Vermont Climate Council

Workplan 2022 - Initial Ideas

January 2022

Framework for a 2022 Workplan

VCC Areas of Work ANR's GWSA Work How we'll coordinate the work

Legislature

VCC – Areas of Work – Draft Ideas

Pending substantive issues

- Transportation
 - Develop strategies for transportation sector GHG emissions reductions
- Biomass
 - Tabled biomass recommendations

Technical work

- Complete already budgeted analyses and prioritize remaining statutory requirements
 - Pathways Analysis, Measuring Progress Tool, Municipal Vulnerability Index
- Prioritize additional technical analysis included in CAP and beyond
 - Request budget to support further technical analyses/study

Engagement

- Engage frontline communities and the full range of Vermonters
 - Prioritize work needed to extend the VCC's commitment to co-creation, community engagement and a just transition

ANR's GWSA Work in 2022

- Complete Vermont Pathways Analysis Report
- Initiate rulemaking re: CA Clean Car & Truck standards
- Develop Measuring Progress Reporting Tool
- Develop the Municipal Vulnerability Index Tool
- Undertake public engagement and outreach around the initial Climate Action Plan, with a focus on a short series of on-line meetings and translation of CAP

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 Prepare "...an analysis of the economic, budgetary, and fiscal costs and benefits of the Plan..."

How we'll coordinate the work — Initial Ideas

An approach emerging in 2022

- Use **ad hoc small groups** (sub-committee members, councilors, state staff) to develop initial proposals
 - E.g. process being developed for transportation work
 - Ensure transparency for Sub-committees & Council about what's happening
- Sub-committees meet once per month (approx.) to review proposals
- Council provides final oversight and guidance
 - Perhaps quarterly meetings, or sometimes more?
 - Council needs materials 2 weeks in advance if being asked to make significant decisions

Council Priorities - Timeline

Short-Term

- Budget Review
 - Presentation of budget best delivered half-way through legislative session for FY23
 - Could lead to need for Council to advocate to additional resources
- Technical Analyses Prioritization
- Public Engagement Strategy

Spring 2022

- Biomass Recommendations
- Transportation Recommendations
- Rule-making review 45 days ahead of filing rules