



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
**FROM:** HILARY SUEOKA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS MANAGER  
**RE:** SUMMIT COMMUNITY CLIMATE EQUITY PLAN ADOPTION  
**DATE:** NOVEMBER 14, 2023

**Summary and Background:** In 2022, High Country Conservation Center (HC3) received a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency to develop a Climate Equity Plan for the Summit County community. Recognizing that equity was not adequately considered in the original Climate Action Plan (adopted by Council in 2019), the Climate Equity Plan presents strategies that not only decrease local greenhouse gas emissions, but also ensure underrepresented residents have access to the benefits of climate action. Strategies in the plan address three key sectors: energy, transportation, and waste reduction.

High Country Conservation Center's Climate Action Director, Jess Hoover, presented the planning process and main findings to Council on October 10, 2023. Staff shared the final plan with Council in the following week of October.

**Analysis:** Adoption of this plan will help guide staff and prioritize climate actions that strive to ensure community members receive benefits from projects in an equitable fashion, and that all community members have culturally appropriate information about and access to climate action programs.

**Financial Impact:** There is no financial impact from formal Plan adoption. Implementation of specific plan strategies within the Climate Equity Plan will incur costs including staff time. Costs for several strategies are already included in the Sustainability budget (such as EV car share pilot program and increased incentives for cold climate heat pumps). Should strategies require additional financial support, this will be included in a future budget amendment.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** The intent and key outcomes of this plan are supported by strategic objectives and associated pillars:

- Core Services: Environmental stewardship and reducing the effects of climate change
- Thriving Economy: Continuing to support regional transit and mobility improvements
- Community Inclusivity: Considering equity, inclusivity, sustainability, and accessibility in all that we do

**Environmental Sustainability:** The Climate Equity Plan is a critical addition to the Summit Community Climate Action Plan, which was adopted by the Frisco Town Council in 2019. This new, equity-focused plan overlaps with existing and future efforts of the Town's Environmental Programs division as detailed in the original Climate Action Plan including waste reduction, energy use, and transportation.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council adopt the Summit Community Climate Action Plan through Resolution 23-35.

**Approved By:**

Tom Fisher, Town Manager  
Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager  
Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Summit Community Climate Equity Plan  
Attachment 2: Resolution 23-35