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Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities Community Conversations Rulemaking Effort Seeks Community Guidance

SALEM – Last March, Governor Kate Brown issued [Executive Order 20-04](#), directing agencies to reduce climate pollution. In response, the Land Conservation and Development Commission initiated its Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities rulemaking last fall to significantly strengthen Oregon’s administrative rules about transportation and housing planning.

The effort is focused particularly on areas with populations over 50,000 people (Albany, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene-Springfield, Grants Pass, Medford-Ashland, Portland Metro, and Salem-Keizer).

To provide guidance for the rulemaking process, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) staff have convened a diverse Rulemaking Advisory Committee. DLCD staff are now partnering with local government staff to convene community conversations to help ensure elected and appointed community leaders and community members are apprised of the rulemaking and are invited into the process.

Join the Conversation!

So that we can determine if our outreach is reaching community members with a range of perspectives, preregistration is required. Participation via telephone access is possible; details provided at the registration links below.

April 6, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Albany-Corvallis ([register here](#))

April 13, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Southern Oregon ([register here](#))

May 11, Noon – 1:30 pm
Bend ([register here](#))

May 19, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Eugene-Springfield ([register here](#))
May 25, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Salem-Keizer ([register here](#))

Participants are welcome to attend meetings not in their regions.

Assistance with Access

All are welcome. To help ensure equal access to our programs, services, and activities, please notify us in advance of the meeting if you need interpretation or other accommodations to participate. If there are ways we can help you more fully participate in this process, please contact Casaria Taylor at casaria.taylor@state.or.us

Rulemaking Outcomes

Rulemaking Advisory Committee members have [identified a set of Equitable Outcomes](#) staff hope to advance through the rule-writing process.

These include:

- Achieving Oregon's transportation-related greenhouse gas pollution reduction targets
- Adequate housing with access to employment, education, and culturally appropriate food, goods, services, recreational and cultural opportunities, and social spaces
- Healthy air quality and increased carbon sequestration, particularly through tree canopy and parks in urban areas
- Increased resilience to the effects of climate disruption
- Increased stability of priority populations, lowering the likelihood of displacement due to gentrification from public and private investments
- More accessible, safe, affordable and equitable transportation choices with better connectivity to destinations people want to reach (e.g. education, jobs, services, shopping, places of worship, parks and open spaces, and community centers)

Why is this Rulemaking Happening Now?

- **Oregon is not meeting its goals to reduce climate pollution.** While some sectors have made significant progress, transportation-related climate pollution has increased. If current trends continue, Oregon will come nowhere near to meeting our 2050 goal.
- **Transportation accounts for roughly 38% of Oregon's climate pollution.** Transportation, and especially reducing driving in larger cities, will have to be part of the solution for all Oregonians.
- **The rulemaking will significantly strengthen Oregon's rules about transportation and housing planning,** particularly in the eight areas with populations over 50,000 people. Some rule changes to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and increase transportation choice may apply to communities outside those areas.
- **Residents are expected to benefit from reducing greenhouse gas pollution,** including better health outcomes, cleaner air and more choices for Oregonians on how to get to places they want to go.

DLCD invites community guidance on how best to design and implement the rules to achieve these outcomes. Please help spread the word.

Join the Conversation

[Learn more about the rulemaking effort and sign up for updates here](#)

Information about these sessions was previously sent to the GovDelivery list of people interested in this rulemaking and other lists on March 19, 2021. DLCD apologizes for any cross-posting that may occur.

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Oregon's land use planning program — originated in 1973 under Senate Bill 100 — protects farm and forest lands, conserves natural resources, promotes livable communities, facilitates orderly and efficient development, helps coordination among local governments, and enables citizen involvement.

The program affords all Oregonians predictability and sustainability to the development process by allocating land for industrial, commercial and housing development, as well as transportation and agriculture.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) administers the program. A seven-member volunteer board known as the [Land Conservation and Development Commission \(LCDC\)](#) guides DLCD.

Under the program, all cities and counties have adopted comprehensive plans that meet mandatory state standards. The standards are 19 Statewide Planning Goals that deal with land use, development, housing, transportation, and conservation of natural resources. Periodic review of plans and technical assistance in the form of grants to local jurisdictions are key elements of the program.