Staff Update on the Climate Change Advisory Committee Recommendations

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Outside of Staff Control

- Electric school buses
- Route and fleet analysis for Chatham Transit or Chatham County Schools

Investigating

- Generated savings from energy efficiency as way to finance future clean energy projects
 - Town of Chapel Hill plan for Green Project Bank
 - Interesting idea, complicated implementation
 - Significant staff time to track savings
 - Use projected savings on efficiency projects as one aspect of the feasibility/advisability of the project
- State-run Green Bank
 - Way to finance projects with bridge loans while waiting for federal reimbursement
 - As this develops, it can be a useful addition to the finance toolbox

Investigating

- Communication plan for weatherization and energy efficiency programs
 - Climate Change Advisory Committee developing recommended framework
 - Environmental Quality discussing with stakeholders mentioned in the presentation
 - Public Information Officer
 - Department of Social Services
 - Cooperative Extension
 - Sustainability landing page can be one mode of communication

Currently underway

- Developing electric vehicle fleet charging capacity
 - Installing charging infrastructure as vehicles are added to the fleet
 - Recently met with budget staff to discuss
 - Continue installing infrastructure as electric vehicles join fleet.
 - Make sure to consider future charging needs at individual buildings as charging for current vehicles is installed.
 - Upcoming space study
 - Any new buildings will have provisions for fleet charging

Currently underway

- Developing electric vehicle fleet charging capacity
 - Duke Energy make-ready credit is available for most installed charging infrastructure
 - Begun discussions with Duke about line capacity on Renaissance Drive
 - Duke field staff and planning staff still working out best way to efficiently upgrade line capacity for large scale electric vehicle charging

Currently underway

- Transitioning the county fleet to electric vehicles
 - Currently there are four electric vehicles in the fleet – two Nissan Leafs and two Chevrolet Bolts
 - New vehicle requests must look for electric or hybrid equivalent vehicles as replacements
 - More vehicles becoming available on statewide procurement lists every year
 - Eligible for federal reimbursement under Inflation Reduction Act for both vehicles and charging infrastructure

Questions?