

FCSG Letter to Fort Collins City Manager on Delays in Road to Zero Waste Plan

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The Fort Collins Sustainability Group (FCSG) looks forward to learning more about the Larimer County Wasteshed Plan at the final meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (of which I am a member) on March 31. We hope to see a robust set of recommendations emerge from this process for infrastructure investments that will allow the City of Fort Collins to achieve its emissions reduction goals from waste, both in the near-term and long-term.

At the same time, we want to express our concern about the implications of the delays in the Road to Zero Waste Plan for achievement of the City's overall 2020 Climate Action Plan emissions reduction target. In light of the lack of emissions reductions from waste, particularly due to delays in organics (food and yard waste) composting, we would ask the City to develop alternative strategies and programs to ensure achievement of the 2020 goal.

With budget season looming, the Fort Collins Sustainability Group requests that city staff and council identify potential opportunities and strategies for reducing the City's emissions through other programs that could be funded in the next round of Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) so that we do not fall short of our 2020 emission reduction goals.

Thanks for your continuing commitment to making the City of Fort Collins a leader in climate action.

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This letter was sent to City Manager Darin Atteberry, with a cc to the following people: Wade Troxell, Mayor; Gerry Horak, Mayor Pro Tem; Ross Cunniff; Bob Overbeck; Ray Martinez; Kristin Stephens; Ken Summers; Jackie Kozak-Thiel; Lucinda Smith; Susie Gordon; Honore Depew; and Caroline Mitchell.