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● **Alina Vo** started transcription

**R1 Room 140** 0:05

And I would like to just make sure who roll call first to the board offices. We're gonna start off with next with SE two. Francisco Lopez with Brandon Mitchell's office. Lorraine Lundquist, president. T3.

**OA Ordower, Aaron** 0:22

Aaron Nordhauer district.

**FR Fox, Rachel** 0:22

Rachel.

**R1 Room 140** 0:23

Online.

**EE Ellison, Emily** 0:26

Emily Ellison SD3.

**FR Fox, Rachel** 0:29

Rachel Fox SD3.

**SD Sittig, Dylan** 0:32

Tell us to take ST3.

**R1 Room 140** 0:32

Lucy, Rachel.

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In earlier from think we may be having some.  
Anyone else from STP?  
Lee.

**SD** **Sittig, Dylan** 0:50  
Till in from ST3.

**R1** **Room 140** 0:55  
Before.

**GD** **Gonzalez, Daritza** 0:57  
Hi this is deritza here with SD4.

**GE** **Garcia, Esteban** 0:57  
Good morning. Esteban Garcia from SG4.

**KF** **Kurt Floren** 1:00  
See.

**R1** **Room 140** 1:03  
SD5.  
Like we're, we're gonna try to see if we can resolve.  
It looks like we have audio issue.  
Anyone from who's joining virtually just.  
Maybe say something and just to make sure.

**WT** **Webb, Tyler** 1:29  
Hello.

**KF** **Kurt Floren** 1:32  
And pert floor NAD Commissioner director awaits. The measures is here.

**DU** **Danny Ubario** 1:38  
Daniel Barrio chief Deputy Adam current control.

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**GJ Gary Jones 1:44**  
Gary Jones beaches and harbours.

**DK David Korsak 1:44**  
Hear you.

**R1 Room 140 1:45**  
Hear you both.

**YP Yolanda Pina 1:50**  
Yolanda Pina, chief deputy Public Library.

**LH Lynda Hikichi 1:50**  
Good morning.

**AB Alina Bokde 1:55**  
Good morning, Alina.  
Both day chief deputy Parks and Recreation.

**ME Miki Esposito 2:03**  
Good morning, Nikki Esposito with public works.

**R1 Room 140 2:11**  
Agenda planning planning.  
Departments, but for some reason recent, it looks like you know problems with the board offices.  
Audio. So that's why when we're talking here, we're gonna hear a an echo.  
I'm gonna try to time it.  
Right now, it just won't.

**DK David Korsak 3:00**  
Sorry about that.

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Can can someone confirm online and if they can hear me?  
I can hear you. OK. OK.

**TA Trejo, Annette** 3:06  
Yes, we can hear.

**DU Danny Ubario** 3:06  
I can hear you, David.

**BM Bryan Moscardini** 3:08  
We can hear you.

**DK David Korsak** 3:09  
Thank you.  
Sorry, we're having the audio issues, but I think we're able to move forward right now.  
I think this.  
Yeah, I think.  
I think we're gonna have to follow the computer around 'cause right now. The mic in the room is not working.  
Feel free to OK, put your so someone looks like someone's trying to speak, but everything. So yeah, I think 'cause right now we have to run this this microphone right now. Room audio isn't. So now that you should be you should. They should be able to hear.  
You from here? From my computer.  
Rachel, can you hear me?

**FR Fox, Rachel** 4:17  
Yes.

**DK David Korsak** 4:19  
Interesting. OK.  
Great. So you want to quickly just introduce yourselves those board offices that are joining online?

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**TA Trejo, Annette** 4:30  
Annette Trejo SD1.

**DK David Korsak** 4:36  
NE ST2 colleagues.

**WT Webb, Tyler** 4:39  
Tyler Webb, SD 2.

**AC Ah San, Chris** 4:42  
For saasan ST2.

**DK David Korsak** 4:47  
ST3.

**FR Fox, Rachel** 4:48  
Rachel Fox SD3.

**OA Ordower, Aaron** 4:52  
Or ST3.

**SD Sittig, Dylan** 4:55  
I want to tell you guys T3.

**EE Ellison, Emily** 4:58  
Emily Ellison SD3.

**DK David Korsak** 5:02  
4.

**GD Gonzalez, Daritza** 5:03  
Hi Doritza Perez here with SD4.

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**GE** **Garcia, Esteban** 5:06  
And Esteban Garcia with SD4.

**DK** **David Korsak** 5:09  
Any other call please from SC 5.

**VN** **Vartanian, Natalie** 5:12  
Hi Natalie Vartanian with ST5.

**DK** **David Korsak** 5:17  
Great. Now any departments that didn't introduce themselves already.  
Library I believe we didn't hear anyone from the library.

**YP** **Yolanda Pina** 5:31  
Oh, I introduced myself.

**DK** **David Korsak** 5:31  
Excuse me.

**YP** **Yolanda Pina** 5:32  
Yolanda Pina, chief deputy Public Library.

**DK** **David Korsak** 5:36  
Thank you.  
Thank you.  
Any any other?  
Departments.

**TH** **Thuy Hua** 5:43  
Toy ha.  
Regional planning.

**DK** **David Korsak** 5:50

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Alrighty, it looks like we covered everyone from the departments.

Thank you for joining next.

I would like to just turn it over to our CEO to call the agenda.

Yes, we have one motion that will be presented today.

So today's meeting will be recorded.

We also want to note the motion from SD3 execute changes to the design build contract for the all of you Medical Center continuum of Care facility project has been referred back to their office.

The motion that will be presented today is from joint.

Motion from SD4 and SD5 supporting the safe and Affordable Transit gate, and we also have one presentation from the Chief Sustainability Office on LA County Climate budgeting and now we can move forward with.

The joint motion from SD4 and SD5.

Laura's theore.

M.

Online. OK.

ST4.

N5, the floor is yours.

**VN Vartanian, Natalie 6:46**

Can you help?

Thank you.

Thank you all.

So my name is Natalie with SD5 and I cover legislative affairs.

Just wanted to present this motion, which is a support motion for federal legislation introduced by Congresswoman Laura Friedman.

It's known as the safe and Affordable Transit Act, and this legislation aims to improve safety on our public transit system.

As well as it creates a new federal grant.

Program designed to increase law enforcement presence on our transit systems as well as fund physical infrastructure improvements designed to improve both passenger and operator safety.

So the bill expands the US Secretary of Transportation's Authority to make grants for transportation systems. So currently, the Secretary does have the authority to make

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grants for things like capital projects, crime prevention and operating costs.  
And this bill expands on that authority to include the hiring of additional officers on public transportation and.  
As well as contracting with outside law enforcement entities and.  
Physical infrastructure upgrades.  
The bill does authorize \$50 million for each fiscal year, beginning in 2026 through 2030.  
And lastly, it does also direct the Secretary.  
To complete a report on Transportation Security practices and outcomes.  
So you know, as we know, LA County is a huge has a large number of public transportation users.  
So we think that this is critical to maintain public safety and make transportation safe, affordable and accessible for everyone.  
So with that, that's all I have and I do also know that we have Greg Campbell from our DC Legislative Affairs Office on the line.  
As well to add anything that I may have missed or answer any questions.  
Thank you all.

**GC** **Greg Campbell** 8:57

No thanks, Natalie.  
This is Greg at CEO, Lara Washington, DC.  
I'm just covering for my colleagues who are out at an event right now.  
Didn't have anything to add, Natalie. Thank you.

**DK** **David Korsak** 9:12

Now we'll take any questions from board colleagues.  
Just a question I have so in regards to the funding that's available, how would there be an application process that would need to be submitted by any of the transportation agencies or how would that?  
Be administered the the funding.

**VN** **Vartanian, Natalie** 9:41

Greg, do you want to share any insight you have on that?



**GC** **Greg Campbell** 9:44

Sure. So in thank you for the question and and thank you, Natalie.

So I believe that how this would be envisioned is, first of all, Congress would have to enact.

The legislation by Representative Friedman.

And next year, 2026 is a year where the multi year surface transportation.

Reauthorization does need to be renewed.

It will expire on September 30th, 2026, which is the end of our federal fiscal year.

So likely that would be the vehicle. And so if it is funded, what that would authorize the US Department of Transportation to do would be to set up a.

Grant program that would allow public transit agencies to apply for that.

For that funding, I'll turn my camera on too.

Sorry to apply for that funding, assuming that it's funded at the \$50 million per year level and my expectation is that the sponsor, typically this is a four or five, the service transportation bill is four or five years.

**VN** **Vartanian, Natalie** 10:39

Sorry, that covers.

**GC** **Greg Campbell** 10:53

So I believe that the sponsor would envision that this would be 50 million.

And per year, for whatever time period is covered by that bill.

Not a lot when you consider nationwide public safety.

I mean, I think any large public transit agency would be applied for this fund, but that would likely be how the process would be set up.

**DK** **David Korsak** 11:17

Is there like a a limit? I mean I I guess it's until it gets funded, right?

We'll know more details, but would there be a Max?

You know, anticipated.

**GC** **Greg Campbell** 11:31

But say the answer would likely be if it wasn't in the legislation, there would likely be

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a Max. The grant would have to be. If it is enacted, would have to be noticed in the Federal Register with a what we call a nofo or notice of funding OPP.

**DK David Korsak** 11:31  
And.

**GC Greg Campbell** 11:47  
So it would give 90 or 120 days.  
And it typically it would have a Max award, although I don't know in this case what that what that level would be that would be up to the agency.

**DK David Korsak** 11:59  
You know, but I I think with the funding, the federal funds, hopefully you know it's because of the concerns with you know the ice and all that's going on right now. Wondering like you know I'm sure that they would you know they would probably you know.  
Extend those kinds of activities.  
Or require certain things from the jurisdictions I I would imagine but but going on to.  
ST2 any questions?  
Any questions?  
Anyone online from SC2 that may have a question?  
About ST3.

**FR Fox, Rachel** 12:53  
No questions.

**DK David Korsak** 12:57  
SD4.

**OJ Orenstein, Justin** 12:59  
Sorry, SD3 has a question online.

**DK David Korsak** 13:03  
OK, what is?

**OJ** **Orenstein, Justin** 13:07

Thank you.

Thank you, Natalie.

Just a quick question here.

Our office has also been in touch with the author's office on this, and it sounds like their intent was to.

Include eligibility for non sworn public safety personnel.

That would include obviously, Tsos and ambassadors at La Metro.

It's also an.

Understanding that at Metro, with the standing up of the Public safety department.

Because of the cost and the time it takes to train and higher up sworn officers that there is an effort to sort of front load the hiring of some of those other public safety entities.

So in talking with the author's office, it sounded like it was their intent to include those other non sworn personnel as.

Eligible for funding. I just wanted to.

Make sure that that was reflected in the motion and then see if that was also your intent.

**VN** **Vartanian, Natalie** 14:20

OK.

Yeah, I mean, certainly I think we would definitely.

Be more than open to include the non sworn personnel in the motion.

We'll touch base with the office author's office to confirm that that's going to be added in the legislation and then.

We can certainly include that in the motion as well to clarify.

**OJ** **Orenstein, Justin** 14:42

OK, wonderful. And even if it's not necessarily in the in the directive that outlines sort of the intent of the bill, but.

**VN** **Vartanian, Natalie** 14:48

And.

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**OJ Orenstein, Justin** 14:52

If the Board of Supervisors interest in seeing that could be reflected in the preamble, that that may make sense as well.

OK.

Thank you.

**VN Vartanian, Natalie** 15:01

Thanks Justin.

**DK David Korsak** 15:04

Any other questions from SC3?

Or comments.

About ST4.

**GD Gonzalez, Daritza** 15:17

Nothing from us. Thank you.

**GE Garcia, Esteban** 15:18

No questions. Thanks.

**DK David Korsak** 15:23

Anything else you would like to add, Greg?

Any other comments that you have given?

Any comments raised?

Is there anything else you would?

Greg Campbell.

**GC Greg Campbell** 15:40

Do not have anything else to add.

I'm looking at the build text just in relation to Justin's question, but I believe that, you know, maybe look at the Navin.

I was just pulling it up so I don't have anything to add right at the moment.

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**DK David Korsak 15:59**

And now I think you know, we were done with the board comments.

Can we check to see if there's any public comment?

If there any members of the public would like to address the item on this item, please raise your hand on teams. Or if you are by phone, please press \*6 to speak and we will allow one minute for you to speak.

Not seeing anything. OK, we could go ahead and move on to now. The presentation from the Chief Sustainability Office.

**VN Vartanian, Natalie 16:29**

Thank you.

**DK David Korsak 16:32**

Thank you.

So our CFO representative here, if the floor is yours.

Great. Good morning.

Thank you so much for having us here today.

I think it's showing my full screen on.

Do we put the full screen?

I think.

She's both great.

She's.

Yeah, she's she's presenting.

Sharing.

Case we can just do it.

Can you share it?

Can you share our screen with the we we have?

A. There we go.

Can we just do that?

Yes, go on. There's the list.

Something about that, all right.

Thanks so much. OK.

So I'm Victoria Simon with the LA County Chief Sustainability office, and I'm gonna

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provide just an update on the development of the climate budgeting process for LA County and next steps for implementation.

That's cool.

Oh, I think it's just the I see.

I see. OK.

So just to provide a little bit of background and context, the effort was really kicked off based on a December board motion directing CSO CEO and ISD along with other relevant departments to advance LA County's efforts to achieve carbon neutrality and its own operations through climate budget.

So climate budgeting isn't an.

And end state. It's really a process to ensure that the county's aligning our resources with the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building climate resilience. So to do that, we have to have a clear understanding of our own greenhouse gas emissions, how the current budget and budget requests impact GHG emissions and resilience, as well as how we integrate this information into the decision making that's part of the budget process.

So implementation and application of climate budgeting is really an iterative process, but the end goal of it for it to fully fund climate action and ensure that projects and programs advance the climate priorities.

So a lot of work has gone into developing this climate budget and this is just sort of a snapshot of everything that's been done.

And I'll go into a little bit more detail on each of these in the coming slides, but just a high level overview, ISD has done an GHG inventory of our municipal greenhouse gas emissions to help inform the climate budget. CSO has been working with CEO over the past.

Years to evaluate all of the sustainability tag budget requests and prioritize them. This is then reported to the board twice during the budgeting process and we've been doing this over the past two years.

CS O CEO and Public works have been working with a consultant to develop a climate budget road map and test that out with public works. This is in the final stages and should be done.

You know, in the coming days or weeks.

ISD is also finalizing a contract for a consultant to conduct a municipal climate action plan that will help inform how we should be investing in climate action, and this will

also help inform the climate investment target.

And then finally, we're really excited to share that based on all of the work that's gone into this to date, we're going to be applying the new climate budgeting criteria to this coming budget process for fiscal year 26.

27.

All right, so.

ISD conducted that GHD inventory of our own municipal operations.

It was the first time that we've we've updated this since 2009 and we've seen actually a 42% decline in our greenhouse gas emissions. The largest contributors continue to be in building energy use as well as transportation.

So that's really going to be the area of focus in terms of prioritizing funding related to reducing our greenhouse gas.

Emissions in those two sectors.

As I mentioned, we have been reporting CSO has been reporting to the board twice every year on the sustainability tag budget request.

And as you can see in fiscal year 2425, there's been there was significantly more funding than in this past fiscal year that can largely be attributed to to three things. One being that across the entire county budget.

There was a cuts made and due to budget constraints and so that was also true for the sustainability tag budget items.

In addition.

For fiscal year 2425, ISD was awarded close to 30 million in state.

**JH** **Johanna Hernandez (Exec)** 22:33

And you do not take it for elimination or what? I mean like it. OK, like in this case, you want to plan a spinach.

**DK** **David Korsak** 22:36

Oh.

Sorry, someone's. Hey, Joe.

I see you was awarded close to 30 million in state and federal grants in the energy efficiency sector and that there wasn't something similar for fiscal year 2526.

Now that's going to happen where there's ups and downs based on grants, because those are also captured in the sustainability tagging and depending on what's

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available and and the timing of it coming in, you are going to see those types of fluctuations.

I know ISC is looking at.

Future.

Grant opportunities.

So we may see some something in fiscal year 2627.

And then lastly, there weren't a lot of funds put toward matching funds towards measure W projects for fiscal year 2526.

Most of those projects will continue anyways, even though they didn't get funding in fiscal year 2526.

It just allows for like less cushion and so it's something we're gonna need to keep an eye on in the the coming fiscal years.

All right. So as I mentioned, CSO.

CEO and Public works work closely with a consultant to develop a road map for how the county should implement climate budget.

This is coming at a particularly key time since a new budgeting approach is being put into place for the whole of the county budget. It's called program based budgeting, so after extensive interviews with department staff and workshops, along with the review of best practices.

And a new process.

Was proposed.

CSOCEO and CSO will be applying criteria to new budget requests based on the potential greenhouse gas impacts, as well as climate resilience impacts.

And those will each get their own score.

CSO will apply a set of criteria based on how well it advances our county action actions and goals, and that will also receive a score and that overall scoring will.

Create help. Prioritize.

Is the the different budget requests and will be given to CEO and they will use that information to help inform the recommendations that they bring to the board on the budget.

So development and application of this process, I know I said it earlier, but it is a really important point is that it's an iterative process and we're going to learn a lot from this first year of actually implementing it and you know, continue to improve upon it, but.



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A full climate budget, which is what we're aiming for, is ultimately going to empower departments to analyze their own budget items for how it addresses climate mitigation.

And resilience before it even goes to CESO and CEO, you know what we're hoping to achieve really is like a cultural shift and how we look at the things that we're funding to ensure that there's a climate lens around all the work that we're doing.

Full climate budget looks not just at new budget items, but also we'll look at the entirety of the existing budget for the county and compare that to the municipal Climate Action Plan.

We're going to need training on climate and budget for all department staff, whether it's like all the way to facilities folks to, you know, CEO people working on on spreadsheets and doing those determinations and of course, continual reassessment of how this is working and utilization of software to.

Really streamline the process is going to help as we're continuing to implement this. So some of the important next steps.

In the November 2025, our county plan motion.

It was one of the directives was to establish sustainability budget liaisons and those have been identified in the key departments and we've already hosted meetings with all of those individuals. And then we also had a meeting just the other day with Aceo budget analysts to bring them up.

To date on what we're doing and CEO intends to identify their own sustainability lead so that.

This is really like a cross departmental collaboration.

We're finalizing criteria that will be applied in those budget requests in January.

We've advised CEO on budget instructions to support this effort, and we're also looking at how this new budgeting system the software is called LACES, can provide insights into the whole county budget, including special funds for us to apply this criteria when we're analyzing the entirety of the budget.

Not just the new budget request.

So this is going to be a significant lift to do a full climate budget for CSL and CEO and will likely need if we're if we're going to fully implement it to have additional staff and more training.

To really operationalize this, but I did just want to take a moment to thank so many. I know we have some folks on on the line that have been a really big part of helping

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to implement this.

And put it together and it's been truly like a very cross departmental work. And I just want to take a moment to thank everybody for coming together on that. And I am open to questions.

May have some questions they believe.

**LE Lim, Esther 28:35**

Hi, this is Esther from the 4th district.

Thank you so much for the can you hear? Oh, yes.

**DK David Korsak 28:38**

Oh, actually Esther.

We're following a certain order.

I was starting off with ST1.

I'll call you right after.

You know, I'm just, Annette. I believe you're on and you may have some questions.

**TA Trejo, Annette 28:58**

Yes. Thanks mAh lupe.

So essentially I was just wondering, as you were going through and speaking to the departments, was there any like specific expenses or any specific items that stood out?

As you were having discussions with the county departments about that, that could like be the lowest hanging fruit to address first.

In order to like reduce their greenhouse gas emissions was was there anything that like popped out from the department specifically?

**DK David Korsak 29:38**

Yeah. I mean, I think that from the GHG inventory, we're really seeing that there is a lot of opportunity to address greenhouse gas emissions on our own buildings and facilities.

**TA Trejo, Annette 29:43**

Mm-hmm.

**DK David Korsak** 29:50

And you know, it's very possible that those are not being tagged sustainability right now. And so we're just not seeing them because right now the only things we get are those that are tagged by the departments as sustainability. So as we're diving in more deeply on that hope.

Get more information and also as I mentioned, like being able to educate and. Fold in like facilities, folks, and and seek those opportunities to more proactively get people to be requesting funds in that area will be an important one. So that that just passed to my initially.

**TA Trejo, Annette** 30:32

And then just my, that's wonderful and I am glad that there is like at least like a they're at a point where we're starting to look at, oh, we didn't think about this before, but this is, you know, this actually does qualify and would help with our green.

Gas emissions.

Is there in my second question.

Is. I was wondering if you know.

Besides, like all of the meetings that have been going on.

Is there has, was there an interest or are there any plans to do some type of a like a overall training that's offered?

To folks across county departments on, you know.

Just helping them to further be able to identify what changes can be made and what kinds of things would be helpful in order to reduce their GHG.

**DK David Korsak** 31:29

Yeah, I I'm so glad you asked that question because I think from the even the conversations with other cities that have implemented climate budgeting that that the the most important piece was making sure that the data was good and the data is only as good as the people.

Submitting it and that's where like that training and knowledge building is so critical.

And so, yes, I think training should be a really important element to it.

It's just.

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Another thing that like you know, we would need funding to help put that together and provide that to all of the staff. But I do think that that is a really important piece of this actually being successful.

**TA Trejo, Annette** 32:11

Thank you.

Thanks, Vic.

**DK David Korsak** 32:15

Thank you.

Moving next to St. two, any questions from board colleagues from SD 2?

Yes, Lorraine, one question.

Thank you so much.

I I you provided an appendix with an example of.

A sort of the climate budgeting process.

I was wondering if you could take us through that just a little bit or maybe just provide some commentary about.

Some of the items that we see in there, like the greenhouse gas sector multipliers or risk type multipliers, you know where where those, what those might be and where they might come from.

Yes, and that I will say is like illustrative example. We are ponying in on one that we're we're gonna be using.

This is what the consultants had tested out with public works, and we've refined it for our own needs, but it is kind of an example of how we would be doing it so.

Basically, you know, as I mentioned, you have these greenhouse gas.

Sectors that have been identified as some having like a bigger pie of our greenhouse gas emissions. And so we would be looking at first that like does the project address greenhouse gas reductions or not and that would get a point. How big is the impact and also.

Are there any other benefits that it would provide? So maybe like air quality improvements as well and then looking at?

Is the greenhouse gas reduction in one of the the bigger sectors of buildings or transportation? And then we and then we also want to wait for departments because for instance, public works has a lot of their greenhouse gas emissions come from

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landfills, refrigerants and waste. And so we.

Would want them to be able to get a little bit of a bump up even though they're not in the top two sectors for the whole county. We want to give them a little bit of a bump up in terms.

If they're addressing something that's a big part of their own greenhouse gas emissions. So all of that.

Is calculated to figure out like a priority score.

It might sound a little bit complicated, but I would be happy to share once we finalize the criteria.

Share what that looks like.

Yeah.

Thank you.

Thank you for walking the speaker over.

So I'm really glad you mentioned the work that you've done talking to other cities and municipalities that have implemented this kind of climate budgeting, and it does seem like the training aspect of it is really critical in a challenging lift.

So I'm I'm wondering, you know, have you talked to folks that feel like they have done enough trainings in order to get people up to speed so to be able to submit quality data and and sort of?

How how much training did that involved? What?

What kind of what's the scope and scale that we're talking about?

Yeah. You mean from other cities or from within our own?

I guess both, but informed by what you've asked other cities.

Yes, sure.

So the a lot of so because this is pretty new for most cities to actually implement, they're also they're like a couple, maybe a year or two ahead of us, but it's not like they're.

Except for maybe Oslo, like many years ahead of us.

And so they they are also like, OK, trying to get into the groove of of what that training would look like.

But you know when we've been meeting with departments, one of the interesting pieces has been bringing together because a lot of departments already have a sustainability person.

And then they have a budget person, and the two don't necessarily always talk to

one another.

And so it's been an interesting thing to bring those two people together.

From it within their own department, together for knowledge sharing. And that's, you know, not as formal as like a formal training process, but I think that's been a good first step of like, OK.

Here's here's what I know.

This is how we put together a budget item.

And here's the budget person like looking at it through the lens of climate and how to better submit them.

Because a lot of times they send it over to the budget person and they never hear about it again.

So so I think it's been a good first step, but I do agree.

That like we probably need to have a few more conversations to see, you know, is there like a software or particular company that has offered training that's been that's been really helpful to move these studies along that are a year or two ahead of us.

Now we're we're moving on to SD3.

**OA** **Ordower, Aaron** 37:18

OK.

I'll kick things off.

**DK** **David Korsak** 37:18

Colours.

**OA** **Ordower, Aaron** 37:20

This is Aaron Ward, hour deputy.

I'll start by thanking everybody for the the great work that's gone into this and it's clear that there's been so many folks from CEO, CSO ISD, public works that have really rolled up their sleeves to figure this out and make it work for the county at a time.

Where it's really difficult to do budgeting so.

We really are are grateful for for the progress today and.

You know, I'll flag also the good news that we saw of the greenhouse gas inventory

and showing such a high level of emissions reductions in the last, what is it 15 or so years since that was done so.

Excellent, excellent progress.

20 year, almost 20 years.

I also wanted to.

I think it's great that public works is taking it on to pilot this.

Larger climate budget model and I just wanted to sort of quickly ask on that.

I have just a couple questions.

But First off, for that pilot that you're working on, that'll does that. Look at more than just the NCC funding, but also the special funds that public works.

Relies on.

**DK David Korsak** 38:31

So the the pilot looked the the way that they conducted the pilot was the sustainability team kind of selected a a spreadsheet of different projects. And then we tried the consultants work to try to apply the criteria and I think it, I believe it did cut across differe.

Types of funding streams, but it was really a test of like how well does the criteria.

Work and what were the results?

Other than trying to say OK public works, this is how you should spend your money.

But this new effort, where this laser software is gonna give us a view into the entirety of the county budget.

Will give us insight into special funds from any department, and then we're gonna be able to apply the criteria to more than just NCC funds or general funds.

So you know that is going to be a pretty big lift because the budget is very large, but we're going to get started on that, you know, in the coming months to try to do a deep dive, probably starting with a couple departments.

And analyzing like how good is the data and how can we make it better?

What can we do to streamline this and what are the results and and hope to share that with all of you.

**OA Ordower, Aaron** 39:57

Great. That, that, that makes a lot of sense to me, especially given how much say, you know energy is used in the plug control district and and other sources that where

there's also such mission alignment with the sustainability.

Just a couple other comment questions.

Obviously this budget year has been, you know, brutal for us and so many fronts.

And but I was concerned by what you shared of that statistic.

I think it was a 97% decrease year on year on the energy efficiency. If I did that math right, based on what we had last the previous year in this, this budget year.

And of course, we're all making really difficult decisions.

Right now, but I'm I'm a little concerned that the at the same time is moving away from investing in energy efficiency.

There's also.

Increases in in utility rates quite a bit.

So there's these future costs that are increasing more and more.

And obviously, energy efficiency projects provide not only an opportunity to meet these climate goals, but also for the longer term cost savings and efficiency.

So I'm wondering in that CEO scoring.

Matrix that, that complicated slide that you showed, does the opportunity for cost savings fit into that analysis or scoring?

**DK**

**David Korsak** 41:22

Right now it does not fit into the scoring.

About what the impact would be like, let's say you.

Spend you know \$1,000,000.

But really, in the end it's going to result in this amount of savings. So maybe it's not really a spec.

That's not part of the criteria right now.

Just because of the data that we're expecting to get.

But I would absolutely love to.

Factor that in in the coming iterations as we're, especially as we're improving the the data that we get. You know, I think this first year where we want to keep it.

Pretty straightforward and based on on how good of the information we receive. But I do think that's a really important thing for us to be looking at going forward and should and should consider that for future iterations.

**OA**

**Ordower, Aaron** 42:20



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Great. Thank you. And and I you know, I don't believe that we should only do things when they pencil out with a, you know, a cost benefit analysis of whatever the ratio is. But you know it seems like often the operational budgets live in a different place than.

Capital budgets, where a lot of this gets tracked and is thinking about how those two can come together.

To think again, as holistically as everyone from CEO and CSL is, as you look at this. And my last question is kind of related. Oh, go ahead.

**DK David Korsak 42:51**

Karen. Oh, Karen, just for courtesy. We did say there was a like a two question limit on the first round, but we'll come back again to no, no worries.

**OA Ordower, Aaron 42:58**

Oh, so sorry I'm back please.

**DK David Korsak 43:03**

I just want to make sure I give a chance to other colleagues and then after we go through the first round of every office, then we'll open it up for other questions from other, you know, again you'll you'll have a chance.

So apologies.

So moving to SD4.

Or, I believe, Esther, you had a question?

**LE Lim, Esther 43:25**

Yes, I did. Thank you.

And again, you know, thanks for this presentation. I just had a question regarding the training that that's going to be provided the regular training for department staff on how to do kind of this budgeting.

Do have we started on this?

And if we haven't, do we have a timeline in which this is going to happen?

Is it a one time thing?

I think I also saw a regular training, so just wanted to get just a little bit more

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information about about this, because obviously if we're doing this, we want to make sure it's being done right.

**DK David Korsak** 43:53

Yeah, right now the training has been that we are gonna have a regular cadence of meetings with these sustainability budget liaisons that were set up from that November board motion.

But there isn't.

I was trying to under score that like that we don't have funding to be able to create a specific training for the departments or all the staff.

And so it's something that if we wanna have a full climate budget.

It's something that we're we would need to fund to be able to provide that kind of training.

Can you yourself?

**LE Lim, Esther** 44:34

Great. Thank you.

**DK David Korsak** 44:36

Any other questions from ST4 colleagues joining?

There's one more on the first round.

Alrighty, now moving on to ST5.

Thank you for the presentation and for the update.

Are we going to?

I guess I do have a question.

Are we going to be receiving more updates on the development of this climate budget in the process?

So we still will have will continue to provide.

Report backs after the final budget phase and the supplemental budget phase, where we'll include like a year.

Here's what's been funded.

And here are some of the next steps in terms of implementing climate budgeting and happy to come back to cluster and give a more thorough presentation on where we are at anytime you want.

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This.

Thank you everyone for being good sports here with our waiting.

But you know, I just wanted to open it up to now. Everyone in terms of board offices who may have any other questions.

Any other members from the board offices?

**OJ** **Orenstein, Justin** 46:01  
Just Justin from ST3.

**DK** **David Korsak** 46:01  
Justin.

**OJ** **Orenstein, Justin** 46:03  
Yeah. Thank you very much.  
Just a quick question.  
Thank you for the presentation and and all the very insightful comments this is.  
A very exciting initiative.  
I just have one question.  
And hoping you can provide some clarity around.  
Tracking and analysis of emissions as a function of budget and how that kind of correlates to.  
The tracking of various scope emissions.  
The reason?  
I ask is because there was a bill passed to was SB 253 a couple of years ago?  
That was a first in the nation effort to track scope 1-2 and three emissions.  
From corporate entities and I think the threshold is is based on market cap.  
But.  
A huge proportion of Fortune 500 companies emissions come from their various supply chains, upwards of 80 to 90%.  
So I'm curious to know what the correlation there is between tracking budget expenditures and emissions as a function of that, and what scope emissions were also tracking.  
I know that there are a number of AI platforms that have been developed to help.  
Track scopes 1-2 and three emissions for Fortune 500 companies, and I'm interested

to know if if the county has.

Explored any of these platforms. Thank you.

**DK** **David Korsak** 47:49

Sure. So I know that ISD.

They worked with ICF to develop the greenhouse gas emissions inventory and I believe it covers scope 1:00 and 2:00 and then in terms of scope, 3 emissions, it did look at employee commutes because we were able to get pretty good data on that also in 2009.

So it was an interesting thing to see the the change there.

We're also going to be including food.

There's inventory being put together with through through a collaboration with WRI to cover food, so that's not right. Now in our current emissions information. But we should be having that relatively soon and we'll be able to factor that in as well and then back to that November board.

Motion included in that was a requirement that ISD.

Do another inventory and that way you know 15 plus years again, but we out to. In five years.

So we'll have an an update on like how we're doing.

I'm not sure.

That what their plans are in terms of expanding to potentially scope 3.

I know a lot of cities.

That's something that they look to do and, but I know it is a lot of additional effort, so I'm not really sure yet on what the new inventory will cover.

**OJ** **Orenstein, Justin** 49:18

OK.

Thank you and OK, appreciate that.

**DK** **David Korsak** 49:24

Thank you.

I just wanted to also check in.

I'm not sure if there's any anything in the chat from any of our departments. If there's any questions or comments.

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Just making sure.

I don't see anything.

All righty.

All right, so it looks like no additional questions on this item. Thank you again.

Our CSO, we wanted to open it up for any public comment. So we're now public comment if any of the members of the public would like to address this item on the agenda, please raise your hand on teams or if you're by phone, please press \*6 to.

To speak and we will allow one minute for each person.

OK, I'm not seeing anything.

So not seeing any. Now we're gonna do a check for general public comment.

Yes. So now we have public comment if same message. If any members of the public would like to address any items on the agenda, please raise your hands on teams or press \*6 if you are by phone and we will allow one minute per person.

Seeing none.

You know, I just wanna thank everyone.

We're finishing up the year. I don't think we're gonna see each other until next year.

So, wishing everyone a very safe holiday time and we'll welcome you coming the new year. And thank you again everyone for all the support.

We are adjourned.

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