

PART II: 2020 WORK PLAN

The 2020 HDW Work Plan identifies subcommittees, each consisting of two departmental co-leads, as well as additional interdepartmental participants, assigned to implement specific strategies or projects. The 2020 HDW Work Plan builds from existing momentum and direction from the Department Directors and the Board of Supervisors. Strategies and projects were selected through interdepartmental meetings and were based on criteria such as feasibility, County control, and potential for improving community health.

Grants Committee

Collaboration on Funding Opportunities

All departments involved in the Healthy Design Workgroup will bring potential joint grant opportunities to the workgroup's attention and will encourage collaborative applications for livable communities funding opportunities.

Summary:

As in previous years, the HDW and its subcommittees will continue to track and identify opportunities for interdepartmental collaboration on grant applications. Collaborative applications have the potential to create greater synergy and efficiency for the County, reduce redundancy, increase competitiveness and increase award amounts. Coordinating with relevant County efforts and Departments outside the HDW, such as the County Grant Writers Collective, can help advance the goals of the workgroup.

Key 2020 Metric:

- Prepare and submit at least six (6) collaborative grant applications for livable communities, community-based planning and/or creative placemaking projects, or sustainability efforts

Reference:

County Strategic Plan

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Committee

AHSC Grant Funding Coordination

CEO, DRP, Public Works, LACDA, Public Health, and DPR will work with affordable housing developers to prepare grant proposals for the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) annual funding.

Summary:

Supported by cap-and-trade revenues, the AHSC funds affordable housing and transportation projects to support infill and compact development that reduce greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions by improving mobility options and access to transportation. Regular, on-going coordination between County departments and developers is essential to identify and develop competitive projects for this funding opportunity. In 2020, the committee will continue working with developers to identify potential affordable housing projects in the unincorporated areas and on County-owned land in neighboring jurisdictions; identify priority bicycle, pedestrian, public transit, and park improvement/tree planting projects nearby for potential funding; identify and mitigate climate vulnerabilities; and prepare grant applications for the next round of the AHSC grant program. The committee will continue working with the CEO to identify resources to support ongoing technical assistance for these efforts and will maintain an updated AHSC website for developers interested in working with the County.

Key 2020 Metric:

- Maximize the number of AHSC applications submitted for projects in the unincorporated areas, or on County-owned land in other jurisdictions

Reference:

County Strategic Plan

DRP will pilot implementation of the Equity Indicators Tool.

Summary:

DRP will continue piloting implementation of the Equity Indicators Tool and further develop stakeholder engagement strategies to promote equitable development in General Plan implementation.

Key 2020 Metric:

- Continue pilot implementation of the Equity Indicators Tool on at least one (1) new County project
- Seek funds to work with ISD on addition of new features and other improvements

Reference:

Board of Supervisors Motion, December 8, 2015

Report to the Board of Supervisors, November 29, 2018

Urban Heat Mitigation Committee

Climate Action Implementation

In December 2019, Public Health submitted budget item requests for staff and consulting resources to transform the existing draft Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan to align with action 29 in the OurCounty Sustainability Plan. In 2020, member departments will continue implementing existing departmental climate action strategies related to addressing urban heat on their own timelines. In 2021, pending allocation of sufficient resources, Public Health, DRP, Public Works, DPR, BH, FD, CEO, and ISD will begin to incorporate the draft Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan into a final strategy and implementation plan consistent with the OurCounty Sustainability Plan.

Summary:

Urban areas experience considerably higher temperatures than neighboring rural areas due to the Urban Heat Island Effect, worsening heat-related health outcomes. The Urban Heat Mitigation Committee first convened in Fall 2014 as the Climate Committee, choosing the development of the Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan (UHIRP) as its primary effort. The document outlines four strategies for addressing the urban heat island: Cool Roofs, Trees, Green Space, and Cool and Permeable Pavements. Each strategy features an implementation plan, with Action Items broken down into the following categories: programs and projects, research and funding, policies, and incentives. Now incorporated into the adopted OurCounty Sustainability Plan as Action 29 (“Develop a comprehensive heat island mitigation strategy and implementation plan that addresses cool pavements and roofs, pavement reduction, and urban greening”), resources are required in FY 2020-21 to establish staff capacity to complete the UHIRP, which was included among the County’s Near-Term Priorities for funding. Pending allocation of these resources, finalization of the UHIRP and development of an implementation plan will begin in 2021. Member departments of the HDW will continue to actively implement strategies described in the plan related to urban heat; and will work to support climate action through participation in the County Sustainability Council.

Key 2020 Metric:

- Seek needed resources to incorporate the draft Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan into a comprehensive heat island mitigation strategy and implementation plan that implements the OurCounty Sustainability Plan
- Continue implementation of climate action strategies related to urban heat

References:

General Plan/Community Climate Action Plan

Community Parks and Recreation Plans

OurCounty Sustainability Plan

Tree Committee

Interdepartmental Tree Coordination

DRP, Public Works, DPR, Public Health, ISD, ACWM, FD, DBH, and SD will implement a set of holistic strategies for preserving, maintaining, and expanding LA County’s urban forest in low income, tree-poor neighborhoods, working in collaboration with community partners.

Summary:

Trees are an essential part of the urban environment and contribute positively to climate change mitigation, storm water collection, air quality, and the comfort of people who travel along the street. In addition, street trees provide a psychological barrier between pedestrians and motorized traffic, making walking more enjoyable. An important committee priority is to develop a County Urban Forest Management Plan. Other Committee priorities include community engagement strategies around tree planting, increasing awareness of tree benefits through public education, and continuing collaborative work with others in the region on tree pests.

Key 2020 Metrics:

- Prepare and submit at least one (1) grant application for tree related activities, with priority on seeking funding for an Urban Forest Management Plan
- Identify and pursue at least one (1) new tree planting and education project in low-income, tree-poor unincorporated neighborhoods
- Survey mechanisms for private property tree giveaways in unincorporated areas
- Support implementation of the Early Detection-Rapid Response Plan for Invasive Beetles

References:

The Model Design Manual for Living Streets

Healthy Communities Report: Active Transportation Design Guidance and Recommendations

General Plan /Community Climate Action Plan

Community Parks and Recreation Plans

OurCounty Sustainability Plan

Public Health and Public Works will work with FD, SD, DHS, DRP, CEO, and California Highway Patrol (CHP) and other applicable Departments as needed to launch and implement a Vision Zero initiative for unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Summary:

Between 2013 and 2017, approximately 383 people lost their lives in traffic collisions on roadways in unincorporated Los Angeles County. On February 14, 2017, the County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a motion that directed Public Health and Public Works in consultation with the HDW to co-lead a Vision Zero initiative and implement strategies aimed at eliminating traffic-related deaths and severe injuries. In 2019, an implementation partnership structure was developed to begin transitioning the Vision Zero initiative from development of the inaugural Vision Zero Action Plan to its implementation. In 2020, it is anticipated that implementation of actions in the Plan will continue, including the development of pilot education, infrastructure, and/or enforcement projects conducted along Collision Concentration Corridors.

Key 2020 Metrics:

- Continue implementing the Vision Zero Action Plan by developing pilot education, infrastructure, and/or enforcement projects or programs along 3 or more Collision Concentration Corridors located in different communities identified in *Vision Zero Los Angeles County: A Plan for Safer Roadways*.

References:

Board of Supervisors Motion, February 14, 2017

Vision Zero Los Angeles County – A Plan for Safer Roadways, 2020 to 2025

Community Outreach and Project Coordination Committee

Community Outreach and Project Coordination

All HDW departments will continue to collaborate to enhance and improve community engagement and internal County processes to further healthy design policies, plans and projects.

Summary:

Better community outreach and engagement can lead to improved outcomes and broader support for County plans, policies, and projects. Community members know their communities best and deserve more and better coordination with County departments on initiatives that impact their daily lives. Through this committee, HDW departments collaborate to identify new methods of working together on community engagement as well as share information collected through community outreach to ensure County services and resources are provided. In 2020, the committee will continue to enhance cross departmental collaboration on outreach through several innovative efforts. Public Health will continue to lead the collaborative work with other departments to develop a contact management system (CMS) to improve knowledge of and engagement with stakeholders; begin using new Master Agreements developed in 2019 to contract with community-based organizations for outreach and engagement purposes and encouraging additional vendors to apply.

Key 2020 Metrics:

- Work with Public Health Information Systems to determine feasibility of developing County CMS system using existing County resources; otherwise pursue identified funding mechanisms
- Use new Master Agreements to contract with at least (1) community-based organization for outreach and engagement purposes on a County project

References:

County Strategic Plan

Community Parks and Recreation Plans

The Model Design Manual for Living Streets

Healthy Communities Report: Active Transportation Design Guidance and Recommendations

General Plan

Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment

Multi-Modal Transportation Reimbursement Committee

Multi-Modal Transportation Reimbursement Coordination

Public Health, DRP, and DHR will work with other County departments and Board offices to identify ways to facilitate reimbursement for midday, work-related transportation using alternative travel modes.

Summary:

On-road transportation comprises the second largest portion of Los Angeles County's carbon dioxide emissions. As the employer of over 100,000 people, County employee policies have an impact on the environment and communities near County facilities. While the County supports and encourages employees to use public transit for their work commute, for some employees the challenges associated with getting reimbursed can disincentivize taking the bus, train, or bike-share to an off-site meeting or other business hours transportation needs. In 2020, the committee will work to support adoption of an ordinance to update the County Code and Fiscal Manual, such that the Auditor-Controller can make the required changes to MARS enabling reimbursement for work-related trips by alternative travel modes.

Key 2020 Metrics:

- Adoption of an ordinance to update the County Code to enable multi-modal reimbursement
- Updates to the County Fiscal Manual and MARS
- At least one (1) new mass communication effort to County employees encouraging and promoting the use of transit, walking, and bicycling for work trips

References:

General Plan/Community Climate Action Plan

Metro Board Motion, October 26, 2017

Board of Supervisors Motion, July 10, 2018