



Act on Climate

Update to EC4
February 9, 2022

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Outline

- Response to stakeholder comments on scope of 2022 Update
- Revised workplan
- Summary of January sharing sessions
- FOR REVIEW: Draft 2022 Update
- Next opportunities to engage
- Climate dashboard



Scope of 2022 Update

- **Themes of stakeholder comments**
 - Focus on reaching 2030 interim mandate
 - Identify priority actions for each sector
 - Identify agency actions, timelines, roles
 - Provide more time for reviewing the 2022 Update
 - Implement process improvements, like refining website
- **Responses to address comments**
 - Thank you!
 - Revised workplan to include sector-specific sharing sessions to identify priority actions to meet 2030 mandate
 - Posting working draft of the 2022 Update with table of contents and draft sections ready for review/to be updated
 - Working draft includes section to be completed that identifies priority sector-specific actions to meet 2030 mandate
 - Website revisions underway
 - Offer to attend stakeholder organization meetings – contact us!



Revised Workplan

2022 Update to the 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan – Revised Workplan					
Month	Focus	Council Meeting	Sharing Session	Workshop	Deliverable
Nov 2021	Scoping the 2022 Update	-	11/16 @ noon Scope of the 2022 Update	-	-
Dec		12/16 @ 1 pm Updates from COP26 AOC workplan Clean transportation	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplan
Jan 2022	Digging into Technical Details	-	1/11 @ noon 1/13 @ noon 1/13 @ 6 pm Defining ‘net-zero emissions by 2050’	-	-
Feb		2/9 @ 10:30 am Climate-economy nexus	-	2/11 @ 1 pm Conversation with Senator Whitehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised workplan Working draft Defining ‘net-zero’ chapter drafted
March		-	3/16 @ noon Reviewing RI GHG inventory tools and the 1990 baseline	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress since 2016 chapter drafted
April		4/7 @ 10:30 am 2018 GHG inventory, Clean energy jobs and just transition	TBD	Priority actions for the electric sector to meet the 2030 mandate	-
May	-	-	TBD Priority actions for the transportation sector to meet the 2030 mandate	5/19 @ 1 pm Climate-health nexus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting our 2030 mandate: Electric chapter drafted

May	Updates to Pathways, Policy and Implementation Strategies	-	TBD Priority actions for the transportation sector to meet the 2030 mandate	5/19 @ 1 pm Climate-health nexus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting our 2030 mandate: Electric chapter drafted
June		6/23 @ 10:30 am Climate resilience	TBD Priority actions for the thermal sector to meet the 2030 mandate	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting our 2030 mandate: Transportation chapter drafted
July		-	TBD Priority actions for the land use sector to meet the 2030 mandate	7/12 @ 1 pm Meet the utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting our 2030 mandate: Thermal chapter drafted
August		-	TBD Priority actions to improve climate justice	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting our 2030 mandate: Land Use chapter drafted
September		9/22 @ 2:30 pm Climate-education nexus	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting our 2030 mandate: Climate Justice chapter drafted
October	Delivering the 2022 Update	-	10/17 @ 1 pm Preparing for the 2025 Climate Strategy	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting our 2030 mandate: Agency actions and considerations for the General Assembly chapter drafted
November		11/3 @ 2:30 pm Review of draft 2022 Update	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete draft 2022 Update
December		12/15 @ 1 pm Vote to approve final 2022 Update	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final formatted 2022 Update

This is a working calendar and dates, times, and agenda items are subject to change.

Council Meetings will be held as hybrid meetings with both in-person and remote participation options. Locations of Council Meetings will rotate throughout the state. All other EC4 events will be remote. All events will be noticed via the Secretary of State's website, on www.climatechange.ri.gov, and through other distribution channels.

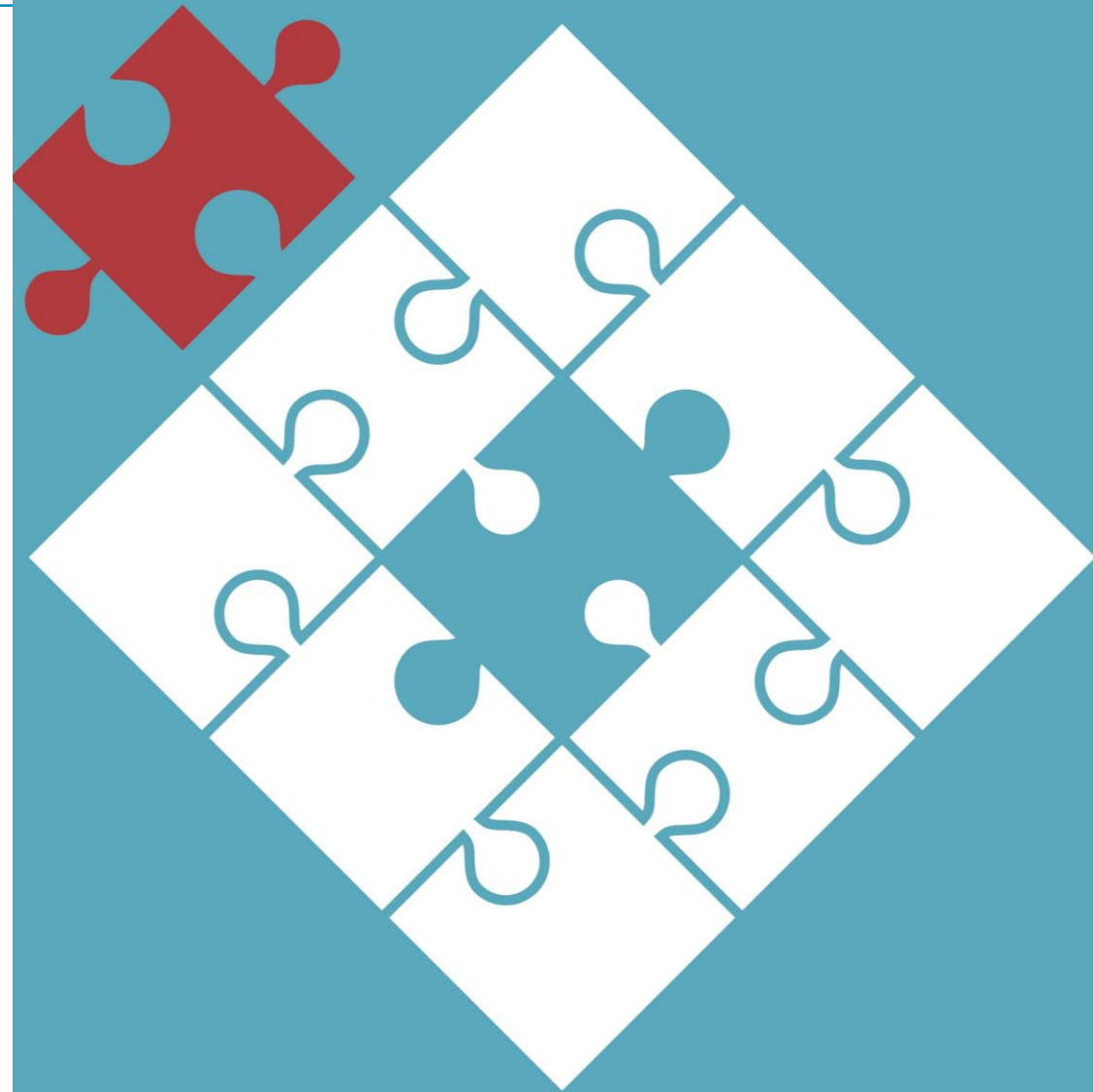
January Sharing Sessions

Well attended - 102 attendees

State legislator, Congressional staff, EC4 chair & vice-chair, most member agencies/offices of the EC4, and many stakeholder organizations and public

Pre-session and post-session surveys provided insight on representation; results suggest likely underrepresentation of several communities across RI

Facilitated discussion with insightful attendee participation



Facilitated Discussion

How do we define 'net-zero emissions by 2050'?

1. Which emissions are we talking about?
 2. How do we 'net' them?
 3. Over what timeframe?
 4. Other factors

2022 Update – Working Draft

- Front Matter – November
- **Introduction and Scope – drafted for ongoing review**
- **Defining ‘Net-Zero’ – drafted NEW FOR REVIEW**
- Greenhouse Gases – April
- Progress Since 2016 – March
- Meeting our 2030 Mandate
 - Electric – May
 - Transportation – June
 - Thermal – July
 - Land Use – August
 - Climate Justice – September
 - Agency Actions – October
 - Considerations for the General Assembly – October
- Looking ahead to the 2025 Climate Strategy – November
- **Appendix: Stakeholder Engagement – throughout**

Working draft available at <http://www.climatechange.ri.gov/aoc/>



Next Opportunities to Engage

- 2/11 @ 1pm – **EC4 Conversation** with Senator Whitehouse
- 3/16 @ noon – **EC4 Sharing Session** on overview of RI GHG inventoring and review of 1990 baseline
- 4/7 @ 10:30am – **EC4 Council Meeting**
- April TBD – **EC4 Sharing Sessions** on priority actions for electric sector to meet 2030 mandate

- Ongoing – **online public comment portal**
- Ongoing – we invite you to review and provide feedback on the **2022 Update working draft**

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Climate Dashboard

- The 2021 Act on Climate requires the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) to “foster public transparency by developing public metrics and an online public dashboard that shall track both emissions reductions and sources of energy consumed by the state” (RIGL 42-6.2-3.13)
- Memo to EC4 Advisory Board with proposed guiding principles and workplan

EC4 Meeting	Advisory Board Deliverable	EC4 Response
April 7	Presentation on best practices, including examples from across states and cities	Guidance on categories of metrics to include and on presentation/formatting
June 23	Presentation on specific proposed metrics and data sources or data needs	Guidance on specific metrics
September 22	Draft climate dashboard	Guidance on refinement
November 3	Final climate dashboard and memo on recommendations for future work	Vote to adopt climate dashboard – followed by instructions to work with IT to make the dashboard live and publicly accessible by the end of year



Appendix



2022 Update / 2025 Strategy

- As required by law, the EC4 will deliver an update to the 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan to the Governor and General Assembly by **December 31, 2022**
- The update will be **informed by public comment & stakeholder discussions**
- Subsequently, the EC4 will develop a strategy to incrementally reduce climate emissions to net-zero by 2050 to be delivered to the Governor and the General Assembly by **December 31, 2025**
 - Will be developed via a robust stakeholder process
 - Will address areas such as environmental injustices, public health inequities, and a fair employment transition as fossil-fuel jobs are transitioned into green energy jobs
 - The 2025 Climate Strategy will be a comprehensive working document that will be updated every five years thereafter

