REGIONAL 2030 CLIMATE AND ENERGY ACTION PLANNING

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2030 Climate & Energy Action Plan Goal - GHG Emission Reductions

- Climate, Energy, & Environment Policy Committee developing 2030 Climate & Energy Action Plan
 - 2020 regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goal
 - New 2030 regional GHG emissions mitigation goal
 - New 2030 regional resiliency goal
 - Regional 2030 Action Plan elements
- Using climate planning guidance from Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)



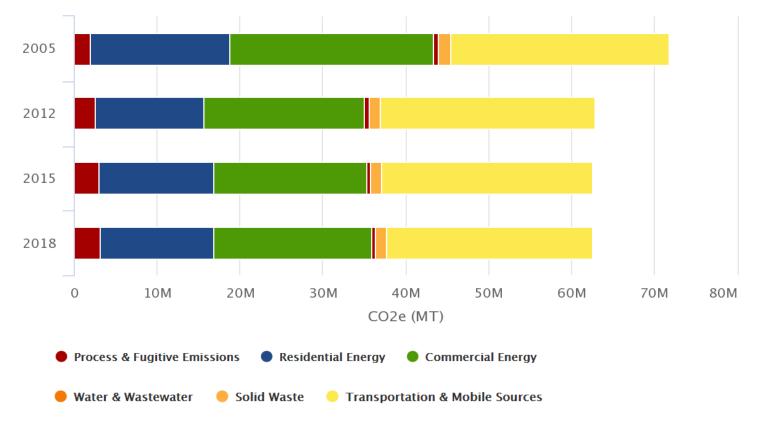
Regional GHG Mitigation Goals

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on limiting global warming to 1.5° C
 - Avoid many climate change impacts by limiting global warming to 1.5°C (such as more extreme weather, sea level rise and loss of ecosystems)
 - Global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) would need to fall <u>+</u> 45% from 2010 to 2030; 'net zero' by 2050
 - Requires "rapid and far-reaching" transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport, and cities
- Regional goals set in 2008
 - 2012 Reduce from business as usual by 10% (roughly 2005 levels)
 - 2020 Reduce 20% below 2005
 - 2050 Reduce 80% below 2005



Regional GHG Mitigation Goals

• 13% Reduction in GHGs across region, 2005 - 2018



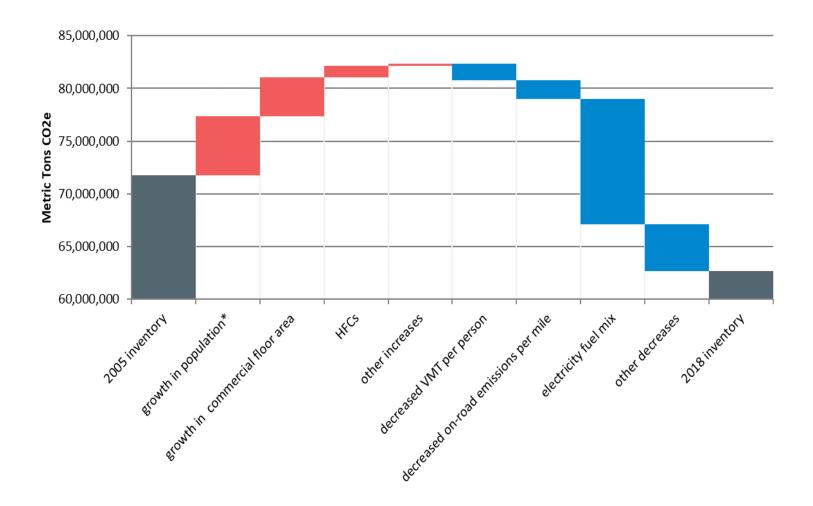
Source: ClearPath output

Note: ClearPath is an online greenhouse gas inventory tool. ClearPath is a product of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability.



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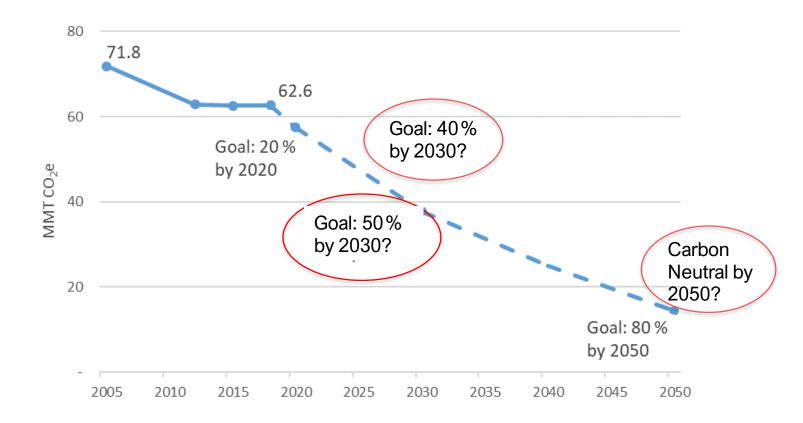
Drivers of Regional GHG Change





Updated Regional GHG Mitigation Goals

- 40 to 50% 2030 GHG reduction goal?
- Carbon neutral by 2050 goal?





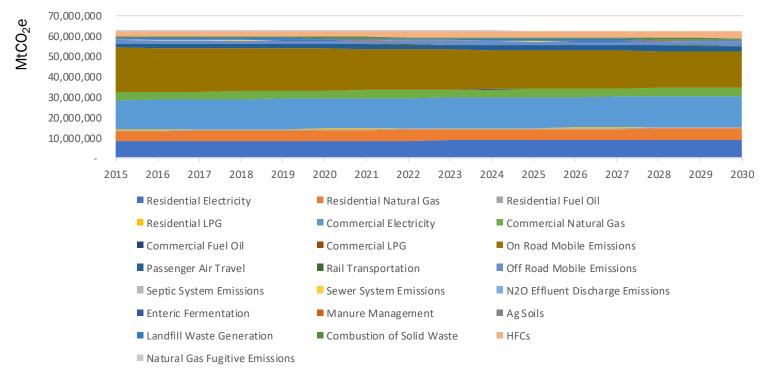
Regional Resilience Goals

- Network of people, governments, and institutions that have constructed resilient communities
- Climate risks are being communicated across governmental offices and to the public; engaging vulnerable populations
- Local climate risks have been assessed and climate planning is incorporated into all government plans & operations
- Measures have been implemented across the region
 - o Critical infrastructure and functions climate resilient
 - o Resilient solutions to protect public health and safety deployed
- Monitoring measures to address progress & future climate risks and vulnerabilities



Updated Business As Usual Emissions

- Total emissions will remain flat with no new future actions
- Accounts for growth in population, economy, & VMT; savings from "on the books" actions



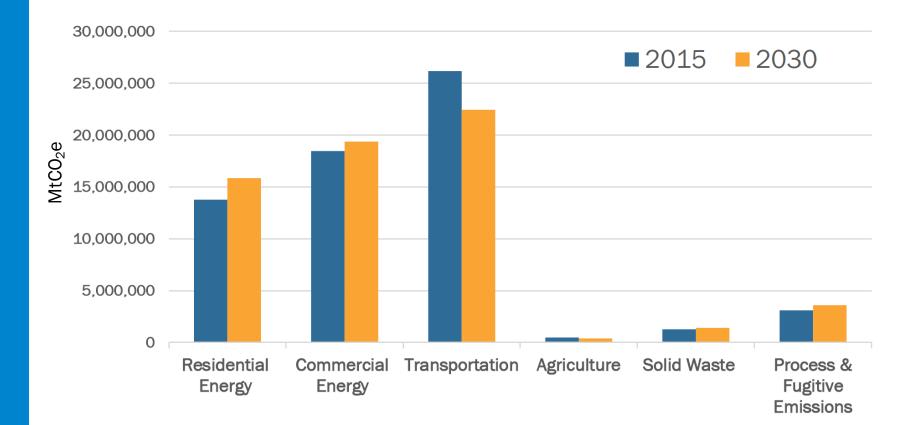
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Updated Business As Usual Emissions

• Future change not uniform by sector





50% Reduction - Technical Potential

Updated Scenario Assumptions		
Renewable Energy	 Renewable Portfolio Standards - Current standards (DC 87%, MD 50%, NOVA 38% by 2030) + 200,000 additional distributed generation systems – equivalent to 24% of single-family homes with solar 10% annual growth in corporate green power purchases 	
Transportation	 Continued fleet improvements – light, medium & heavy-duty vehicles Electric vehicles: Add NREL Electrification Futures Study high EV adoption rates Continued transit & micromobility – reduce VMT 	
Buildings	 75% of new housing in Activity Centers with high capacity transit All new construction new zero by 2030 2% residential & commercial building deep retrofits annually 	
Zero Waste	80% diversion by 2030	
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Timeline

Regional Climate Plan Updated Timeline	
June 2020	BEEAC and ACPAC weigh in on Plan's goals
	BEEAC Review of Plan's scenarios
July 2020	BEEAC deadline for comment on technical elements
	 CEEPC review of 2018 inventory, scenarios, and weigh in on Plan's goals
September 2020	Presentation to COG Board
September 2020	Preview Draft Plan framework & Climate Goals Resolution to ACPAC, BEEAC, CEEPC
	CEEPC recommendation to COG Board
October 2020	2030 Climate Goal Resolution before COG Board
November 2020	Draft Plan before CEEPC
December 2020	Submit to GCoM;
	• 1 st US Region fully meeting GCoM global standards for climate planning



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