City of Portland

Sustainability and Climate Commission

Policy and Implementation Committee meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Agenda

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1:10 p.m. Public comment

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- Meeting is being recorded via Zoom and will be posted online for transparency
- Commissioners ensure Zoom name reflects title (please shorten to Comm. or Alt.)
- Commissioners must raise their hand via Zoom to speak; facilitator will call on you
- State your name every time you speak
- Public comment: individuals will be called on by facilitator
- All materials can be found on this meeting's event page at www.Portland.gov/SCC/events
- Tech help: ask Wing Grabowski

Working agreements

1. **Speak with clarity and focus.** Share your thoughts truthfully and succinctly, staying on topic and respecting time limits and agenda allocations.
2. **W.A.I.T.** Use self-awareness by asking yourself "**W**hy **A**m **I T**alking?" Remember that everyone has the right to share their ideas, but not everyone always has the opportunity. Take space and make space appropriately.
3. **Assume good intentions but attend to impact.** We are all good people looking to collaborate for better outcomes. Not all good intentions lead to good outcomes: If someone is hurt, focus on listening and understanding the impact, not on the intent.
4. **Be willing to make mistakes and be forgiving of those who do.** Forgiveness fosters safety so we can all take risks. We make mistakes, even with good intentions. By making mistakes, we ultimately learn how to do things better.
5. **Allow for, and appreciate, disagreement of opinions, ideas, methods, respectfully.** Don't interrupt someone just because you disagree with them. Listen to understand others' thoughts and to find common ground. Critique ideas, not people.
6. **Build on other peoples' ideas.** Ask questions to best understand someone. Reinforce areas of agreement.
7. **We value participation, both in person and virtual.** Meeting facilitator(s) and meeting attendees proactively monitors online messages via chat for those that are joining in virtually on Zoom to ensure that all voices are represented.

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Briefing: City leaders' climate priorities

Mayor's Climate Concepts

- Inspired by the World Conference of Mayors and C40 agenda
- A discrete number of goals articulated in Portland's Promise:
  - switch to renewable diesel and electric vehicles in the City's fleet by 2030
  - support planning for regional high-speed rail
  - expand street sweeping operations
  - reduce traffic death to lowest level in a decade
  - regain national leading role in bike mode split
- Concepts from service areas exist that align with City climate goals to consider
- Crosswalk with emissions inventory to demonstrate data-supported actions

Mayor's Climate Concepts:
Built Environment

- Building decarbonization
  - Existing buildings carbon emissions removal
  - Low carbon construction
- Office to residential conversion

Mayor's Climate Concepts: Mobility

- Reclaim Portland's leading role in cycling infrastructure and culture
- More car free zones
  - Climate smart street surfaces
  - EV charging infrastructure expansion
  - Regional high-speed rail
  - All new electric fleet purchases by 2030 for City and Trimet
  - Pricing car use in the right of way
  - Expand street sweeping

Mayor's Climate Concepts: Energy & Resiliency

- Data centers
  - Responsible data center agreement
- Municipal energy strategy
- Severe weather resiliency and sheltering

Mayor's Climate Concepts: Pollution Reduction

- Phasing out petroleum diesel:
  - At the pump
  - On our waterways
  - Movement of goods
- Build grassroots support for actions that have a positive impact on air quality

Deeper dive: building decarbonization

Context: Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) evaluated decarbonization policy options, such as NOx limits, worked on the HEART Standards for rental housing, and developed the Climate and Health Standards policy concept to decarbonize existing commercial and multifamily buildings 20k+ sqft.

Regional appliance standards could decarbonize buildings <20k sqft.

BPS commissioned economic analyses for decarbonization of both new and existing buildings, and led community engagement for policy options. Then, handed policy package options to Council.

Lead: Council

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Committee priorities

Recap of discussed policy:

- Municipal energy strategy
- Heat resiliency and adaptation
- Transportation
- Upcoming legislative session (state)

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Discussion

- How do we connect the work in this Committee to City Council's and the Mayor's priorities?
- If this committee could only advance one recommendation this year, what should it be and why?

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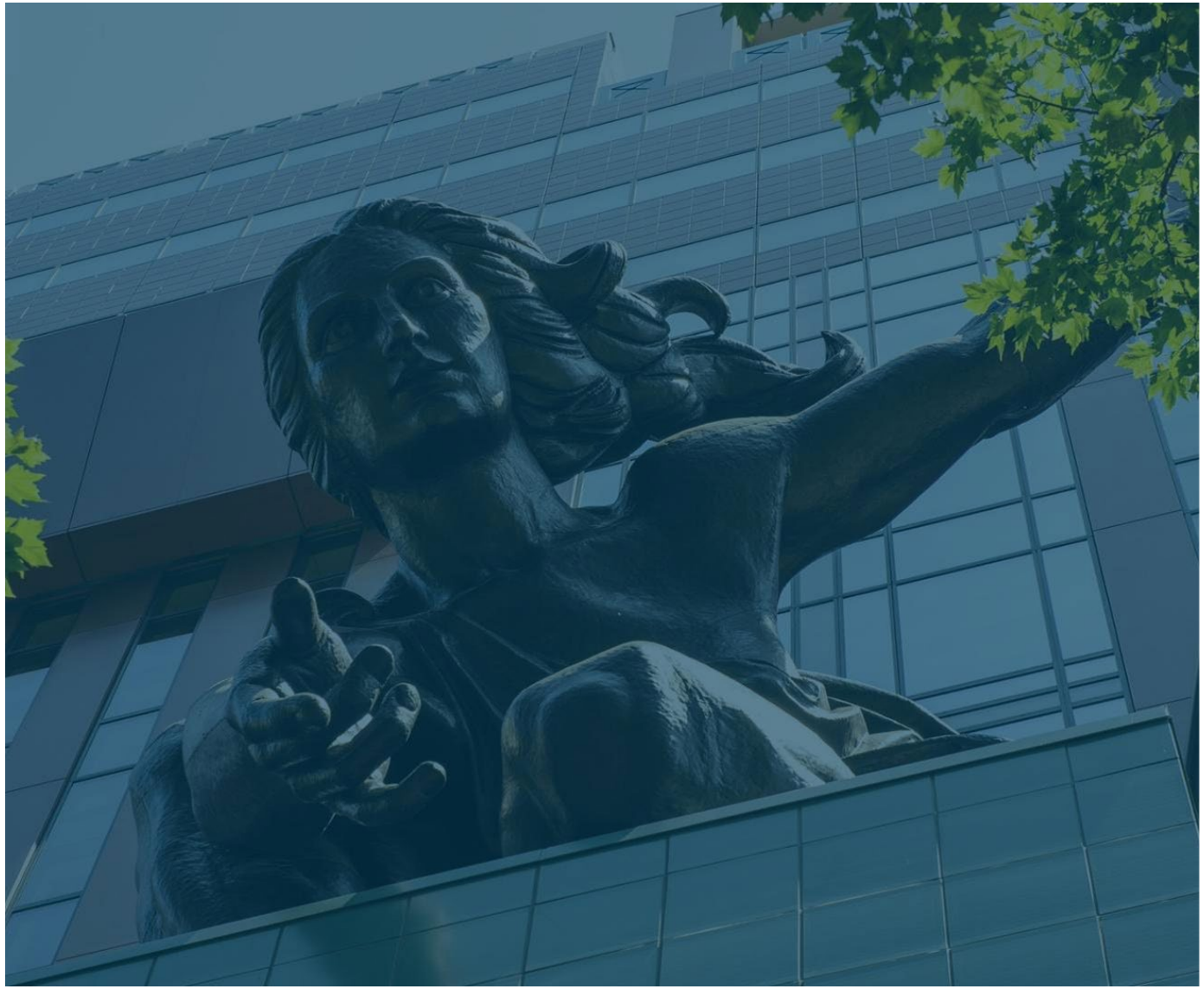
Duties: Commissioners feedback form

Next steps & reminders

Commissioners – fill out the feedback form in the chat about this meeting

Next Policy and Implementation Committee meeting **Tuesday, June 2 from 1-3pm**, Zoom only



Thank you

Questions and Discussion: contact sccinfo@portlandoregon.gov

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