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ACTION CALENDAR  
March 26, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Berkeley Energy Commission  
Submitted by: Ryan Bell, Chairperson, Berkeley Energy Commission  
Subject: Recommendations for current T1 Phase 1 funding shortfalls

RECOMMENDATION

The Berkeley Energy Commission recommends the City Council integrate greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, as stated in the Climate Emergency resolution adopted June 12, 2018, into the T1 funding priorities.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Unknown.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Many measures supported by T1 have implications for future carbon emissions and fossil fuel use. We understand there is a budget shortfall for Phase One of the T1 projects, which may also affect Phase Two decisions. We are concerned that if the City reduces funding for T1 projects, aspects of those projects that reduce carbon emissions may be sacrificed. If the City is serious about reducing fossil fuel use and carbon emissions, we should not sacrifice those aspects.

At the January 23, 2019 meeting, the commission took the following action:

Action: Motion/Second (Leger/Stromberg) to recommend that the City Council integrate greenhouse gas reduction goals as stated in the (Climate Emergency resolution adopted June 12, 2018) into the T1 funding priorities.

Vote: Ayes –Leger, Bell, Patel, Weems, Paulos, Stromberg; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Luce, Schlachter.

BACKGROUND

The Fossil Free Berkeley and Climate Emergency resolutions asked the Energy Commission to consider actions “to further implement the Climate Action Plan and establish the goal of becoming a Fossil Fuel Free Berkeley” and to consider several actions the city might take as part of this review.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

These recommendations are intended to accelerate citywide reductions in GHGs.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

While making recommendations for all of the actions the Council requested that the commission consider, the main recommendations for reducing GHG emissions focus on transportation and residential and commercial buildings as they are responsible for 98% of Berkeley's GHG emissions.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None considered.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager takes no position on the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

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