A Community Conversation about Transportation/Land Use and Climate Change: Input for the Portsmouth Climate Action Plan

Organized by Portsmouth Climate Action, Transportation and Climate Action Group and Portsmouth Smart Growth

Levenson Room, Portsmouth City Library
Thursday, June 29, 2023, 6:30-8:00 pm

<u>**Agenda**</u>:

- **Welcome and Introductions** (10 minutes)
  - PCA/TCAG (Bill Lyons)
  - PSG (Emily Chadwick)
  - Participants' Check-in: (Bert Cohen, PCA)

- **Goals and structure of meeting** (Bill Lyons) (5)

- **Update on Portsmouth CAP:** Peter Britz, City of Portsmouth (3)

- **Topic Overviews for Breakouts** (20)
  - *Shared Mobility/Public Transit*: Bill Lyons, Peter Vandermark (PSG)
  - *Walking, Biking*: Matt Glenn, Annie Poubeau (TCAG/SABR)
  - *EVs*: Tom Morgan (PSG), Fred Calcinari (PCA/TCAG)
  - *Land Use/Smart Growth*: Emily Chadwick, Deb Chag (PSG)

- **Facilitated topic breakouts:** (25)
- **Groups report back on actions to reduce GHG emissions in CAP** (15)

- **Close meeting** (5)
  - BrightAction Platform
  - Next Steps

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* TCAG: PortsmouthTCAG@gmail.net or https://searei.org/tcag/

* Portsmouth Smart Growth: https://www.portsmouthsmartgrowth.org/
* Portsmouth Climate Future/CAP:
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/planportsmouth/portsmouths-climate-future

Discussion Questions for Breakout Groups

The following discussion questions were adapted from the Portsmouth Climate Forum 5/4/23 and developed for the CAP Community Engagement and Climate Ambassador program.

Topics for breakout group discussions:

1) Walking or Biking: Nonmotorized or Active Transportation
2) Shared Mobility/Public Transit: transportation shared among users, including traditional public transit (fixed route/schedule buses); micromobility (bike sharing, scooter sharing); carsharing, rides on demand (Uber, Lyft, flexible minibuses) or ridesharing (carpooling and vanpooling).
3) Electric Vehicles: vehicles (cars, trucks, scooters, bikes, buses) and charging infrastructure.
4) Smart Growth/Land Use: policies, plans, or projects that encourage reduced vehicle trips, miles, and GHG.

Questions: for above topics, assigned to each group

1) Where and how do you think the City (government operations) and Community (residential, commercial, institutional) should focus efforts to reduce transportation sector GHG emissions? (10 minutes)

2) What barriers do the City, community, or you personally face in supporting solutions identified in Question 1? (5 minutes)

3) How aggressive should the City and Community be in pursuit of transportation strategies to reduce GHG emissions?   (5 minutes)
   - How should the City and Community prioritize climate actions? What criteria should be applied, for example, cost effectiveness or "co-benefits" in addition to GHG reductions (e.g., social equity/affordability, safety/public health, livability, economic development), political and public support, or impact/scale)?

4) Any concerns about whether any population groups can contribute to or benefit from these actions? (5 min)
   If time permits:

5) How can the City promote education and awareness of climate goals and these suggestions?

6) The group can prioritize suggested actions for the CAP based on question 1.