



MEMORANDUM

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TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: DON REIMER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
HILARY SUEOKA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR
RE: TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION GREENHOUSE GAS RULEMAKING
DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2021

Summary and Analysis: In August 2021, the Transportation Commission (TC) noticed rulemaking to establish GHG budgets for projects, programs, and future plans at the state and regional levels. This will be a first-in-the-nation transportation sector GHG reductions rulemaking approach, and is intended to be a major strategy to help meet the state's Roadmap GHG reduction goal. The rule sets GHG emission reduction targets for the state's five Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), as well as CDOT, for 2025, 2030, 2040, and 2050. By October 2022 the state and the MPOs must incorporate a plan to meet the targets in their transportation plans and then report annually on their progress toward meeting the targets. If a region is not on track to meet its target, the TC will redirect funds toward projects that reduce GHG emissions. Regional public hearings will lead up to final rule adoption by the TC at its November 18, 2021 meeting.

Frisco is a member of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA), which has submitted the comments dated August 31, 2021 to the Transportation Commission, responding to the proposed rule language (Attachment 1). The comments focus on the low projections for GHG reductions and vague rule language that could weaken enforceability. These comments are submitted from CC4CA as a whole and note all participating jurisdictions, including Frisco.

Financial Impact: No direct financial impact is anticipated as a result of the rules.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The proposed greenhouse gas rules support the environmental sustainability goals of the Strategic Plan, and the Summit Community Climate Action Plan. The proposed rules are intended to reduce the effect of climate change; the stronger the rules are; the greater potential mitigation to climate change.

Staff Recommendation: Staff concurs with the comments submitted by CC4CA regarding the proposed rulemaking, and does not believe a formal comment by Town Council is required. If Council would like to submit any comments in addition to those presented by CC4CA, all written comments are due October 15.

Reviews and Approvals: This report has been reviewed and approved by:
Tony O'Rourke, Town Manager

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – CC4CA GHG comment dated August 31, 2021