



## GAP Committee Meeting Notes

June 25, 2014

1. Questions Following Presentation
  - a. Does the 2010 inventory consider the effects of the recession?
    - i. *Taken from data, not a projected value. While energy use (kWh) only dropped five percent, the carbon intensity was reduced significantly.*
  - b. Why is the target set at 15% when we are set to achieve 30%?
    - i. *For consistency with WRCOG Subregional CAP and other local cities, CARB & OPR. Allows for "wobble-room" in the case certain measures do not perform as expected or assumptions to calculate estimated reductions are over estimated.*
  - c. Target of 15% includes anticipated growth?
    - i. Yes.
  - d. Can you have two targets; one conservative and one aspirational?
    - i. *Recommend against artificially high targets, 15% is minimum.*
  - e. Doesn't seem like we have much control.
    - i. *Riverside has more control than others jurisdictions because of RPU - the City's municipal owned utilities; however, we must now be entrepreneurial.*
2. Transportation Discussion
  - a. The Arroyo Plan<sup>1</sup> is unique to the City and should be capitalized; the City could Collaborate with the County and include in CAP/EPAP.
    - i. *This is an opportunity to seek funding for recreation (active transportation), as well as restoration and preservation of wildlife corridors. Could involve the Riverside/Corona Conservation District.*
  - b. Is the City looking at electrification for transit?
    - i. *City works closely with RTA on this issue; would need to be cost-effective and low maintenance.*
  - c. Programs and incentives do exist, we need some form of connection to reduce driving; for example, Long Beach has a bike friendly district. Could install more bike amenities and include them on a comprehensive bike map. Many bike businesses here are going out of business; could use the bike map to help them attract business.

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<sup>1</sup> Accessible at:

<http://www.sawpa.org/documents/OWOW/IRWMP/ReferenceDocs/CCAC%20Policy%20Study%20RECOMMENDATIONS%20%5b11-15-06%20FINAL%5d.pdf>



- d. RTA currently offers free passes for students; this program could be expanded.
  - e. Riverside has over 50 neighborhood groups<sup>2</sup>; good opportunity to reach out to the public and spread information.
  - f. There is a huge information barrier; expanding on the bike programs is a good place to start. Could develop a mobile application to spread information, maybe starting with a hack-a-thon involving the colleges/universities.
  - g. Opportunity for economic growth if City and UCR can attract CARB testing facility (?).
  - h. People are averse to biking because of the heat. The City could consider electric bike sharing, installing showers at bike stations and transit stops, etc.
  - i. On busy streets the City needs to install Class I bike routes with separate bike lanes, and planted medians.
  - j. City needs an urban forest master plan; CAP should promote management of the urban forest rather than just planting trees.
  - k. Historic preservation – take advantage of three culturally/historically significant sites to highlight ethnic diversity and attract tourists.
3. Energy Discussion
- a. UCR will be carbon neutral by 2025 through installing onsite renewables, purchasing biogas for its utility, and purchase carbon offsets.
  - b. Is RPU exploring energy storage?
    - i. Yes in the process of looking at it.
  - c. Do we have enough money to incentivize solar, energy efficiency, and EVs?
    - i. RPU runs out of money for many of its programs; need to look at the business model by 2035 to continue these programs.
4. Water, Waste, and Green Infrastructure
- a. Could introduce a citywide composting program.
  - b. City is looking at recycled water in the near term.

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<sup>2</sup> Contact Janet Gillmore from the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) Council at (915) 369-6034; Meet first Monday of each month.