



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 8, 2011

**TO:** Metro Policy Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Mayor Jerry Willey

**SUBJECT:** City of Hillsboro Actions on Climate and Sustainability

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Comments I made at the May 25 MPAC meeting created a stir in the bicycling community. Lest people wrongly think those comments mean Hillsboro isn't committed to addressing climate change and sustainability and increased bike/pedestrian travel, here are a few highlights of some important work we're doing in those areas.

One of the highest priorities in our Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan calls for actions that spur active transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and opportunities. Hillsboro:

- Leads grant-funded projects for pathways and other active transportation aspects
- Supports local and regional partners on actions such as an integrated bike network and increased bike rack capacity
- Worked with Metro to complete a brand new Hillsboro cycling map based on the Metro Bike There! map.

In 2008 Hillsboro hired its first full-time staff position dedicated to sustainability to strategically organize City efforts. Initiatives include:

- The region's first BikeStation facility, a brand new, secure bike commuting facility with 40 bike spaces, locker rooms, tools and other amenities
- 16 installed electric vehicle charging stations – the most in Oregon – with plans for 9 more in the near term
- 2009 Green Fleet of the Year Award from the Columbia-Willamette chapter of the Clean Cities Coalition
- First in Oregon "In-Sync" video detection street signal timing project to reduce idling and emissions from vehicles
- Hillsboro's first comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory
- A community energy/climate action plan (in process)
- Hillsboro's first comprehensive Sustainability Plan, with aggressive goals for 2030, including greenhouse gas emissions targets
- Nearly 200kW of solar capacity installed on City facilities
- An aggressive facility energy efficiency retrofit program
- Contributing jurisdiction to Clean Energy Works Oregon
- A successful Green Power Purchase campaign
- An employee commute trip reduction incentive program