

VISTA CAP COMMUNITY MEETINGS COLLECTED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Community Meeting	Public Question	City Answer
Meeting 1 General Public	When will the CAP be updated after/how often is it updated?	There is no predetermined update schedule. The CAP was prepared in 2013 and is being updated in 2018 – roughly a five-year cycle. It is the City Council’s decision when the next update will take place.
	What is the horizon year?	The horizon year is 2035.
	Who initiates the updating of the document?	The City Council decides when the updating of the document is scheduled. At this time, a five-year cycle is proposed.
	Is there an equity clause/a focus on equity?	Addressing social equity and environmental justice is being proposed to the CAP Update team.
	At these meetings, could staff expand on the CAP creation and decision-making processes?	The CAP Update process was documented during the seven-part community outreach program. More about these meetings and proposed measure voting can be found here .
	Will the current council vote on the CAP?	Staff intends to bring the CAP Update before City Council for final consideration in early 2019.
	Why hasn’t an environmental commission or committee been created?	The City Council determines whether an internal CAP team or commission is created. This recommendation will go to Council on August 28, 2018.
	Will a vulnerability assessment be included in the update?	At this time a vulnerability assessment is not included in the CAP Update.
	Are there any suggested measures by consultants that are considered really productive?	Consultant identified Transportation and Energy as two categories of significant GHG reductions. Proposed measures in these categories will be reviewed.
	Does the state mandate any of these reductions?	At this time it does not.
	How often will the GHG inventories be done?	The GHG inventories will be calculated with every update, recommended every five years.

Meeting 2 Climate Focused Group	Who oversees the Bicycle Master Plan?	The Bicycle Master Plan is housed under the capital improvement program and is managed by the Engineering Department.
	Will the CAP horizon year go beyond General Plan 2020?	Vista's General Plan goes out to 2030. The horizon year from the CAP Update is 2035.
	Is the iCommute program just vanpooling or is there a mandated transportation demand ordinance?	The iCommute Program can be considered and will be proposed to Council if needed. A mandated TDM program is not included in the current CAP.
	Will our CAP reflect SANDAG's regional transportation plan goals?	Yes, the intent is to have regional transportation goals incorporated into the CAP Update.
	Will achievability be factored into measures selected for implementation?	Staff is reviewing all suggested measures and the feasibility of each measure selected.
	Will the CAP outline responsible parties for measure implementation, and will there be penalties or incentives for achieving implementation?	Yes, all parties involved in measure implementation will be outlined prior to implementation. At this time there is no policy that determines incentives or penalties for measure implementation.
	Will the updated CAP be CEQA certified, thus being "enforceable?"	The CAP will be CEQA certified.
	When developments pay mitigation fees, where does that money go?	This depends on what the mitigation is for and where funding is allocated. Mitigation fees must be used for the issue for which they are collected.
Meeting 3 South Vista Communities	Has the City measured any progress of the measures implemented in the previous CAP document?	At this time, the City will identify what has been done thus far in the CAP Update.
	Can CCE be better explained?	The City is meeting with CCE program leads to gather more information. If CCE is considered as a measure then additional analysis and discussion of CCE will be scheduled.
	Would a CCE program integrate private providers?	This has not yet been decided. Future CCE discussion will be held internally; additional information about these programs will be brought to Council, as directed.

	Who decides if the City implements a CCE?	The City Council decides whether or not a CCE program will be adopted.
	Can people opt out of CCE?	Yes, opt out options are available with current CCE programs.
	Are flex-zone, anti-idling, and improved traffic signal measures being considered for transportation initiatives?	Some measures are being considered like TS improvement measures in CIP. Roundabouts, signal improvements, and traffic light timing changes are being considered.
	Can we advocate for specific timelines for measure implementation?	Yes, the public is welcomed to advocate for measure timeline creation.
	Can the CAP be a working/living document?	Yes, the CAP is a living document that will be updated and monitored regularly.
	Are there alternatives to a CAP?	At this time there is no alternative to a CAP. There are adaptation policies and environmental projects being implemented by other cities that support CAP measures.
	Will the CAP be obsolete in three years?	The CAP will be updated on a five-year rotation.
	Can the City provide an outline explaining which individuals, organizations, and City departments play a role in different measures?	The City will identify departments and staff contacts for measure implementation once this phase is underway.
	Does the City consider political achievability when voting on measures?	This is not considered at this time.
	Do we have any programs in place for the City of Vista to fast-track green building initiative requests?	An expedited solar permit program is available.
	How is the City addressing resiliency short- and long-term?	Resiliency will be addressed in the CAP Update at a general level.
	What happens if Vista does not meet state-suggested GHG reduction targets?	There is no state mandate or penalty affecting the City if GHG targets are not reached.

Meeting 4 Townsite Community Groups	Can future community outreach for these types of meetings include Vista schools?	Yes, the City is in communication with VUSD. Outreach meetings involving Vista schools is subject to District approval.
	Will a City translator be made available for future events?	Spanish translation was made available at the CAP Community Outreach meeting (6/27) with a fully translated presentation which can be downloaded here . Spanish translation was made available at the Planning Commission meeting (7/17) and will be available for the CAP presentation at the City Council meeting (8/28).
Meeting 5 Businesses and Chamber of Commerce	Can businesses receive policy updates from the City about changes that will affect them?	The City will make the effort to communicate regularly with the Chamber of Commerce which will decide what information to distribute.
	How long will it take to implement the CAP?	This is unknown as measure feasibility, funding, staff time, and program implementation will need to be reevaluated regularly.
	How is the Economic Development Department involved in the CAP process?	City departments are involved in the CAP on a staff level with internal reviews conducted by department directors. If an internal CAP team is created then the team will report CAP progress to directors and councilmembers.
	Why doesn't Vista have a CAP team or director?	The City Council has not allocated funding for such a position at this time. The CAP is currently handled by the Director of Community Development.
	How are SDG&E and SANDAG involved in measure implementation funding?	These agencies are not directly involved in the funding of measure implementation. SDG&E awarded the City with the Emerging Cities grant which allowed for CAP Update support from Rincon Consultants Inc.
Meeting 6 Planning Commission <i>Please reference Planning Commission agenda, presentation, and meeting minutes here.</i>	Have any of the following groups been included in the discussion: Innovate 78, Vista Water District, power/utility companies?	Innovate 78 has not been directly involved in the CAP Update process aside from working with the assigned staff member to handle notices. Both VID and SDG&E have met with City staff to review conservation efforts and available measure-related programs.

	Have construction companies been at the table?	Some companies have been invited but representatives have not been present at meetings.
	What does Vista's transit system look like in comparison to other cities?	Vista's transit system is fairly suburban and operates on half-hour head times. It is intended to increase head times to 15-minute intervals in the future.
	What is the progress on traffic signal coordination?	This is ongoing. The City recently issued a contract for improved communications equipment for South Vista and the same project will be implemented for North Vista in Winter 2019. Once new infrastructure installation is complete, signaling will be coordinated. There is a program in place to reevaluate these processes on an annual basis.
	Is the City focusing on providing residents with a park within 10 minutes of their residence, and is there a plan in place to expand facilities?	No. The City is currently evaluating the preparation of a parks needs analysis, but this is not directly related to CAP efforts.
	What is the process for the public to request a capital infrastructure improvement?	The City's Engineering Department has a form for any CIP request that is later evaluated on an annual basis when the CIP budget is prepared.
Meeting 7 General Public	As a political body, will the City Council be presented with the science on climate change?	Yes, this information will be included in the presentation to City Council when staff requests the CAP Update be adopted requested.
	What does GHG stand for?	GHG = greenhouse gas; GHGs = greenhouse gases
	Does resident and City green waste go into landfills?	No, the resident and City green waste does not go to landfills.
	Can the City be transparent with the CAP progress in the future?	Yes. The City welcomes public engagement and community outreach feedback and suggestions to aid in this process.
	What is the EDCO's composting service process?	Please contact Margo Cobain for more information about EDCO's future composting services.
	In regards to recent international trade regulations, where does our recycling go?	The recycling is taken to domestic outlets and Vietnam, Indonesia, Taiwan, Malaysia. EDCO does not landfill recycling material.
	How can we establish a CAP Implementation staff position?	This is subject to council direction as they decide on budgeting for staff positions. Please contact your elected official.

	If the City Council changes drastically in 2020 to become pro-CCE, could the CAP be reevaluated?	Yes, the CAP could be reevaluated at any time.
	Does the City have a green pilot program?	Not at this time. This is subject to council direction.
	Is the City recommending a 100% clean energy goal?	Not at this time. This is subject to council direction.
	What is the partnership between the City and VUSD in relation to CAP initiatives?	The City is working with VUSD to take advantage of energy related or GHG reduction projects.
	How does the City play a role in the VUSD solar program?	The City is taking credit for solar program data but is not partnering with VUSD on their solar projects since they are state grant funded.
	When City staff presents the final presentation, who will be presenting with them?	The City staff will make the CAP Update presentation with support of CAP Update consultants (SANDAG, EPIC, Ascent, Rincon).
	If the Council seats do not change, does the state still mandate goals that the City must achieve?	These are not mandates; these are goals the State is trying to achieve. The City is not penalized if it does not make its desired reduction goals.
	Is the online voting survey closed?	The online voting will remain open until the end of August. (English / Spanish)
	How do these meetings fit into the CEQA process?	These meetings were the start of the project description that will ultimately be evaluated in the CEQA process.
	Does the CAP require a unanimous or a majority vote?	A majority vote is required.
	What happens when state and federal regulations change, and how do those changes play a role in the CAP?	The City will reevaluated as changes occur and the will update related documents and plans as needed.
	How long of a gap will there be between the 2016 data and adoption of the CAP Update?	We expect to adopt the CAP Update in 2019 which will translate to a three-year gap in data.

	In the electricity section of GHG emissions, does the City know how that breaks down between residential and commercial?	This information will be requested from SDG&E.
	Since the data is coming from the local utility, will residents know how the energy breakdown and trends change down the line?	The City will share information provided by SDG&E when energy data is made available.
	Will the electricity breakdown be provided to Planning Commission?	This information will be requested from SDG&E.
	Will the current council or new council be voting on the CAP Update?	The council that is elected in November will be the voting body on the CAP Update.
	Has the City considered mandating solar on new building construction?	Solar is mandated on new residential construction after 2020 (state mandate).
Online Survey Write-In Questions	Can the CAP director provide more information about measure implementation on a regular basis – online or through bulletins?	If the Council is supportive of creating CAP coordinator position, that person will be responsible for updating staff and City Council on a regular basis.
	How has SDG&E “provided jobs” in Vista and how many jobs have been provided with their involvement in city initiatives?	More information is needed to answer this. Reaching out to your local SDG&E representatives is recommended.
	Regarding lithium storage facilities by SDG&E: How much will such storage units benefit the local residents with bill reductions? Do these projects provide solar panels to those who cannot afford them? What issues might the residents encounter due to such facilities?	There was a public hearing for battery storage development on Olive Avenue – this is public record. The impact to surrounding residents can be reviewed on that staff report. Additional questions could be answered by SDG&E or the battery storage facility referenced.