



CLIMATE EMERGENCY ANNUAL REPORT

2021



CITY OF
VANCOUVER

Vancouver
Plan



CLIMATE
EMERGENCY



Agenda

Progress update to Council on the Climate Emergency Action Plan in 2020/2021

*for information only;
no Council decision needed*

- “GCAP Recap”: 10 years of *Greenest City Action Plan*
- CEAP Overview
- Big Move Updates (incl. *Green Ops*)
- Look Ahead

Greenest City Framework



ZERO CARBON	Green Buildings	Climate & Renewables		
	Green Transportation			
ZERO WASTE	Zero Waste		Green Economy	Lighter Footprint
HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS	Access to Nature			
	Clean Water			
	Local Food			
	Clean Air			

3 high-level objectives

10 goal areas

10 Years of Greenest City

8 OF 18 TARGETS ACHIEVED

mode share and
distance driven by residents;
trees planted; natural areas;
food assets; green businesses

PROGRESS ON ALL TARGETS

carbon pollution;
new buildings; active
transportation; waste;
water; green jobs

CHALLENGES NOW AND AHEAD

pandemic transit
setbacks; buildings
not climate-resilient;
air quality worsening

What We Learned

USE ALL OUR TOOLS

regulatory action needed,
along with advocacy and investment

LEADERSHIP BEYOND

Vancouver's actions felt
regionally, nationally, globally

MORE ACCOUNTABILITY

tracking milestones, outcomes,
and expenditures

CO-BENEFITS

better health, green space,
equitable transportation, lower costs

PUBLIC DEMAND ACTION

90% of residents concerned about climate;
10% understand the type and scale
of action needed

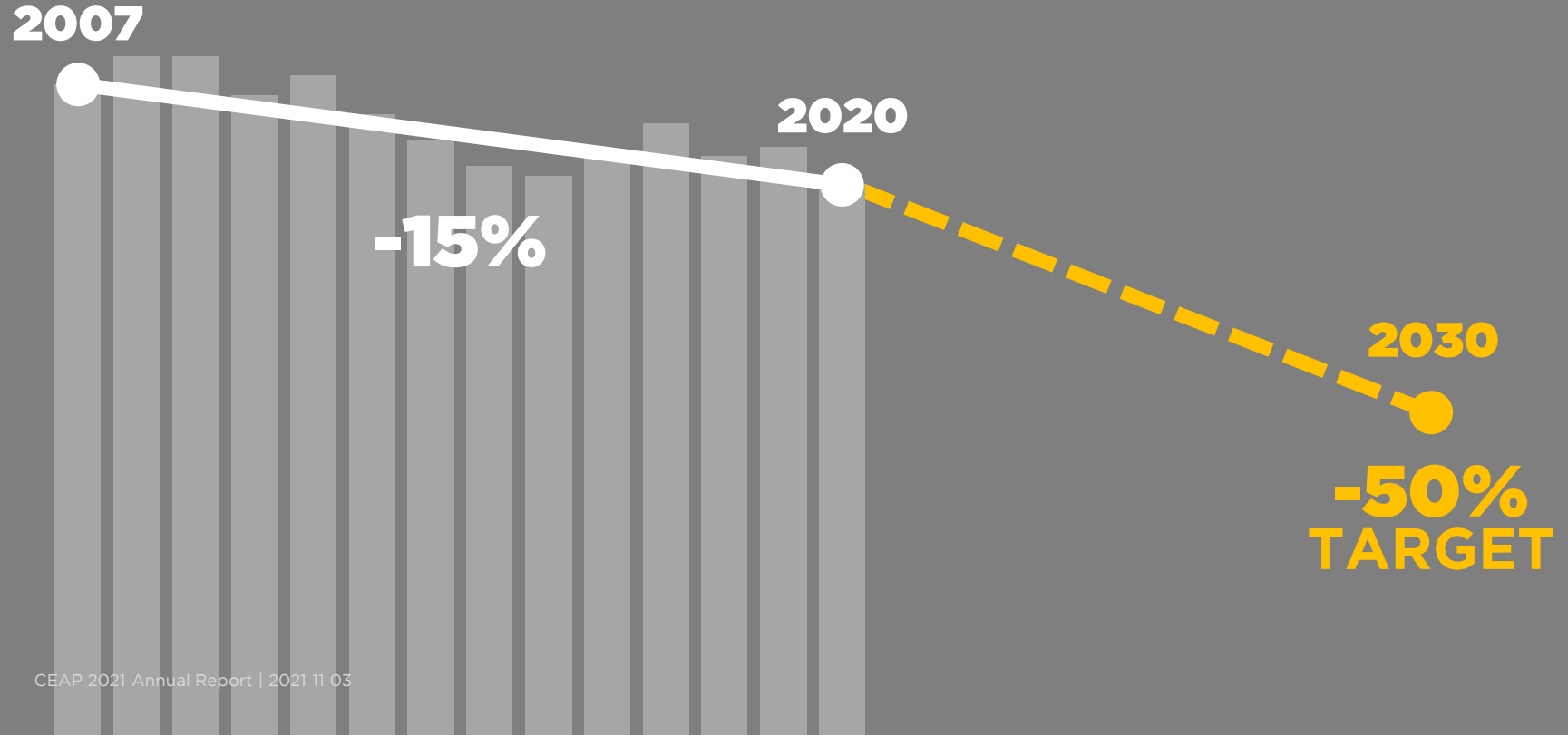
GCAP handout for
FINAL INDICATORS

CEAP

6 Big Moves



Vancouver's Carbon Pollution



Big Move Updates

**CURRENT LIKELIHOOD
OF REACHING TARGET**

HIGH

MEDIUM

LOW

Pressures

Policy Outcomes

External

Financial

Schedule

Staffing

Multiple

SUCCESSES

2020-2021

**KEY UPCOMING
COUNCIL DECISIONS**

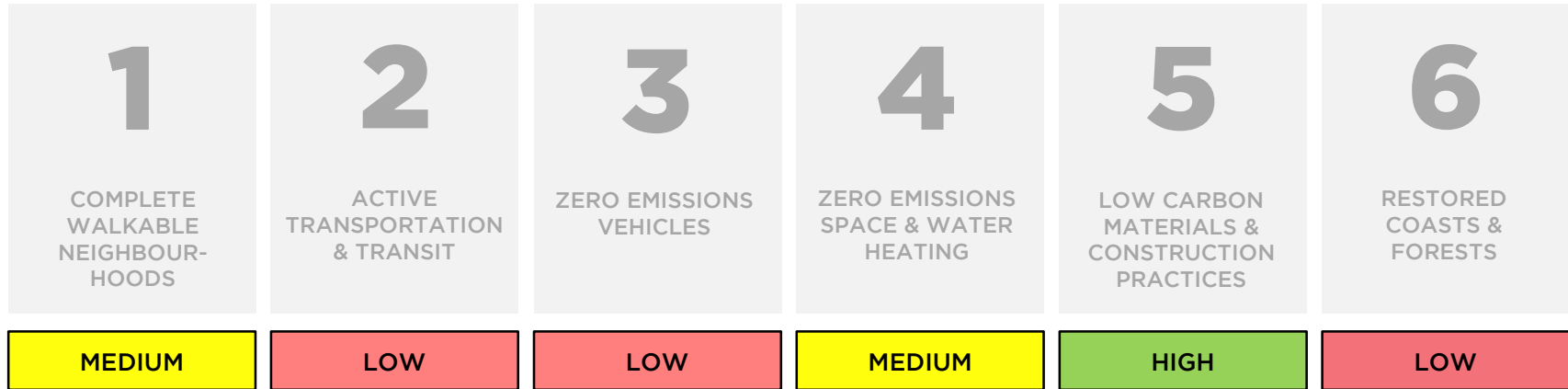
and other influences

**INDICATORS
AND MILESTONES**

Dashboard handout

Current Likelihood of Reaching Target

based on existing policy framework and other external/internal pressures



Key Council decisions and external decisions can influence these ratings.

1

COMPLETE WALKABLE COMMUNITIES

*90% of people live within an easy
walk/roll of their daily needs.*

Successes

SUPPORTING NEIGHBOURHOOD GROCERY STORES

Council approved zoning
and development by-law
amendments in Jan 2021

MORE HOUSING IN WALKABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

11 MIRHPP projects have
been approved, all in
walkable, transit-oriented
locations close to local
shopping streets

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MEDIUM

Key Decisions

- Streamlining Rentals **2021**
- Broadway Plan **2022**
- Vancouver Plan **2022**
- ʔəyálməxw/lyálməxw/Jericho Lands Policy Statement **2022**

2

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

By 2030, two thirds of trips in Vancouver will be by active transportation and transit.

Successes

BUS SPEED AND RELIABILITY

transit priority quick-builds; bus stop balancing; expanded peak hours

A SAFER WALK TO SCHOOL

Walk-Bike-Roll Mini-Grants;
Walking School Buses (fall 2021);
School Streets Pilot

MOVING QUICKLY ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Beach Ave upgraded
in April 2021: pedestrian
safety measures;
Slow Streets

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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

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transportation and transit.*

LOW

Key Decisions

- 2022 Capital Budget,
2023-26 Capital Plan **2022**
- Parking Standards for New Development
including Open Option Parking **2022**

INFLUENCES

- TransLink: Transport 2050 **2022**



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ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLES

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EV READINESS STANDARDS

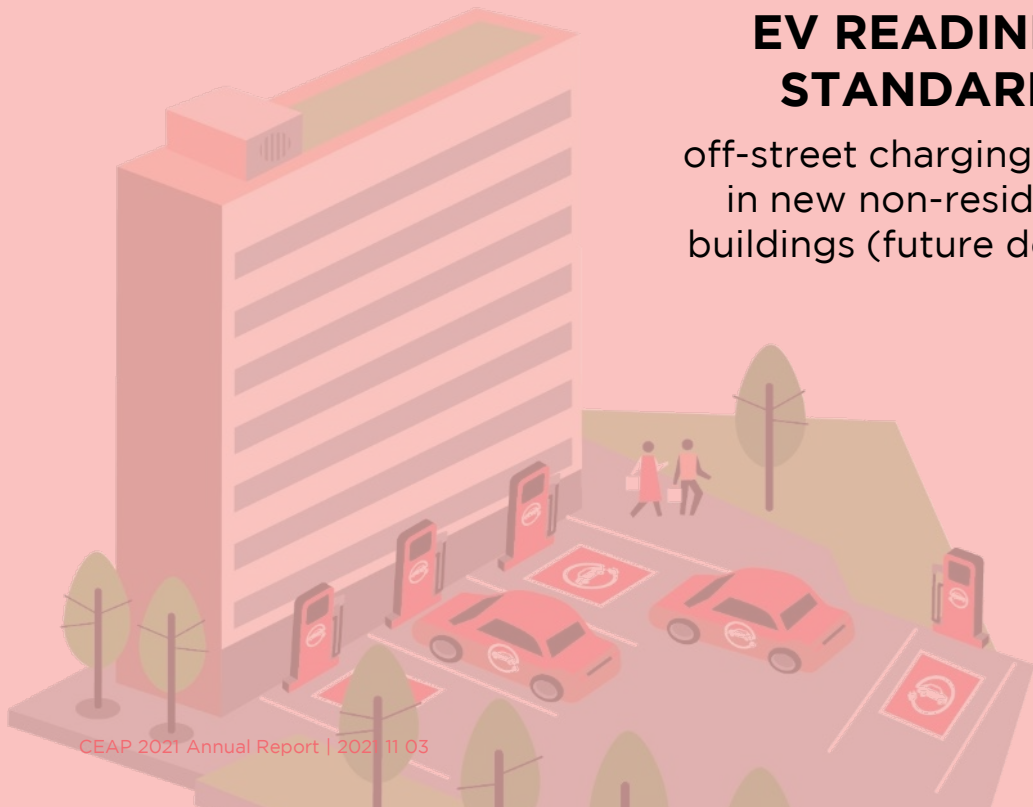
off-street charging for EVs
in new non-residential
buildings (future demand)

EV CHARGING IN RENTAL BUILDINGS

off-street EV charging in
rental-only buildings
(equity issues)

SAFE ON-STREET EV CHARGING

allow everyone to
safely use the sidewalk
(safety + climate)



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LOW

Key Decisions

- EV Charging: Gas Stations/Lots **2022**
- 2022 Capital Budget, 2023-26 Capital Plan **2022**

INFLUENCES

- BC: ZEV Standard

4

ZERO EMISSIONS SPACE AND WATER HEATING

*By 2030, the carbon pollution
from buildings will be cut in half
from 2007 levels.*

Successes

HEAT PUMP PERMIT STREAMLINING

best practice guides;
simplified processes for
many cases; dedicated
contact for further guidance

ZERO EMISSIONS NEW BUILDINGS

VBBL changes for
low-rise residential buildings
effective Jan 2022

REBATES SPUR HEAT PUMP UPTAKE

fully subscribed
CleanBC rebates for
heat pumps/water heaters;
renewed to 2023

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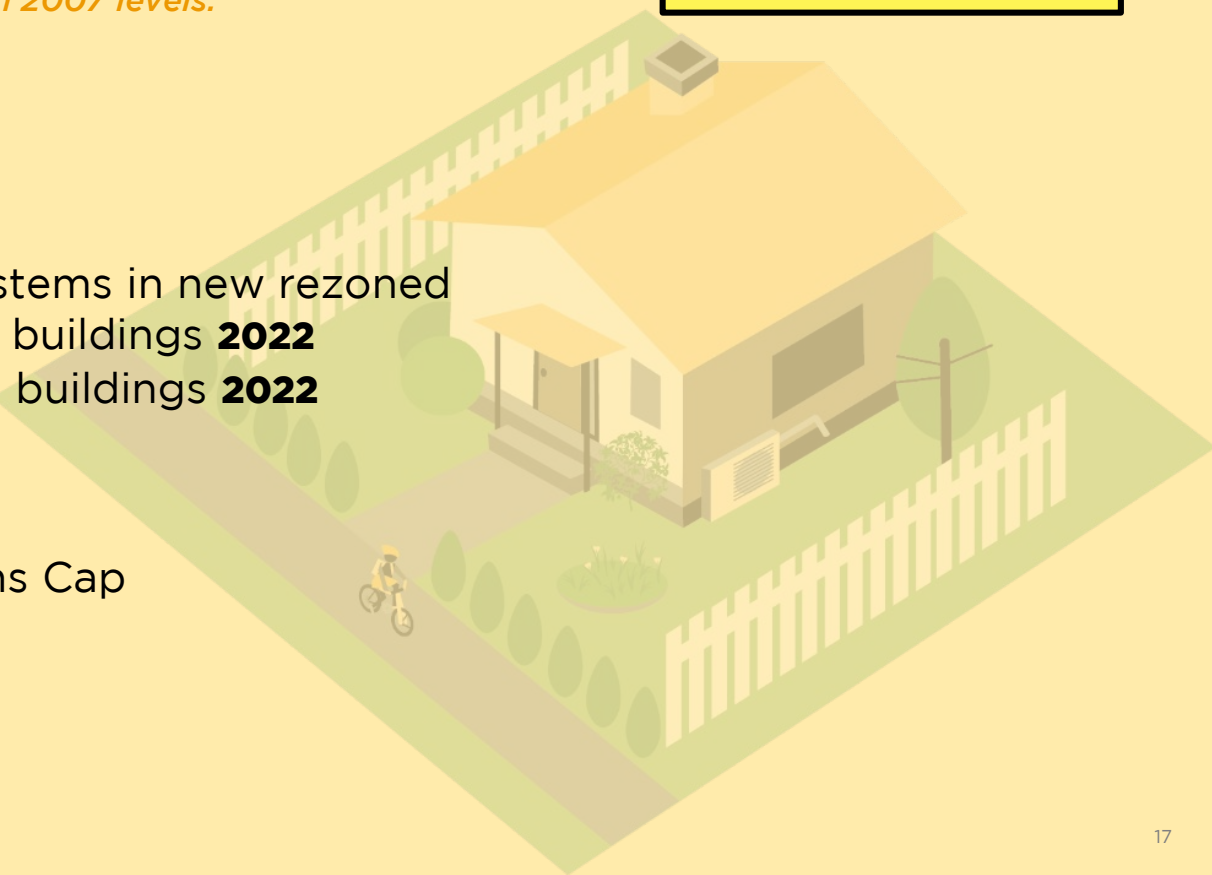
MEDIUM

Key Decisions

- Renewable hot water systems in new rezoned multi-family/commercial buildings **2022**
- Carbon limits on existing buildings **2022**

INFLUENCES

- BC: Natural Gas Emissions Cap



5

LOW CARBON MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES

*By 2030, the embodied emissions
from new buildings and construction
projects will be reduced by 40%
compared to a 2018 baseline.*

BUILDING PATHFINDER

online tool will help
designers explore available
low carbon design options

MASS TIMBER ZONING VARIANCES

variances to make it easier
to build tall timber,
introduced Feb 2021,
now in use by projects

LOW CARBON MATERIALS BUILD MOMENTUM

at least 7 tall timber projects
in design and permitting;
local concrete plant offering
low-carbon mixes

Successes



5

LOW CARBON
MATERIALS &
CONSTRUCTION
PRACTICES

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HIGH

Key Decisions

- Reduction targets for new rezoned buildings **2022**
- Additional code changes for mass timber **2022**

INFLUENCES

- BC: CleanBC Roadmap to 2030

6

RESTORED COASTS & FORESTS

By 2021, develop “negative emission” targets that can be achieved by restoring forest and coastal ecosystems.

LOW

Key Decisions

- Big Move 6 Roadmap **TBD**
- Vancouver Plan **2022**
- 2022 Capital Budget,
2023-26 Capital Plan **2022**

INFLUENCES

- BC: Climate Preparedness
and Adaptation Strategy



825 PACIFIC

award-winning Passive House
all-electric near-zero emission
artist/cultural hub

VPL's EV VAN

medium-duty book-delivery van;
90% lower fuel costs in first 4 months

RESPONSIBLE INVESTING & CLIMATE DISCLOSURE

First Canadian municipality to adopt
responsible investing screening and
TCFD reporting

Green Operations Plan

Successes

-24% building GHGs

-52% fleet GHGs

since 2008

ZERO CARBON INDICATORS

see Dashboard handout

CEAP Financial Framework

58%

OF \$58M 2021 CAPITAL BUDGET SPENT/COMMITTED

as at Oct 2021; **on-track to spend/commit fully** by end of 2021

- expanded EV charging network
- improved access and safety on pedestrian and bike network (incl. school safety, new sidewalks, pedestrian signals, curb ramps, bike lane improvements)
- heat-pump retrofit rebates for residents
- low-carbon retrofits in City buildings

CEAP Financial Framework

COUNCIL APPROVED IN 2020



~\$500M REQUIRED SPEND over five years to meet targets

CEAP Financial Framework

2020: COUNCIL APPROVED
CEAP FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

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BM1

~\$70M

e.g. Broadway Plan
area, curb cuts,
pedestrian signals

BM2

~\$290M

e.g. transit priority, bike lanes, major projects

BM3

~\$80M

e.g. EV charging
infrastructure,
City fleet

BM4

~\$60M

e.g. retrofit incentives,
City building
energy retrofits

CEAP Financial Framework

2020: COUNCIL APPROVED
CEAP FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

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CEAP Financial Framework

~\$230M Funding Gap

	COST-EFFECTIVE MEASURES	SENIOR GOV/ PARTNERS	NEW REVENUE	PRIORITY IN NEXT CAPITAL PLAN
5-YR	~\$25-50M	~\$25M	~\$45-70M	~\$95-125M

CEAP Financial Framework

~\$230M Funding Gap

COST-EFFECTIVE MEASURES

5-YR

~\$25-50M

2021

>\$10M

COST SAVINGS

materials and rescope
on active transportation
projects: Beach Ave,
Drake St, Smithe St, etc.

CEAP Financial Framework

~\$230M Funding Gap

COST-
EFFECTIVE
MEASURES

SENIOR GOV/
PARTNERS

5-YR

~\$25-50M

~\$25M

2021

>\$4M

EXTERNAL FUNDING SECURED

TransLink (active transportation)

FCM (building retrofit accelerator, NEU)

CleanBC (heat pump incentive leverage)

CEAP Financial Framework

~\$230M Funding Gap

COST-
EFFECTIVE
MEASURES

SENIOR GOV/
PARTNERS

NEW
REVENUE

5-YR

~\$25-50M

~\$25M

~\$45-50M

2021

\$0

POTENTIAL REVENUE:

UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME

CEAP Financial Framework

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EFFECTIVE
MEASURES

SENIOR GOV/
PARTNERS

NEW
REVENUE

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2021

NEXT STEPS

CEAP projects in 2022 capital budget

Next capital plan is a significant opportunity to consider CEAP funding

Investment strategy may be updated again in 2022

CEAP Financial Framework

Resident + business | investment vs. savings

\$1.3B investment

\$2.2B savings

~\$1B
RESIDENT AND BUSINESS SAVINGS
OVER NEXT DECADE



CEAP and Equity

CLIMATE & EQUITY WORKING GROUP

20 diverse individuals;
Climate Justice Charter
development;
direct work with CEAP staff

CLIMATE JUSTICE CHARTER

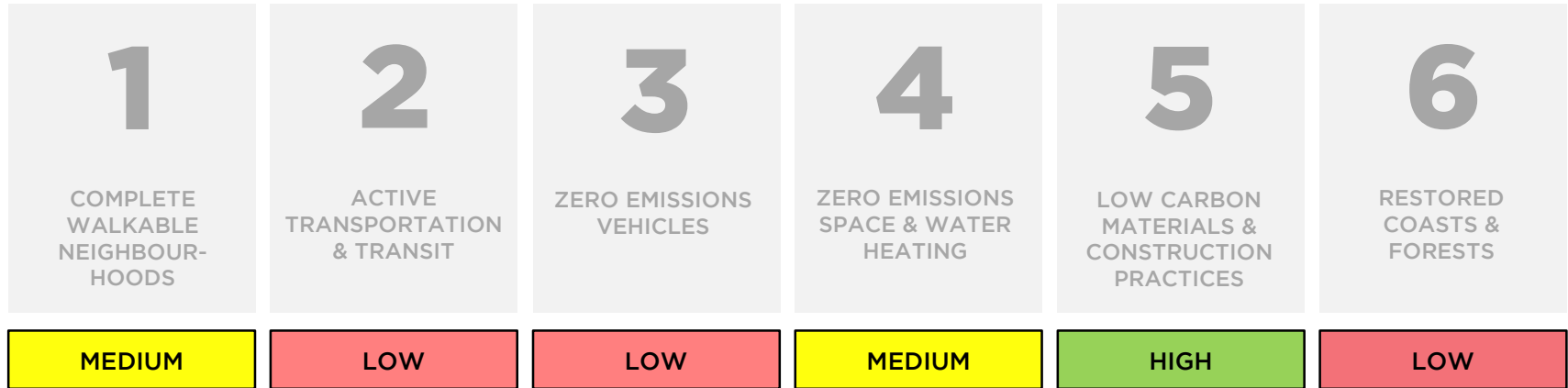
careful Charter scoping
for mid-2022 delivery

STILL EARLY IN THE JOURNEY

foundational work to
understand; early starts on
Mobi, Rental Retrofits,
EV readiness

Current Likelihood of Reaching Target

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LOOK AHEAD

CEAP Council Decisions

Nov 2021

Streamlining Rentals **BM1**

Heritage Energy Retrofit
Grant **BM4**

TBD Nature-Based
Climate Solutions **BM6**

Q1 2022

Parking Standards for
New Development **BM2**

EV Charging
Gas Stations + Parking Lots
BM3

EV Charging
Under-Sidewalk **BM3**

GB Policy For Rezoning
BM4/5

Q2 2022

Transport Pricing
Progress Update* **BM2**

Carbon Pollution Limits
Detached Homes **BM4**

Carbon Pollution Limits
Large Buildings **BM4**

Mass Timber Barrier
Removal **BM5**

Vancouver Plan
Complete Communities **BM1**

Broadway Plan
Complete Communities **BM1**

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Jericho Lands
Policy Statement
Complete Communities **BM1**

Q3 2022

Climate Justice Charter
BM1-6



QUESTIONS