





VIRTUAL FORUM SERIES

# CONNECTED & EQUITABLE MOBILITY



#### **WEDNESDAY MAR 16**

https://publicinput.com/D428



## Forum Objectives

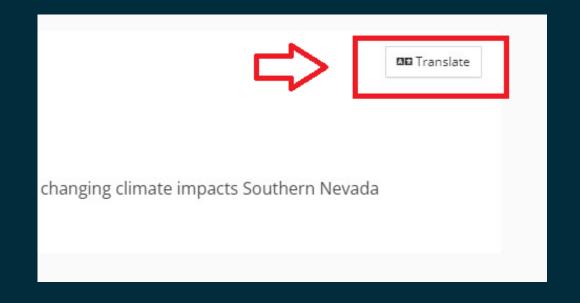
- Review how climate change affects transportation systems and mobility in Clark County.
- Describe how our choices in how we get around can contribute to sustainability and resilience.
- **Discuss** ideas and considerations to achieve solutions in this focus area.

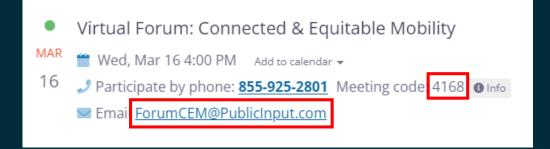




# How to Use Public Input

- Call in to hear audio and leave voicemail comments.
- **Type** comments into the chat.
- Translate the page and meeting audio.







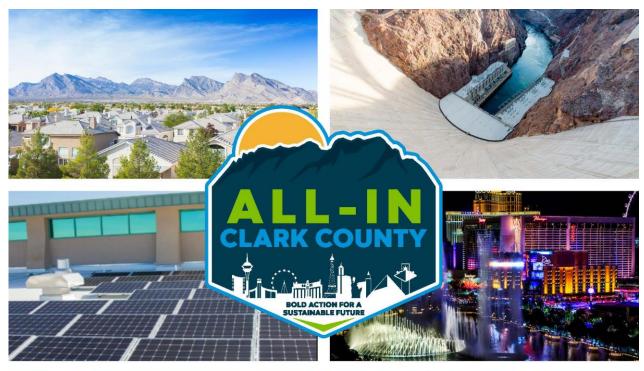
## All-In Clark County

Address climate change and create a more sustainable future.

A smart, bold, inclusive approach to ensuring the well-being and prosperity of all, today and for future generations.

Led by **Department of Environment** and Sustainability

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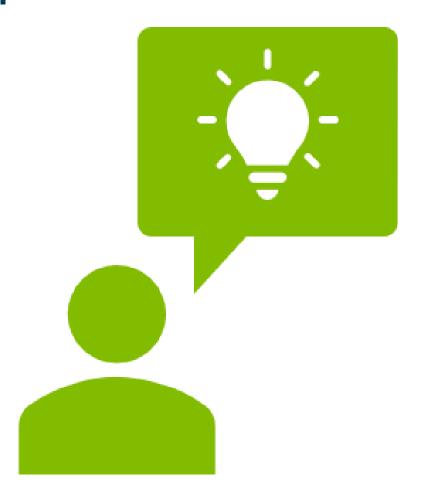








# **Quick Poll**



# CLIMATE CHANGE AND MOBILITY





WHICH LEAD TO CLIMATE **HAZARDS:** 



**RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING DIRECT** AND INDIRECT IMPACTS:



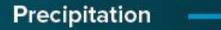
**Heat Waves** 

- Heat related illness
- Poor air quality
- Higher energy demands
- Pavement buckling



Wildfires

Smoke



Intense Storms Flooding Drought

- Infrastructure damage
- **Blocked roadways**
- **Power outages**
- Water shortages
- Crop/habitat damage



### What Climate Impacts Mean for Mobility

- Health and safety concerns for users of all modes due to extreme heat
- Physical damage to roads, infrastructure, and technology
- Air quality challenges exacerbated by traffic
- Economic impacts when deliveries, tourism, or commutes are interrupted





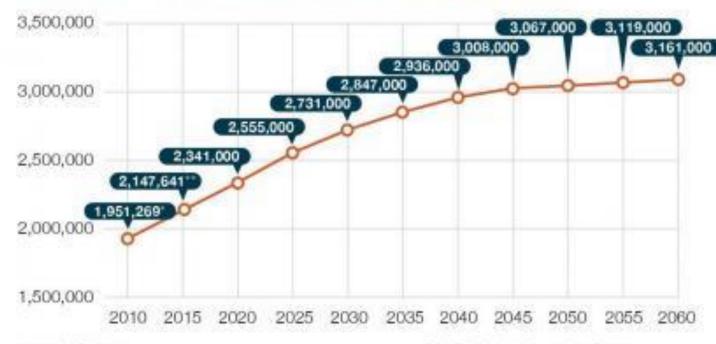
# Increasing population

860,000

New residents expected by

2060

#### Clark County Population Forecast (2010-2050)



"2010 U.S. Census."
"SNRPC consensus population estimate.

SOURCE; UNLY Center for Business and Economic Research (CBEP), June 2019.



# **Current Transportation System**

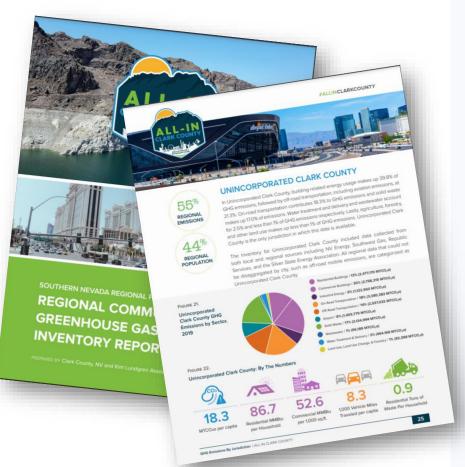
- 7,000 miles of roads
- 65 million transit trips with RTC
- 1,000 miles of bike facilities only 2% of commutes include biking and walking
- 39 million tons of goods moved by freight modes
- Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita: 7,283
  - Less than the national average

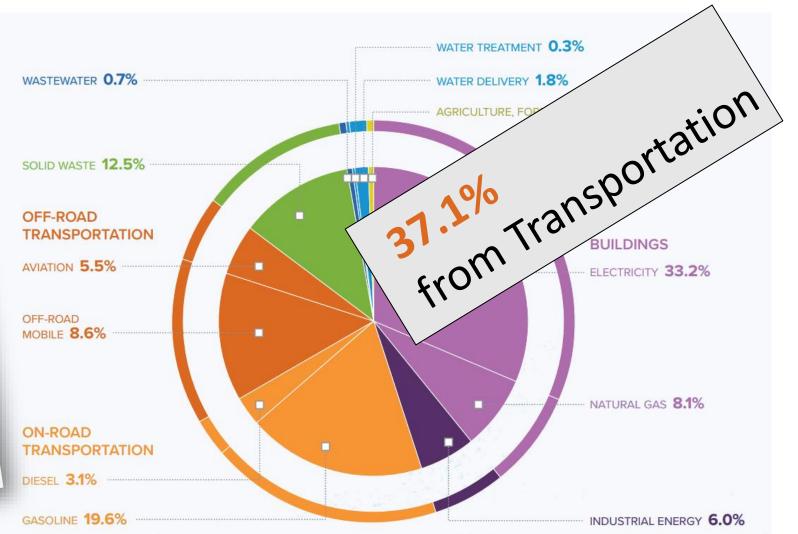


RTC Access 2050 Executive Summary Regional GHG Inventory 2019



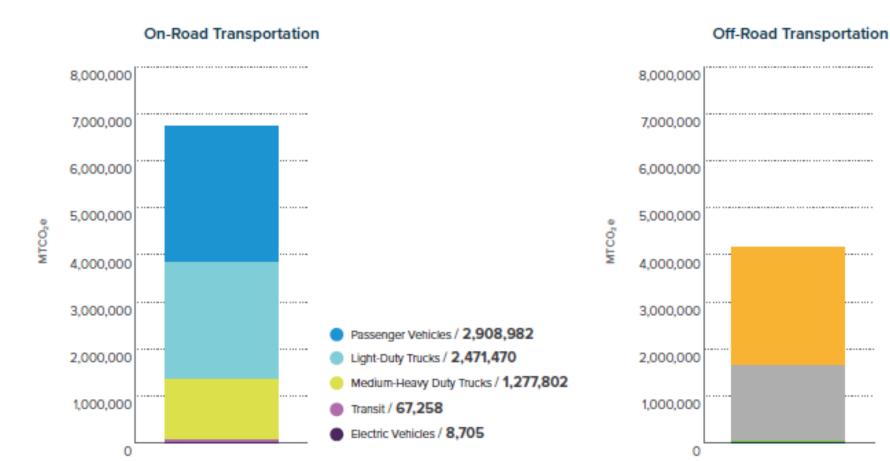
# Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory - 2019







# **Transportation Emissions**



Off-Road Mobile / 2,511,500

Waterborne Navigation / 17,589

Aviation / 1,608,664

Railways / 7,944



# **Driving Habits**

"Single Occupancy Vehicle"

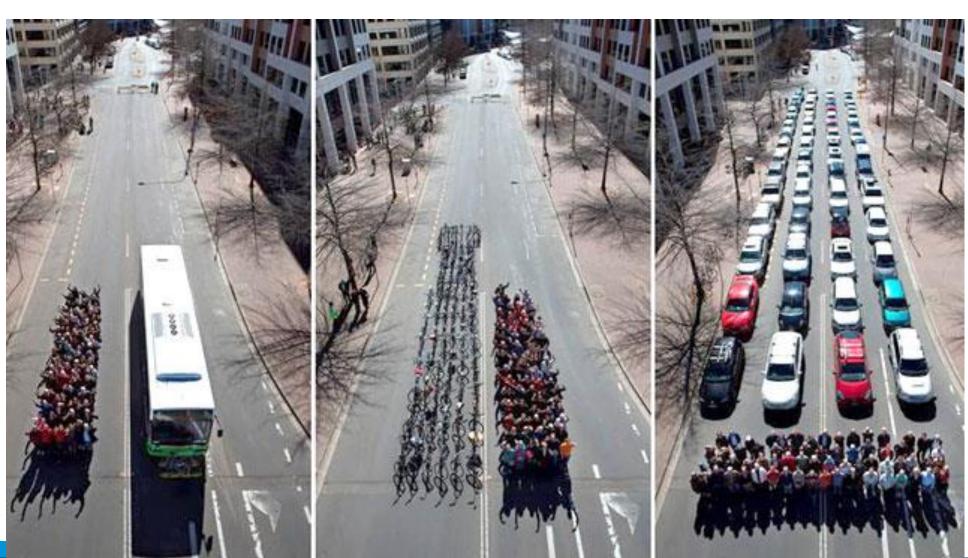


**78.2%** 

of residents commute in personal vehicles, creating **50**% of transportation-related GHGs



## Cars and Land Use



70 people

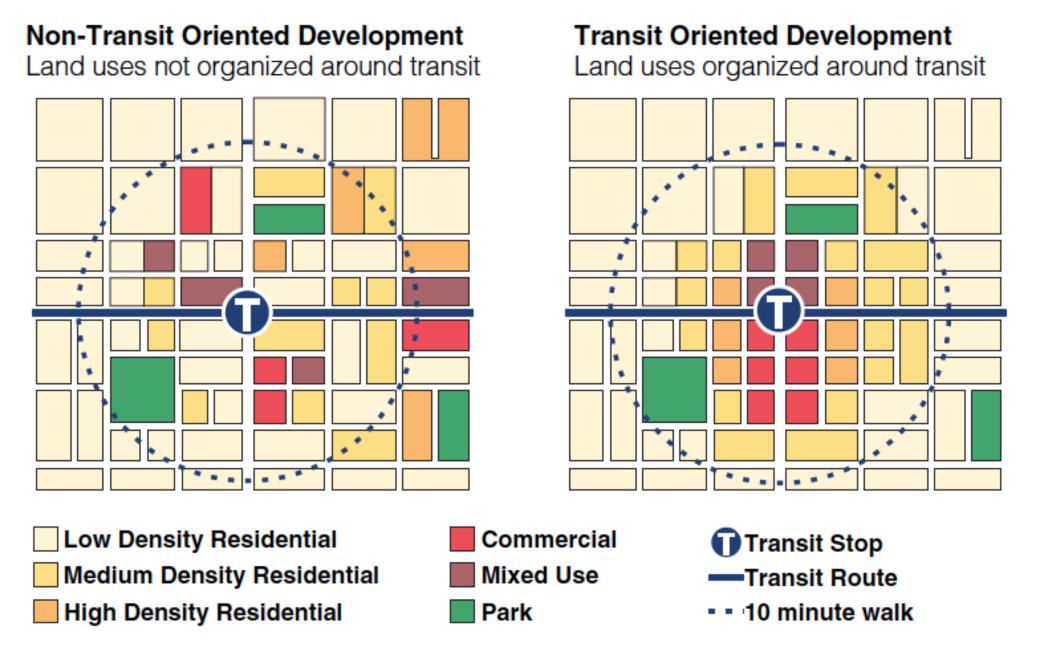


#### Cars and Land Use

# Transit-oriented development

TOD creates dense, walkable, and mixed-use spaces near transit that support vibrant, sustainable, and equitable communities.





Seattle Planning Commission: "Transit Communities" report



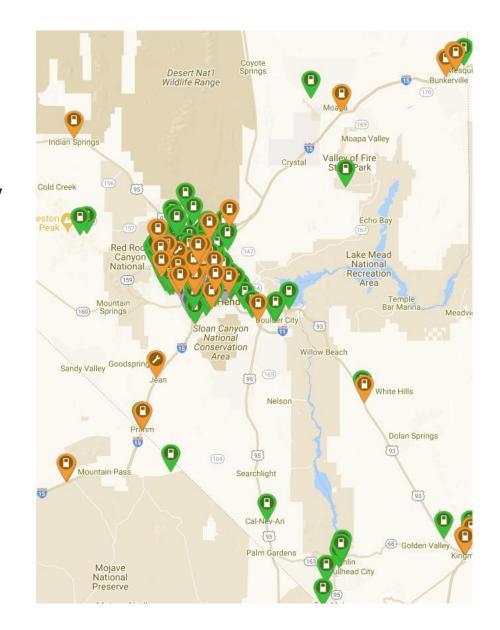
#### **Public Transit**

- RTC On Board Mobility Plan (2021)
  - High-capacity transit (like light rail, streetcar, or bus rapid transit)
  - Expand service and connect to major destinations resort corridor employees, jobs, housing, seniors, people with disabilities
  - Make short trips easier
- Concerns: Personal safety, convenience, travel time, connected to destinations
- Future-Focused : Electrify transit, stations as resilience hubs



#### Electric Vehicles

- <u>Cleaner</u> even when powered by fossil fuel-based electricity
- Good time to buy
  - More model options
  - More battery range
  - Incentives for both cars and chargers
- Charging station availability





#### Electric Vehicles

- Concerns: affordability, range anxiety, access to charging, environmental impact of batteries
- Future-Focused: EV batteries for energy resilience
- Clark County <u>EV Resource</u>
   <u>Center</u>





# Biking and Walking

- Provide low-cost mobility w/o a car
- RTC <u>Regional Walkability Plan</u> for a street network that is safe, comfortable, and connected
- Concerns: traffic safety, heat, transporting things and people, travel time
- Future-Focused: Separated biking and walking facilities, e-bikes, universal design





# Leading By Example: Clark County

Clark County has the largest alternative fuel vehicle fleet in the state. **Over half** of county vehicles are **hybrids, EVs, or biodiesel**.





# Leading by Example: Regional Coordination

#### **Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada**

- Public transit, traffic management, roadway design and construction, regional planning
- Steward of federal and state funds and county tax revenue
- Guided by city and county elected officials, technical experts and public input
- RTC Access 2050
  - Improve safety and traffic congestion
  - More mobility options and connections
- Southern Nevada Strong
  - Increase transportation choices for residents and visitors.





# Leading By Example: More Successes

- Las Vegas ranked #1 metro area for EV growth in the nation.
- RTC's commuter services reduce traffic by ~ 3,500 cars/day.
- Clark County employees work a 4-day week. Five million fewer miles driven avoids the equivalent emissions from burning 2.3 million pounds of coal.



6,000

annual EV registrations in 2019 in Clark County, a **68**% increase in a single year





# WHAT IS ALL-IN?



#### Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory

To assess regional sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions contributing to climate change.

#### Climate Vulnerability Assessment

To confirm climate hazards and the areas and systems most vulnerable to these hazards and identify solutions to enhance our community's overall resilience.

#### Community Sustainability & Climate Action Plan

To grow climate literacy in the community and work together to develop a plan of action to ensure a sustainable and resilient future for all.



#### **Definitions**

A *sustainable* Clark County balances resource efficiency, social well-being, and environmental stewardship while equitably meeting the needs of a growing community and thriving economy.

A *resilient* Clark County supports residents, businesses, and visitors to be healthy, successful, and adaptable to changing climate conditions.



# Guiding Principles

Foundation for evaluating goals and actions across the *All-In Initiative* 



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions



Economic, Environmental, & Social Resilience



Transparency



Equity



# Six Key Areas









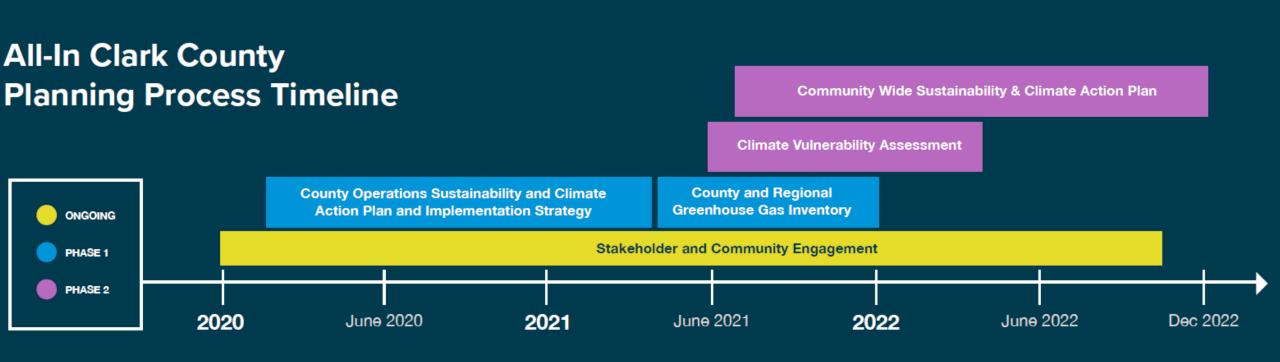




Learn more about each of these areas at <u>allinclarkcounty.com</u>



#### All-In Timeline



# 2 WAYS CLARK COUNTY CAN ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE



Reduce greenhouse gas emissions



Prepare for impacts of climate change

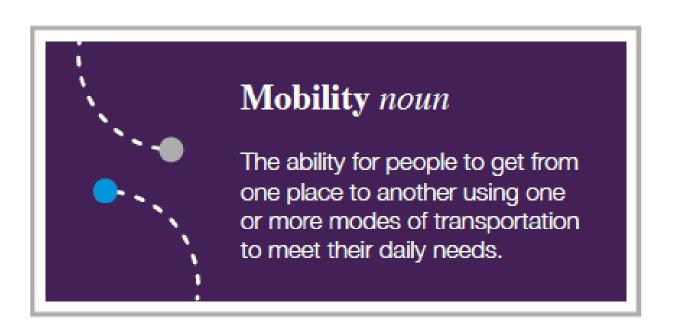
# **OUR VISION**



Developing a safe, connected, and accessible transportation system that prioritizes low-carbon mobility, public transportation, and active lifestyles.



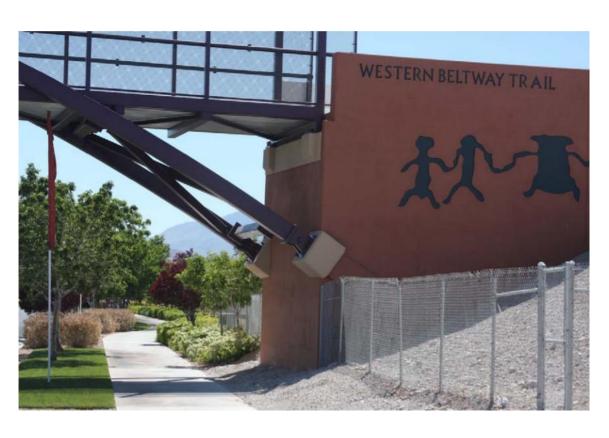
# 'Mobility' vs. 'Transportation'



- About the people not the system.
- Mobility = ability
- Equitable mobility recognizes different people need different transportation options.



# What is 'Connected & Equitable Mobility'?



- Well-connected roads and routes for transit, bicycling, and walking
- Emissions-free transportation options, including EVs
- Access to healthy, active transportation facilities like bike paths, trails, and sidewalks
- Public transportation investment



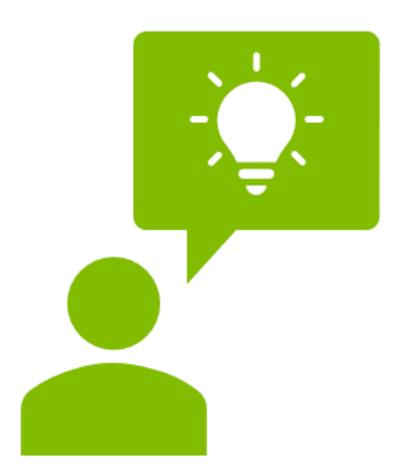
### **Examples from Other Communities**

- Accelerate the shift to electric vehicles.
- Enhance and actively promote zero-carbon mobility options.
- Build a high-capacity transit system.
- Promote alternatives to single occupancy vehicle trips.

# PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS



# Your Thoughts





### Stay Involved!

- Share your thoughts on Public Input and share with friends.
- Visit allinclarkcounty.com
- Follow Sustain Clark County on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- Second Community Survey launching April 4<sup>th</sup>!







# **Upcoming Forums**

Topic Area	Date & Time
Climate Change in Southern NV	4pm, Tuesday February 15th
Resilient & Healthy Community	12pm, Thursday February 24th
Sustainable Water Systems	9am, Wednesday March 2nd
Clean & Reliable Energy	10am, Monday March 7th
Connected & Equitable Mobility	4pm, Wednesday March 16th
Smart Buildings & Development	7pm, Thursday March 24th
Diverse & Circular Economy	12pm, Monday March 28 <sup>th</sup>













