

As a follow up to the Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC) meeting and my oral testimony, please consider the following.

1. The Primer on the Social Costs of Carbon (SCS)

I propose:

- Post ODOE's SCC Primer be posted, at least on the webpages of ODOE, OGWC, and ODOT Climate. Perhaps a slightly shorter version would be a good addition to the launching on the new "website" from the ODOT Climate Office.
- Make an abbreviated version of the SCC Primer available for public use and download. Maya, if you are open to it, I have a few suggestions about amending it for public understanding.
- Produce and Disseminate a version of the SCC Primer at middle school reading levels for distribution to middle school teachers and school libraries.

These actions are an inexpensive way for OGWC to implement its non-discretionary mandate of public education.

2. The OGWC and ODOT conduct a SCC analysis on the policy recommendations

Given the speed and intensity of the climate crisis, and the directives in the Executive Order, the OGWC should conduct SCC analyzes on the policy recommendations it is preparing for its 2020 legislative report. This may require funding assistance, but it is needed if the government truly values youth and our future. Based on the expert economic testimony on the most current knowledge, in combination with the high risks of massive impacts from climate-exacerbated natural hazards like monster wildfire, rapid adoption of a discounted rate between 2 and 3 % is both justified and imperative. Time is of the essence in this emergency. Finally, ODOT and other state agencies should conduct SCS analysis on investment plans and construction projects currently planned and those in the planning process through 2027(ODOT STIP planning for 2024-2027 start this month). At a minimum, ODOT should conduct these as pilot projects and should have at least one project that is inside the boundaries of Oregon's Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and several in rural areas.

2. Develop Ways to Expedite Energy Efficiency and Fleet Transition for Schools

The school bus programs and actions that ODOE presented at the May meeting about providing more information about zero carbon school buses are very promising. However, as member of the Marcola School District's budget committee, the Chair of the 2016-17 Advisory and Oversight Committee for design and construction of a new elementary school, and former school coach, there are gaps and/or disincentives in the technical and financial assistance to school districts for energy efficiency in buildings and for zero emission vehicles, both buses and for other district vehicles such as vans that are used for travel by smaller student groups. These gaps may need legislation and thus the OGWC should look into them and make any needed recommendations in its 2020 legislative report. Plus, a streamlined approach to existing programs would expedite the transition.

I have available to answer any questions.

Respectfully,
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