



City of Houston Climate Action Plan



Setting the Stage

As a participant in a Climate Action Plan (CAP) working group, your role is to help the City identify equitable and effective policies and programs that will allow Houston to become carbon neutral by 2050. The City has assembled a list of policies and programs currently under consideration and is asking for your input. The first action is to review, rank and prioritize the proposed policies and programs. Next, we will identify the impact pathways of each of the actions being considered.

STEP 1: Rank and Prioritize

Please review, rank and prioritize the proposed policies and programs using the following criteria: equity, likelihood of adoption, likelihood of implementation, time frame and barriers.

Equity – An important part of this planning process is to identify and mitigate potential equity impacts, reduce existing inequities, identify opportunities to improve the quality of life of vulnerable groups, and identify opportunities to achieve more environmentally and economically just outcomes. Applying an equity lens to the implementation of the CAP will ensure that different resident experiences and perspectives will help guide the City's CAP decision making.

Equity includes (but is not limited to) increased access and accessibility to jobs, housing, transportation, funding, education, healthy foods, and clean air; affordability related to basic living needs (e.g. housing, food, utilities, healthcare, transportation, etc.); and improved health (physical and mental) outcomes with cleaner environment.

Rating scale: Impact on equity is positive, negative or neutral

Likelihood of Adoption – based on your understanding of policy, regulation, economics, technology, and other contexts, what, in your opinion, is the likelihood of adoption?

Rating scale: Likelihood of adoption: high >75%; Medium 75%-25% and Low <25%

Likelihood of residents/organizations implementing – If policy or program is adopted what is the likelihood of it being used or adopted by the public? Some programs/policies may sound great but may be tough to implement. Based on your experience, what is the likelihood of the successful implementation of a program or policy if it is adopted?

Rating scale: Likelihood of implementation: high >75%; Medium 75%-25% and Low <25%

Time Frame – Is this a short-term, mid-term or long-term policy? Can it be implemented now? Do other things need to happen first, such as new technologies, funding, etc.?

Rating scale: Short-term (up to 2030); Mid-term (up to 2040) or long-term (up to 2050 and beyond)

Barriers to success – After considering all these factors, provide your input on what you feel are the key barriers to program adoption and implementation. List out possible hurdles the City may need to overcome to make this policy or program a success.

STEP 2

After determining the likely/possible impact of these programs and policies, the second step is to identify the impact pathways of each of the actions being considered. Working groups need to consider not only the greenhouse gas reduction potential but also the outputs, outcomes and impacts. See schematic graphic on this page.

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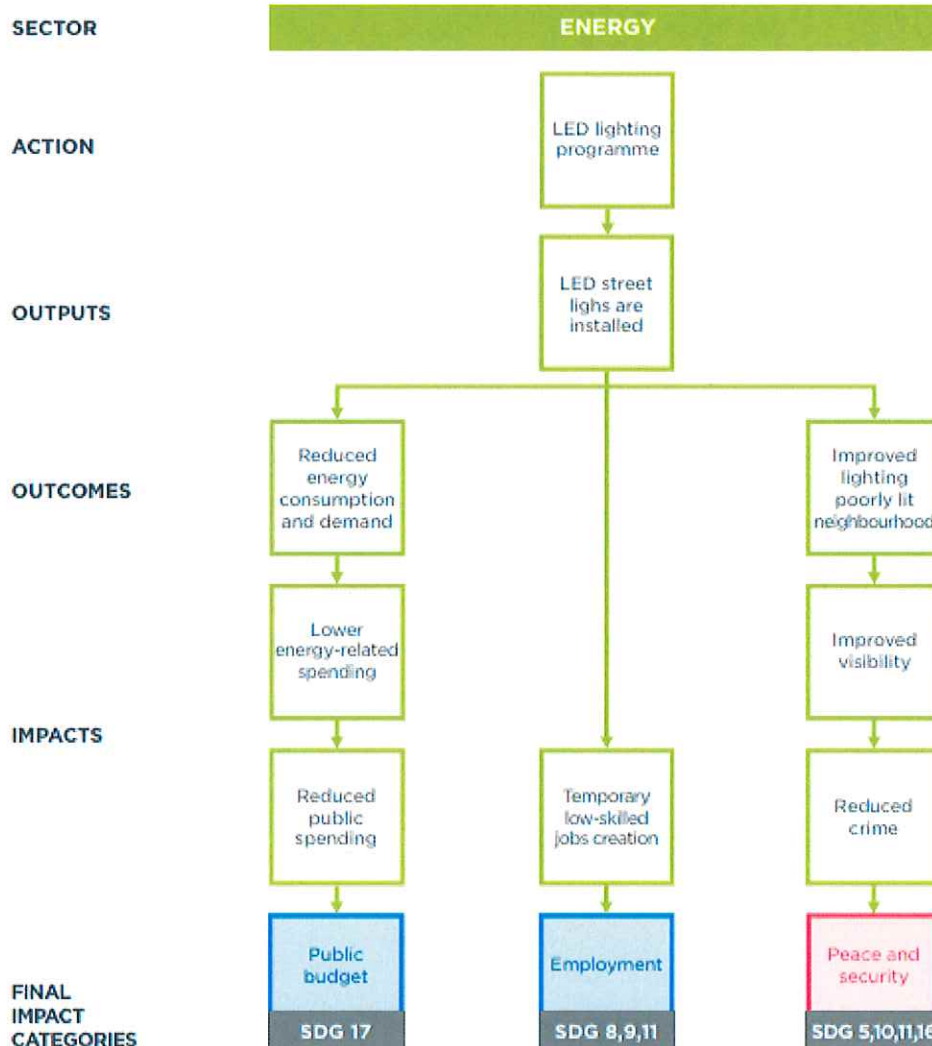


This schematic is one way to consider how certain actions will lead to specific outputs, outcomes and impacts. This process can be used to structure your thinking on what may occur when certain policy or program actions are taken.

Outputs are products, goods and services that come from the action. They should detail the anticipated output of the action.

Outcomes are the changes generated by the output. These are the likely or achieved short- and medium-term effects of an action's output and can include behavioral or non-behavioral change.

Impacts are the positive and negative long-term effects produced by an action.



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