### **Climate Action**

## **Transport Options and Financing Climate Neutral Cities**

City of Palo Alto Sustainability Department invites you to join us.

The City of Palo Alto leads our state and the world in addressing climate change and local solutions. The easy actions are being done. But some challenges are beyond any city border, and require a broader view of what's possible.

- What are other leading cities and regions doing?
- What technologies are making solutions viable today and the near future?

The City has undertaken a wide range of initiatives to improve the sustainability performance of both government operations and the community at large - including approving a Sustainability and Climate Action Plan - and offers a wide variety of programs that may help you take action to enhance your own sustainability efforts.

Please join us to explore two of the most vexing challenges we face in our region. Brings your ideas, best practices, trends and technologies that will help Palo Alto, Silicon Valley and cities everywhere.

<u>Issue 1</u>: How can we make it more convenient for anyone, anywhere to not have to get into a car and drive?

We spend hours in traffic gridlock, wasting time and energy and our lives. How can we reduce VMT, gas usage and be more productive as a society?





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#### Issue 2: How can we finance climate neutral cities?

Good ideas need social support and funding. Cities have limited budgets and must make priorities. How can we finance our climate action agenda that's equitable and gets the job done?

### Cities: Sustainability and resiliency is now required in long range Strategic Planning

- Every city is developing a Climate Action Plan yet geography makes each city unique in its risk and response. Some have achieved 100% clean energy already.
- Expand transit options to reduce traffic
- Minimize water usage in a state that gets too much and too little rain
- Reduce the waste stream into landfills
- Prepare for the consequences of climate change, and become more resilient to these forces.

