

# Hillsboro 2035 Stewardship Committee



## Meeting Summary

### Participants

Tom Arnold, Tina Bailey, Nina Carlson, Kristel Griffith, Troy Gagliano, Mac Martin, Vinod Singh, Laura Trunk, Kieran Sikdar, Justin Green, Jeff Pazdalski, Hannah Cruz, Fawn Bergen, Tina Chang, Mia Hocking, Randall Olsen, Makena Krause, Allison Puch Cahuich, Tasha Johnson, Tony Varela, Audrey O'Brien, Peter Brandom, Jason Robertson

Absent: Matthew Barnett

### Welcome and Introductions

Peter opened the meeting with a round of introductions, including several first-time participants. He then presented and confirmed the proposed agenda.

### Home Energy Score Discussion

Peter provided an overview of the City's work to explore, test and potentially approve a "Home Energy Score" Policy. The PPT presentation (attached) covered background research, original City Council policy proposal, and considerations in light of ongoing COVID impact, housing affordability and equity conversations.

Discussion:

- Are there enough qualified/trained/approved inspectors to meet demand and prevent slow-down in home buying/selling process? (Yes, currently have enough. But as population grows, we'll need more. Could be a job creation opportunity. Training not complicated but technical and required).
- Would like to see similar cross-jurisdiction application of scoring to encourage support and simplicity.
- Energy Trust of Oregon can help identify contractors, upload information to Green Building Registry.
- Community Action can help advance the rental and home owner situation alike through retrofit program (grant funded, free upgrades for income-restricted households).
- Good idea to table "rental housing" for now – let's see how program works with sales. Scoring methodology does not allow for evaluating 'stacked' multifamily housing at

present, due to complexity of variables. But lots of single family rental housing could be applicable.

- Notable: Portland has been doing this for a while now, and even realtors like it – clear financial story.
- Please share your thoughts at: [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/EnergyScore](https://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/EnergyScore) (open through mid-February), or email [Peter.Brandom@Hillsboro-Oregon.gov](mailto:Peter.Brandom@Hillsboro-Oregon.gov).

## Indicator Review – Mobility

Peter walked through the existing and several new potential mobility-related indicators (attached slides) with goal being to reduce carbon emissions. Current indicators include:

- Mean travel time to work (recommend dropping)
- Single occupancy vehicle trips as a % of all trips (recommend replacing with alternative)

New indicators for consideration include:

- Miles of missing bike lanes on arterial and collector streets / sidewalks on all streets (gap reduction)
- Percent of Hillsboro households located within ¼-mile of frequent public transit line
- Mode share (percent increase in non-single occupancy vehicle transit use)

Discussion:

- Why not keep mean travel time to work as an indicator? (Because it may include commuters who use transit...those trips may take longer, but if they have the time to spare, it is a preferred alternative. That said, the original indicator served a purpose. For some time, many Hillsboro jobs were filled by non-Hillsboro residents...the City has made good progress creating new housing opportunities closer to the workplace in Hillsboro).
- Is there good data on travel modes? (Yes, we're proposing a new mode-share data indicator).
- Can't we get commute data from employers? (Yes, but the surveys are infrequent and incomplete, and they only cover mandatory employer participants...so, not effective as a sustainable indicator).
- Can we get more info from Metro Vehicle Miles Traveled data? (It's not broken down for Hillsboro, so not ideal. However, we're working with Metro on an air quality study, so there may be future opportunities).
- Why don't we track transit ridership? (Would love to, but topical experts say it's an indicator beyond our control – i.e., we can't impact, within Hillsboro, who does/does not choose to use transit. Might be better to measure ability to close the "gap" v

“growth” in alternative transportation usage. We’re hoping new mode-share indicator will be reflective of our actions – e.g., build more and safer biking and walking infrastructure, make transit stations more accessible and safer, create more work at home options).

- Please consider more relatable term to “mode-share”: that may be confusing to a normal person (will do).
- I like the idea of tracking EV (electric vehicle) charging station data. Can that tell us something? Do we have enough stations to meet demand? (Great question. Unfortunately, we can’t use this an indicator at this time: we don’t know if those charging are Hillsboro residents or external commuters. But we can track usage at City level – there’s value in seeing that and ensuring we continue to install charging stations to keep up with demand. So far, we believe we have). Side note: you can charge E-bikes anywhere...could see/or promote an increase in usage

Decision: Adopt all three new proposed indicators

### Member Announcements/Public Comment

- Washington County is moving forward with the wood stove buyback program – please help promote
- Community Action is funded to help replace old, less efficient furnaces with much more efficient
- Energy Trust has expanded the definition of ‘moderate income’ in COVID times, and can help more people access incentives for energy-efficiency projects:  
<https://www.energytrust.org/incentives/savings-within-reach/#tab-two>
- Peter Brandom will be serving as a Hillsboro rep on the upcoming Oregon Cap and Reduce rulemaking committee, set to formally begin in January – feel free to connect and ask questions
- The State is underway with more recycling modernization. To track and participate, please reach out to Audrey O'Brien, DEQ or visit:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/Modernizing-Oregons-Recycling-System.aspx>
- A new City Council rep will be assigned to the Environmental Stewardship Committee in 2021. At that time, we will also discuss the Committee’s formal role in advising City Council on environmental stewardship subjects.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021, 3-5 PM, Location TBD