

# City of Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan Project Overview

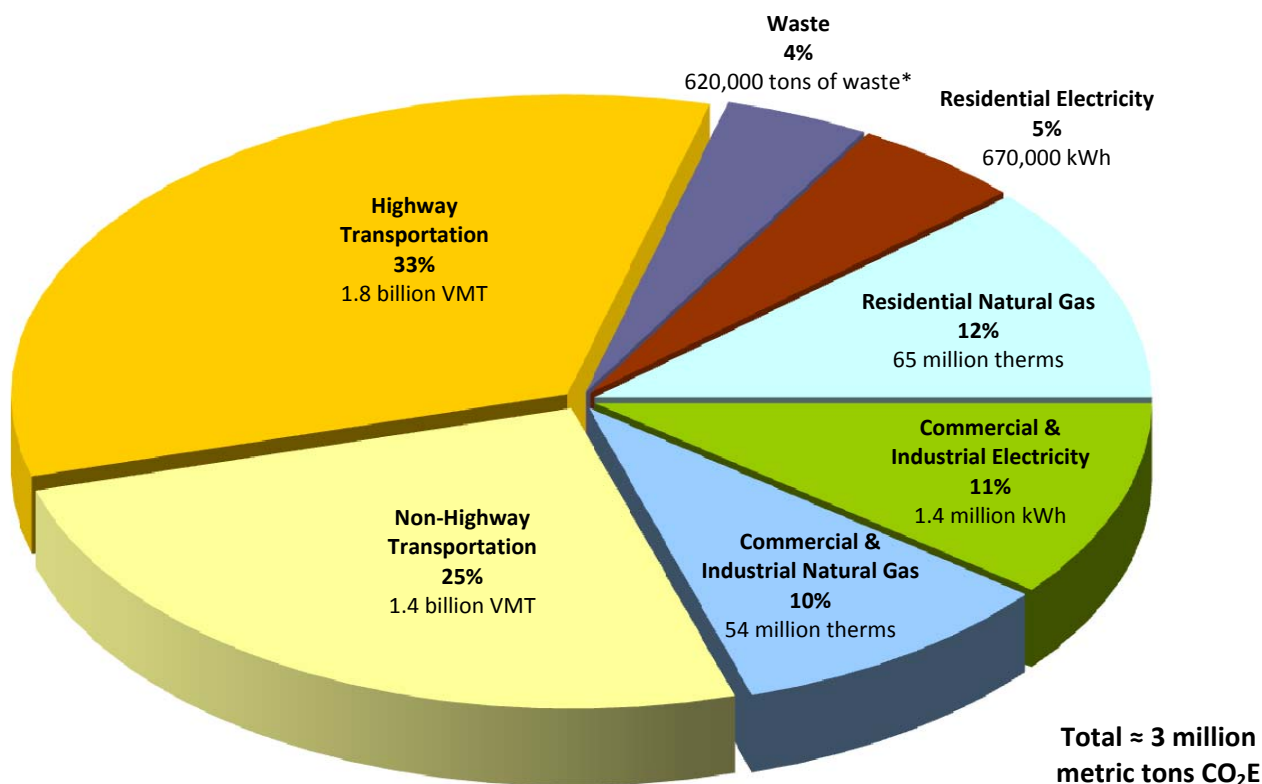
## Project Goals

The City of Oakland is committed to becoming a model sustainable city. Optimizing our use of energy and minimizing associated energy costs and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are important components of this vision. Under the leadership of the Public Works Agency, the City is embarking on the development of an Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) to identify, evaluate and prioritize opportunities to reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions in its own government operations and throughout the Oakland community. The Energy and Climate Action Plan will clarify policy direction and recommend priority actions for reducing energy use and GHG emissions to the Oakland City Council.

## Background

Although the City has worked for many years to reduce energy use and GHG emissions, this is its first effort to establish formal energy and climate goals supported by a comprehensive plan of action. The City will work with business and community members to identify and consider a broad range of strategies for reducing energy use and GHG emissions from the three main local sources of GHG emissions: building energy use, transportation and land use, and waste production. All strategies that the City government can use to foster energy use reductions and GHG reductions in Oakland will be considered.

### 2005 Oakland Community GHG Emissions by Source



\*Includes 416,827 tons of disposal plus 201,625 tons of alternative daily cover (ADC).

Source: Oakland 2005 GHG Inventory developed by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability; Updated Nov 2008

## Process Overview

Developing the Energy and Climate Action Plan began with gathering initial input on goals, process and opportunities from an array of community stakeholders, including via public workshops. Relevant existing City policies and external factors (e.g., State AB 32 policy) that might affect energy use and GHG emissions in Oakland will be identified early on.

The process is focusing on identifying and analyzing new opportunities for the City government to foster energy use reductions and GHG reductions in the City's own operations and throughout the Oakland community. Opportunities related to Building Energy Use, Transportation and Land Use, and Waste Reduction will be considered.

### First-Round Public Workshops

The City held two first-round public workshops in December 2008 and January 2009 to provide an overview of the planned ECAP development process and to gather initial input on potential ways of reducing GHG emissions and issues to consider in the process of developing the ECAP.

### Second-Round Public Workshops

The City held two second-round public workshops on April 30, 2009 to gather input on potential Oakland energy and climate goals as well as potential actions the City could consider to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. City staff continued to take public input on the same topics covered at the April 30th workshops through Friday, May 8, 2009.

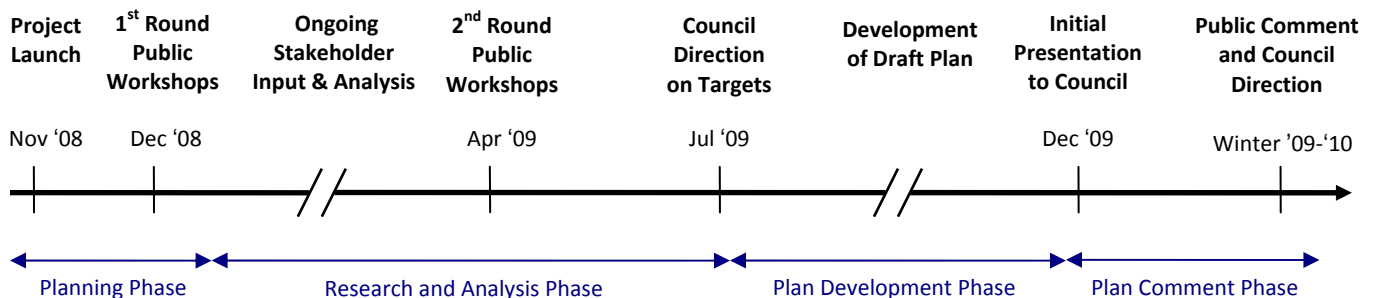
### Approval of Preliminary Planning Targets for Development of the Draft ECAP

On July 7, 2009, the Oakland City Council directed staff to develop the draft Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan using a preliminary planning GHG reduction target equivalent to 36% below 2005 GHG emissions by 2020, and annual benchmarks for meeting the target.

### Prioritizing ECAP Recommendations

A first draft of the Energy and Climate Action Plan for achieving the adopted preliminary planning targets will be presented to the Oakland City Council and released for public comment in fall/winter 2009, with each potential strategy prioritized in context. Members of the Oakland community will then have the opportunity to comment on the draft ECAP.

## Project Timeline



## Further Information

Updates and announcements will be posted to the City's website at [www.sustainableoakland.com](http://www.sustainableoakland.com). Please email questions or suggestions to [climateaction@oaklandnet.com](mailto:climateaction@oaklandnet.com).