RE: **Sample Comments from RCC for Draft Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan on Collaborative Implementation**

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**Sample Comments on Collaborative Implementation for the City of Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan**

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Let’s maintain **mutual accountability and transparency** for implementing our **City of Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan**

specific comments from RCC for

**CITY OPERATIONS & ENTERPRISE LEADERSHIP** (page 59)

* **Goal** - Net Zero GHG by 2040 City Operations
* **Excellent Strategies** - (1 to 9) especially
* **Strategy 1** Implement a Climate Legacy Initiative to support Climate Action
* **Strategy 2** Establish an Enterprise Climate Equity Cabinet

**ADD Strategy 10** (to strengthen strategies 1 to 9)

* **Launch Collaborative implementation of the Climate Equity Plan - with Topic-Specific Implementation Teams**  - including city, county, state, nonprofit, business, community-based implementation partners) to align & secure local state & federal funding, solve capacity gaps, streamline implementation, facilitate shared-learning & maintain mutual accountability and transparency during implementation
	+ <https://rccmn.co/collaborative-climate-implementation/>

**Collaborative Implementation Elements**

* + **Topic-Specific Implementation Teams**
	+ **Multi-departmental** - with City Staff (across departments)
	+ **Inter-jurisdictional** – with peer staff working to advance the same issues – from other cities, counties,
	+ **With implementation partners –** nonprofit, business and community-based implementation partners
	+ **Insight Vision** Strategy Engagement Platform (nationally recognized) <https://www.insightformation.com/>
	+ **Peer Learning to strengthen topic teams** - Community Strategy Engagement Accelerator August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024 <https://www.insightformation.com/csea-2023>

**Collaborative Implementation Benefits**

* **Making the most of all funding sources -** Enabling cities and counties to fund local implementation with more comprehensive knowledge of federal IIJA and IRA formula-based & competitive funding opportunities and 2023 MN Legislative appropriations (including matching funds for federal grants)
* **Facilitating the development of successful federal funding proposals of topic-specific collaboratives**
* **Facilitating the development of successful federal funding proposals from regional collaboratives**
* **Facilitating collaborative interjurisdictional climate implementation** by topic, sub-topic and region
* collaborative multi-city **local implementation**, and shared learning to scale up implementation.
* **Addressing capacity gaps together** – city staffing, implementation contractors and work force capacity,
* **Effectively solve state and regulatory p**olicy barriers blocking implementation
* **Collaboratively documenting implementation and success stories for shared learning and reporting**

**Federal EPA Funding Arriving Soon** **that could fund the launch of Collaborative Implementation** (July 2023)MPCA ($3 million) and Met Council ($1 million)

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| **Suggestion/ Proposal to Facilitate Collaborative Strategy Mapping by** **Topic** in 2023 & 2024 in with State Agencies, nonprofits working with cities, topic experts and EJ/community based/ NGOs with support from Resilient Cities and Communities, Insight Formation and as part of * MPCA Updating the [MN Climate Action Framework](https://climate.state.mn.us/minnesotas-climate-action-framework) with interested cities and counties
* [Met Council/Metro Region EPA Climate Action Planning](https://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Community-Development-Committee/2023/April-17%2C-2023/2023-87-Pressentation.aspx) with cities and counties to

**🡪**  **facilitate successful collaborative** multi-city **funding proposals** (IIJA, IRA, etc.) in 2024 **🡪** andcollaborative multi-city **local implementation**, shared learning to scale up implementation. |
| **Project Cost** - Met Council $100k, MPCA $300k | **Funding** EPA Climate Planning Grants $4 million total |
| Building on our [Minnesota Climate Action Framework’s](https://climate.state.mn.us/minnesotas-climate-action-framework) six strategy areas & agency work teams: **Clean Transportation , Climate-Smart Natural and Working Lands,  Resilient Communities, Clean Energy & Efficient Buildings, Healthy Lives and Communities**and **Clean Economy** (mitigation & adaptation) |
| * Using the [Insight Vision Strategy Management Platform](https://www.insightformation.com/insightvision) and one-on-one support from state agency and NGO topic resource people, with interested topic work group members participating in the
* [Community Strategy Engagement Accelerator 2023 Program](https://www.insightformation.com/csea-2023) (CSEA) a few hours a month
* Agency staff from **six interagency work teams** & lead **NGO partners** will do the initial homework to
* **Create strategy maps for their topic area** (high level & drilling down) by reviewing and lining up goals and strategies from the MN Climate Action Framework, regional, county and leading city climate action plans with the support of RCC, Collectivity and Insight Vision staff.
* **Convene Six Topic Work Teams** – to **review and improve the draft strategy maps** and **prioritize** **strategies**, document **co-benefits**, identify relevant **federal**, state, county, city funding
* **Who** – colleagues, practitioners and stakeholders**,** working on their topic on State, Regional, County, City and Community levels (stipends if needed)
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|  | **Clean****Transportation** | **Working Lands** | **Resilient Communities** | **Energy & Buildings** | **Healthy Lives & Communities** | **Clean Economy** | **Zero****Waste** |
| **Agency Teams** | MN DOT | DNR, AG | MPCA, DNR, U of MN | Commerce | MPCA, Health | CommerceDEED | MPCA |
| **Lead NGOs** | Move MN, U of MN CTS | Nature Cons LSP | RCC, Freshwater | CEE, Fresh Energy |  |  |  |
| **Regional** | Met Council |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **County** | Co. staff  |  |  |  |  |  | Hen co |
| **City** | City staff |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Nonprofit Business, CBO & EJ Partners** |  | Nature Cons TPL, LSP, FMR, MSHCForever Green | RCC, Tree Trust, Green Mpls, Fresh Water,  |  |  |  |  |

**Strategy Engagement Resource Organizations**

**Resilient Cities and Communities**

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* **RCC County Clusters -** groups of cities to team up by county to advance shared priorities. <https://rccmn.co/county-clusters/>
* **Webinar** Strategy Engagement to Simplify Climate Implementation <https://rccmn.co/strategy-mapping-jan-26/>
* **Case Study** <https://www.insightformation.com/tread-demo-page>

**Insight Vision Strategy Engagement Platform**

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<https://www.insightformation.com/insightvision>

* **IBM Report** https://www.insightformation.com/ibm-report
* **Community Strategy Engagement Accelerator 2023** <https://www.insightformation.com/csea-2023>

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**Lessons from Regional Climate Collaboratives across the U.S.** <https://rccmn.co/regionalclimatecollaboratives/>

* **Establish priority climate mitigation and adaptation goals/strategies for the region while advancing equity**
* **Align, city, county and regional policies and investments achieve the priority strategies**
* **Build the capacities of local government in the region to implement the strategies**

The centerpiece of this work, the [*Metropolitan Washington 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan*](https://www.mwcog.org/documents/2020/11/18/metropolitan-washington-2030-climate-and-energy-action-plan/) developed by COG’s [Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee](https://www.mwcog.org/committees/climate-energy-and-environment-policy-committee/), outlines collaborative actions the region should take to meet its shared climate mitigation and resiliency goals, including a 50 percent reduction in emissions below 2005 levels by 2030.

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