

October 11, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting – Questions and Comments Regarding Specific Measures in the Climate Action and Adaption Plan

Below are the main questions and concerns that were raised at the October 11, 2011 Planning Commission meeting regarding specific measures in the Climate Action and Adaption Plan (CAAP).

MEASURE T2-B PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST MULTIMODAL ENHANCEMENTS

Q. Is it possible to include bicycle improvements between Green Valley Road and Clifford Ave on Pennsylvania Drive?

A. The enhancements listed under Measure T2-B are projects that are currently identified in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The CAAP identifies the need to update the Trails and Bicycle Master Plan and improvements on Pennsylvania Drive can be included as a study area in the plan update.

MEASURE T2-C TRAILS AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Q. The current master plan tends to focus on roadways on the periphery of the City and does not focus enough on connectors from neighborhoods in the center of the City to the periphery.

A. Noted. This observation will be included in the update to the Trails and Bicycle Master Plan.

MEASURE T3-A DOWNTOWN WATSONVILLE SPECIFIC PLAN PARKING STRATEGIES

Q. We should be encouraging alternative ways to get to downtown and unbundling parking.

A. These suggestions are included as supporting measures in the CAAP

MEASURE T4-A TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE TREATMENTS

Q. We need more electric buses and free bus service like the new electric bus route that operates on a circuit in Watsonville

A. Noted.

MEASURE T5-A COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAMS

Q. Can Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) be included the commute trip reduction program?

A. The City will reach out to PVUSD and encourage participation in the program

MEASURE T6-F ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Q. Is it possible to increase the target participation rate of 5% to something higher?

A. A clear and achievable pathway is required of the commitments in the CAAP. The increase of 5% is considered achievable. It is hoped that additional active transportation improvements in the City will facilitate greater participation in active transportation adoption.

MEASURE SW1-A ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION

Q. Many restaurants have locks on their dumpsters preventing recovery of edible food. Is there a way to change this?

A. The CAAP includes three approaches to reducing organic waste: Organic waste collection, composting, and edible food recovery. By implementing an edible food recovery program there will be less edible food being thrown away.