

Maine Climate Council

Transportation Working Group Meeting

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Meeting Goals

1. Confirm priority topics and schedule of meetings
2. Learn about UMaine outreach process and provide input on priority topics and purpose of engagement
3. Identify inputs needed to have a productive conversation on those topics and recruit volunteers
4. Review recommendations template



Menti Poll Results (12-12 Meeting)

What are the most important considerations the TWG should discuss as it develops recommendations for Maine's updated climate action plan?

cost effective solutions, co-benefits (health and equity), realistic projections of what can be done

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Combination of realistic and aspirational recommendations; honesty about limitations and "nuts and bolts" challenges and real solutions for overcoming

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Reducing VMT in urban/suburban areas should be a strong focus with actionable strategies over next 5 years.

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Since we need to accelerate our efforts, consider what Emily Green said about offering specific rules/legislation ideas to the people who will have the power to act.

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Specific recommendations that result in direct policy action. Holding MDOT accountable to GHG and VMT reduction targets. Specific strategies for VMT reduction.

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equitable access to mobility. specific, actionable recommendations. keeping our eye on the overarching decarbonization targets

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Emission reductions

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Rural uptake of EVs, increased public transportation where it makes sense, specific policy and regulatory actions

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TWG Meeting Topics and Schedule

Priority Conversations:

- 1) Supporting EV and EV charging expansion (meeting 2/14)
- 2) Transitioning from single occupancy vehicles in rural and urban areas - reduce VMT (meeting 3/13)
- 3) Investigating alternative fuels - informed by medium- and heavy-duty roadmap (meeting 4/10)

Cross Cutting issues for further discussion:

- 1) Construction materials
- 2) Land-use
- 3) Marine emissions
- 4) Electricity demand management

Breakout Sessions - Priority Conversation 1

Supporting electric vehicle (EV) and EV charging infrastructure expansion

- a. Focus on fleet and workplace charging (CFI grant application, MHD roadmap)
- b. Weave in equity recommendation: Increasing EV ownership and charging availability among low-to-moderate income (LMI) households, renters, and rural areas
- c. Consider Maine's Plan for EV infrastructure deployment
- d. Superusers - transitioning folks out of vehicles that are low efficient and drive a lot of miles

Breakout Sessions - Priority Conversation 2

Transitioning from single occupancy vehicles in rural and urban areas (reducing vehicle miles traveled)

Urban/Suburban - identify policy options for:

- a. Land-use/smart growth (joint meeting)
- b. Increasing transit availability and efficiency for all residents with a focus on reaching LMI households and underserved communities
- c. Improving active transportation infrastructure, safety, and education

Rural - identify policy options for:

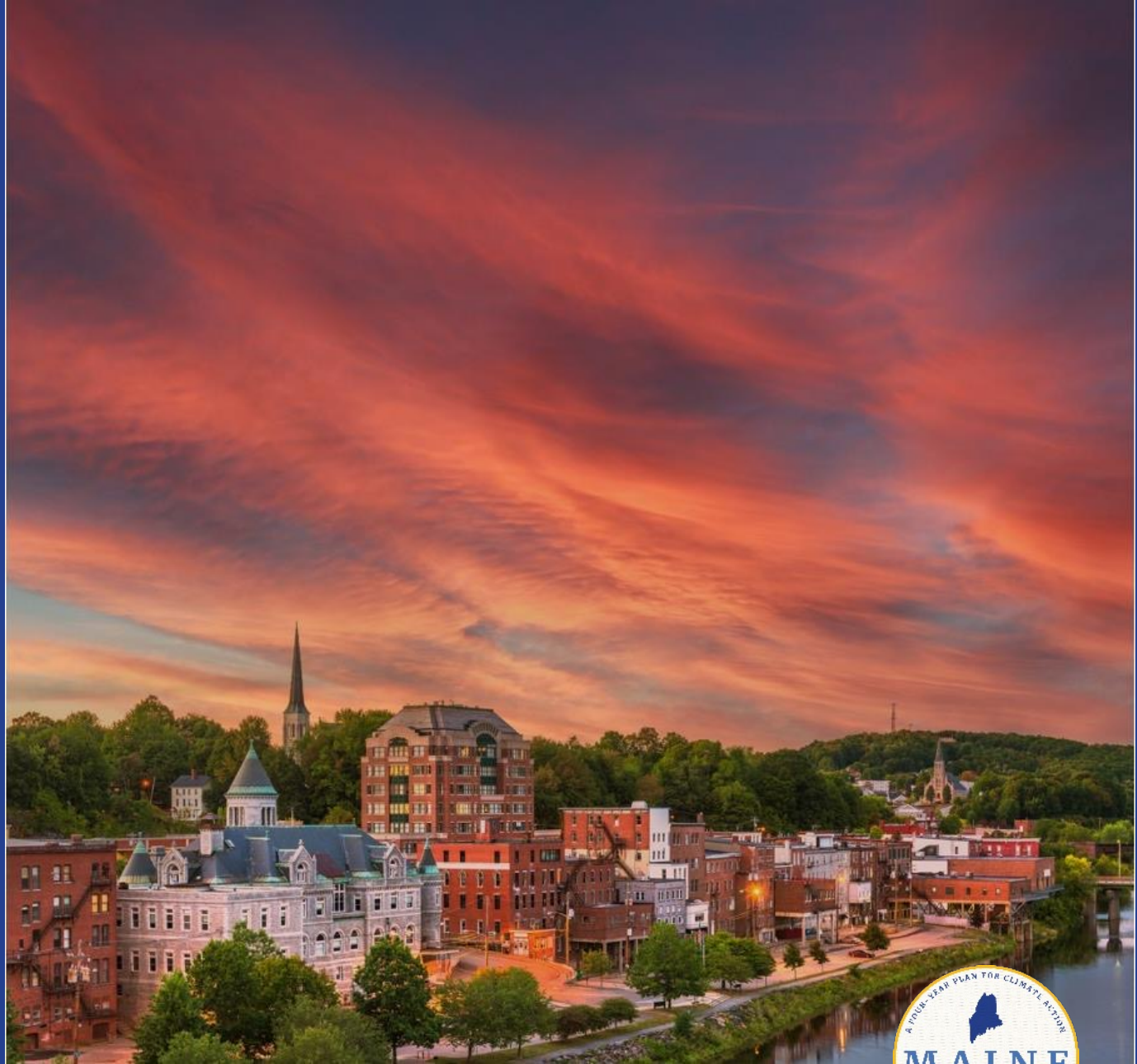
- a. Transit opportunities in rural areas (UMaine study)
- b. Carpool/other shared transportation
- c. Active transportation corridors

Template for June 2024 Deliverable

TWG to fill out template for each strategy

Key Questions	Details
Impacts	How strategies address MCC goals (reducing emissions, increasing resilience, economic opportunity, equity)
Cross-over	Other working groups involved
Priority Populations	Populations, impacts, sources of information, results of engagement, implementation
Timeframe	To implement and realize outcomes: Short-term (2025), Mid-term (2030), Long-term (2050+)
Implementation Next Steps	Legislation, rules/regulations, new program, additional research, education, coordination, etc.
Measuring Outcomes	Whether outcomes can be measured with existing monitoring/data, benchmarks or indicators of success

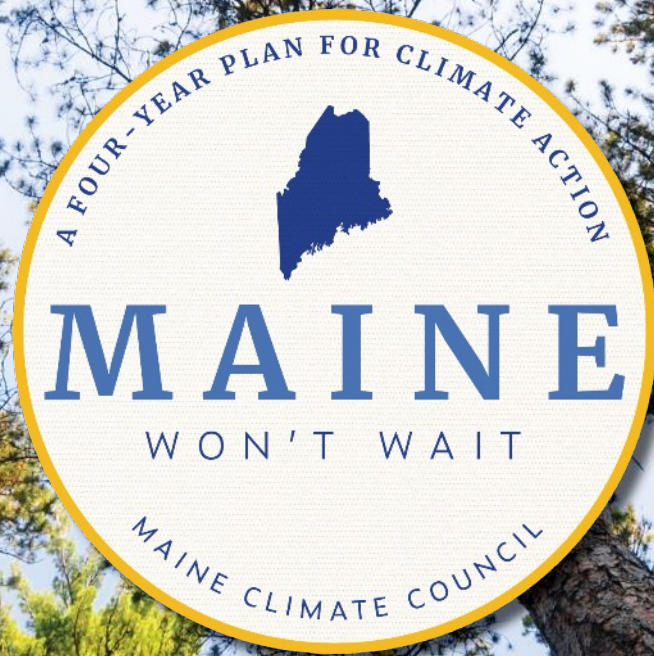
Next Steps and Adjournment



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