

# SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM COMMENT FORMS

*Please share any additional actions for reducing greenhouse gases that you would like us to consider.*

- Land Use – Design and modify the community to significantly reduce auto dependency by providing:
  - Convenient access to a dependable transit system
  - An easy and safe network of bike routes and trails with links to transit
  - Pedestrian friendly streets linking major destinations
  - A compact development pattern with a mix of homes/stores, schools and offices
  - Centrally located neighborhood serving retail and other services
  - A variety of apartments, condominiums and townhomes suitable for all family sizes and incomes
  - Squares and plazas, cultural centers, parks and playgrounds
- Prepare plans that promote compact, pedestrian friendly, mixed use development linked to transit which include specific land use and circulation components, design guidelines, standards and code amendments.
- I would suggest a good outreach program that explains the climate change science and how that interacts with plant and animal species, crop needs for special weather as opposed to our increased variability in annual weather.
- Plant large stands of bamboo, more neighborhood gardens, less paved streets, use pea gravel instead of cement in driveways, solar panels, ban swimming pools, more bike lanes off the street
- Restrictions on barbeques
- Encourage clothesline use. Get kids involved.
- Greening the City fleet
- Food scrap recycling at restaurants/event, mail ‘Compost at Home’ book to all residents, get post office to supply small e-waste recycling mailers
- Promoting ‘car awareness’ = driving less
- Partner with financiers to create options on low income housing that are sustainable to promote shorter commuters.
- Bring citywide uses to the downtown
- As a member of DANG, I strongly support neighborhood shopping centers and grocery stores.

- Community education so the majority who are physically capable of bicycling will actually begin to do so.
- Smaller homes & too many people driving their kids to school
- Building integrated solar cookers. Local community supported agriculture in town and community garden type areas
- City incentives to homeowners or renters for water efficient landscaping & gardening
- Promote a national carbon tax, carbon rationing and publicize the limit needed to prevent methane release by permafrost.
- Access expertise at UCD and State office to the fullest extent possible.
- Mark off a portion of downtown to all car traffic (similar to Santa Cruz).
- More sponsorship of classroom education
- Allow people to plant trees in the middle of cul-de-sacs.
- Obtain electricity from a utility like SMUD that pays you if you generate more than you use.
- CAT recommendations should be integrated into the City General Plan.
- Ban plastic bags and Styrofoam containers & require restaurants to use compostable take out containers
- Have the City test for sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) and aluminum and barium which could be killing our trees
- Encourage more biking among students
- Learn from Europe.
- Insulate existing homes or improving current insulation
- Plant evergreen trees along the freeway to improve air quality (Redwoods).
- Transportation is the key. We have to get people out of cars.
- Discourage sprawling, car-oriented development. Encourage infill, densification and development near transit (need more transit), retail, etc.
- Make RT more attractive to commuters. Point-to-point from Park-n-Ride lots to downtown. Add bike parking amenities at Park-n-Ride lots.
- Smart metering!
- Collect green kitchen waste for use in biofuel plants, pizza boxes, etc.
- Allow more granny flats & similar densification projects
- Volunteer EV charging stations
- Change all signaled intersections as roundabouts (reduced idling).
- Chemical trails – emissions of heavy metal particles in California’s air space.
- Promote the idea of two or more families purchasing an electric hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle for local commutes. Increase funding to YoloBus & Solano Transit to increase bus service for commute times and weekdays.

***Please identify any actions that we presented that you would like us to eliminate from consideration (and describe why).***

- No PPA’s on residential
- Eliminate new development of “senior housing” – encourage development of senior friendly infill projects currently proposed.

- City has not expertise and lots of potential to screw up power purchases. The money required to implement a PU strategy can be more productive if spent on conservation
- Zero net electrical use on new development is impossible at the present time.
- Don't make Davis an energy company. It is a consumer and policy setter: It's primary role is to sustain the community first, energy consumption by the City is secondary.
- Legislative ideas are likely to drive people away, i.e. requiring gardens.
- Actions that we can't do right now. Any 'emerging' technologies should be shelved until it is practically feasible.
- Moving parking from downtown. A healthy business community benefits a town.
- Take out the speed bumps & put in narrow strips of permeable material.
- Do not resort to relying on market forces – eliminate items that provide little benefit.
- Styrofoam recycling! Davis Waste & Recycling accepts #6 rigid plastic, but not Styrofoam. Eliminate Styrofoam use.

***Please suggest any additional criteria that we might want to use to evaluate the potential actions.***

- Immediacy of reduction. A reduction this year is much better than an equal reduction in year 2010.
- Physical/practical ease of implementation – regardless of the level of support.
- The categories of evaluations are excellent
- Include coordination with UC and Yolo County
- Cost vs. Return on Investment
- Waste related emissions may be underestimated – methane very potent GHG in short term
- Realistic achievement
- Transportation costs
- Resident costs
- Total effect on affordability
- National laws
- Whatever makes the most impact, not necessarily the most popular
- Group actions into cost categories
- Criteria that involves experimenting or testing new technologies
- Time to implementation
- Compare what other counties are doing & emulate their methods
- The normal/group process is confusing for many people who first participate. Could be better if people were given options to choose one or two out of the five stations to spend more time on a topic?

***Do you have any other feedback on any of the proposed draft actions, or this process, that you would like to share?***

- Concerns that City Council will ignore this work
- The GHG impact of waste seems underestimated.
- Make this fun for residents, use incentives, contests, prizes for participation, etc.

- Thank you for doing this! I look forward to riding my bike!
- Great job folks! Thanks!
- This was an excellent idea and people are enthusiastic.
- Set goals and measure progress: Zero waste, zero emissions, zero energy imports
- Individual incentives – individually owned shopping carts.
- Categorize the evaluations, some can be implemented easily & immediately, others will be costly and unpopular
- Good effort!
- Implementation is a daunting task. Public education of the steps they can take will be important. Some focus should be on the school district. Provide green tips to the Davis Enterprise, as well as to the Sacramento Bee.