working with community partners to do broad translation to help build awareness of low income communities.
- Nikita - Appreciations to all the people involved in the plan. Appreciate that the plan is for both the County and the community. Will be a helpful organizing tool for communities, sees a lot of goals and opportunities for communities that have not always seen themselves in climate based conversations.
- John - Recognizing that government can be a barrier to move this work forward, and important opportunities to lean into the lead of industry and communities. Trades and others have highlighted that government needs to be supportive.
- Vinh - Facilitating Power - Look at the update version, maybe be helpful for some of the accountability pieces. Could have an independent review of the Plan by a CBO. What does accountability look like with respect to impacted communities?
  - Tim - this accountability piece is important and hearing your ideas on how we can strengthen our community engagement efforts is really important.
- Unknown - Are there opportunities to make the draft more playful and visual?
  - Jillian - Yes, this is something that staff will work to incorporate into the final version.
- Diana - Question about priority. Are County priorities referencing existing County priorities? How does one understand which of the strategies will be at the top priority for implementation.
  - John - There are a lot of moving parts that need to be addressed (ie political timing, staffing). For additional direction on "readiness" and "prioritization" we will look to the Board. The strategy decision making support tool is a step. We don't have all the answers on what comes first with priorities.
- Zora - Kudos on the work, staff and community members. There is always a great fear that this kind of work disappears. Strongly encouraged a maintenance plan, regular Board

presentations for visibility and accountability. A lot of opportunities to make the document accessibility, culturally, readable for other cultures.

- John - Agreed. A lot of evolution of need on communication, using short format versions, videos. At the same time there is a need to show our work, handholds for why these recommendations are here.
- Zora - Really hard for folks to navigate different websites across governments. Also a need for some kind of dashboard, that also points off to other related activities.
- Jillian - We will do everything we can, limitation of the tech, but hope is to be a central hub for this information with jumping off points to peer projects.
- John - One example is the work we have supported to help build the capacity of community members to engage in complex spaces like utility regulation.

### **Chat comments**

Anna K: Echoing what many have said- this is clearly the result of a LOT of intentional work and care. I see community feedback integrated and I appreciate that so much! Knowing we have limited resources to accomplish so much, I also encourage a continued prioritization of most-impacted communities (at least by ensuring each goal has equity KPIs built in).

I gotta run too - but will continue to participate and stay engaged. Please let me know how I/we can continue to support! Appreciate the thoughtfulness of this whole process!!

Axcelle Campana: This iteration of the plan is very clear in its indicators, and where the county holds responsibility and can lead, versus where there are opportunities for others to lead, and for the county to support. Thank you so much for presenting and answering our questions.

Echoing others - I appreciate the look and feel, the consistency of the layout, and it is a lot to digest, yes. A linked key would help people navigate across the document.