

2022 Year in Review and Looking Ahead

December 19, 2022

Rebuilding Our Future – 2022 Council Priorities

- **Economic Recovery and Transition**
- **Housing for Social and Economic Balance**
- **Community Health and Safety**
- **Climate Protection and Adaptation**



Economic Recovery and Transition

Restoration of services

- Mid-year - restoration of positions
- FY23 budget – additional restoration of services
- Measures K and L – ongoing restoration of services

“Palo Alto will eliminate 74 full-time positions at city hall cut back popular services.” May 27, 2020 *The Mercury News*



Economic Recovery and Transition

Impacts of Hybrid work

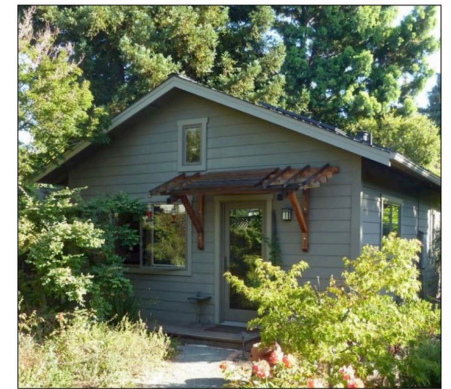


Housing for Social and Economic Balance

- 2015 office cap to balance job and housing growth
- Initiated ADU reforms - 2016
- Increase in impact fees – (overturned by Council in 2017)
- Business tax – (dropped by Council in 2017)
- Housing Incentive Program (HIP) and PHZ – 2018/19
- Renter Assistance and Protections – 2021
- Impact Fee increase for Affordable Housing - 2021
- **2022**
 - Objective Standards Adopted – 2022
 - Business Tax Approved - \$3 Million per year toward Affordable Housing ~doubling local share funding – 2022
 - Housing Element Adoption
 - Affordable Housing Pipeline



Summary Guide to ADUs and Junior ADUs



This document is a summary of regulations for accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units and is not a substitute for the specific regulations in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section [18.42.040](#).

For more information, please call 650-617-3117 or email planneronduty@cityofpaloalto.org.

Housing for Social and Economic Balance

- 2nd highest affordable housing in the county – 9% of all housing units.
- Wilton Court opening – **third affordable housing project in five years.**



Buena Vista - 2017



Mayfield Place - 2017



Wilton Court -2022

Housing for Social and Economic Balance

- **Four Affordable Housing Projects in the current pipeline.**
- Additional sites and projects coming forward.
- 76 units at 1237 San Antonio Rd
 - Transitional Housing for individuals and families along with full support services - Homekey/LifeMoves
- 50 units at 525 Charleston Rd
 - Includes support services for adults with special needs
- 110 units at Grant Ave
 - Teacher housing
- 129 units at 3001 El Camino
 - Families and individuals with very-low and extremely-low income
- **Upcoming**
 - 1.1 acres for affordable housing at the Fry's site
 - Downtown surface parking lots for affordable housing
 - Others



Housing for Social and Economic Balance

RHNA mandate:

- 6,086 new housing units in 8 years – ~25% increased in city housing units and over half subsidized
- Sites and incentives for low-income, transitional housing
- Affordable Housing Funding dilemma
 - Over \$1 Billion cost
 - Increased commercial impact fees - 2021
 - Business tax – 2022 ballot

“Rising costs don't deter Palo Alto from pursuing interim housing project

City Council votes to move ahead with plan to build 88 apartments for the unhoused on San Antonio Road”

Palo Alto Weekly, Nov 2, 2021



Community Health and Safety

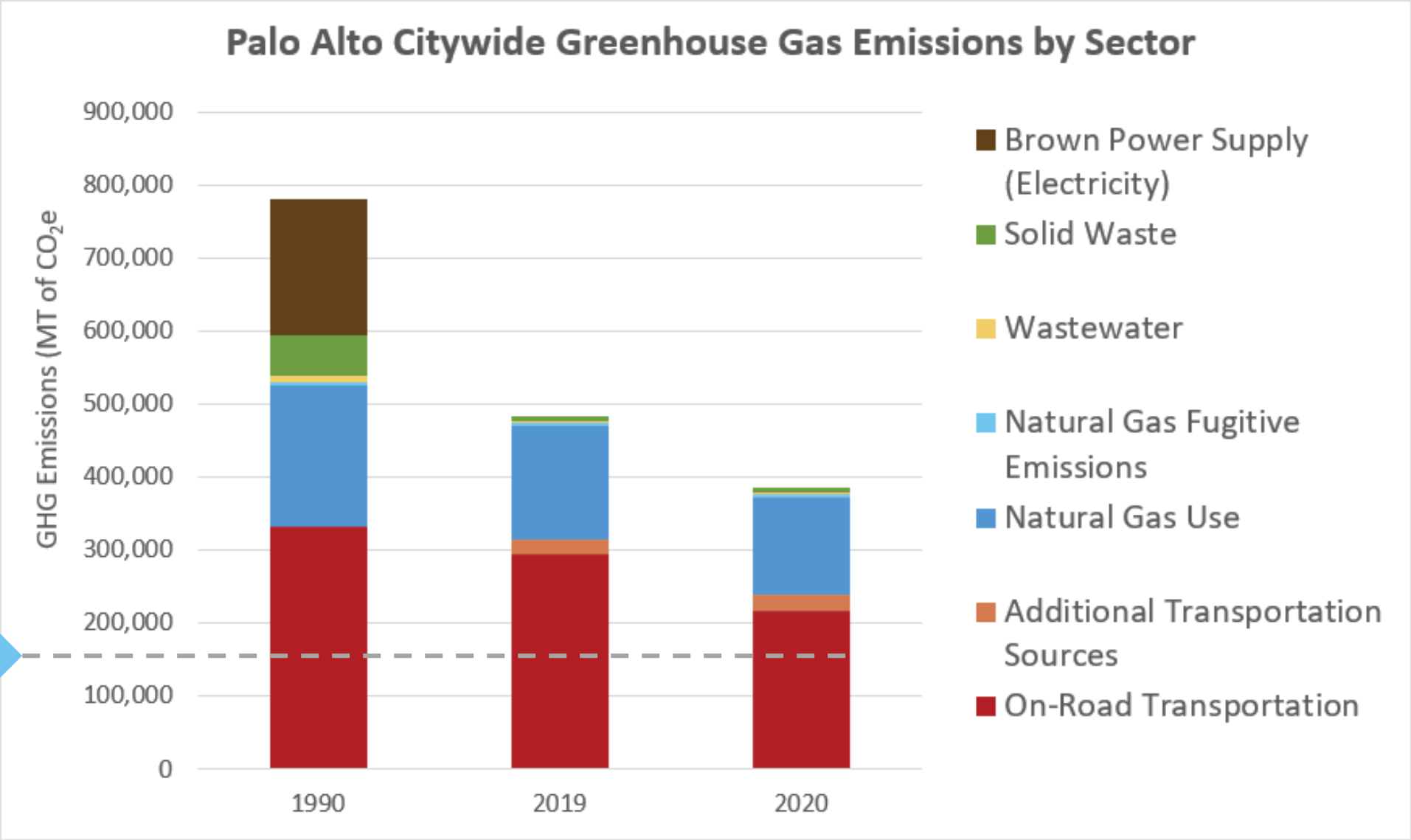
- Caltrain Grade Separations
 - Secured \$420 Million VTA Measure B funding
- PERT and TRUST social partnerships with Police
- Restoration of public safety staffing



s - Looking West

Palo Alto GHG Emissions Down ~50.6% (42% without Pandemic)

80 x 30 Target
(156K MT CO₂e)



Climate Protection and Adaptation

Too much water



Shoreline Protection Plan

Updated Foothills Fire Protection Program

And too little



2020 CZU Megafire

Climate Protection and Adaptation - Getting to Neutral

- Reach Code Adoption
 - Electrification of all new buildings and major remodels
- Electrification of existing homes and businesses
- 3-Year Goals and Key Actions to meet 8030 Goal
- Carbon-neutrality Goal by 2030

California's Goal:

80% BELOW
1990 LEVEL
BY 2050

Palo Alto's Goal:

80% BELOW
1990 LEVEL
BY 2030



120 volt/15amp
hot water heaters

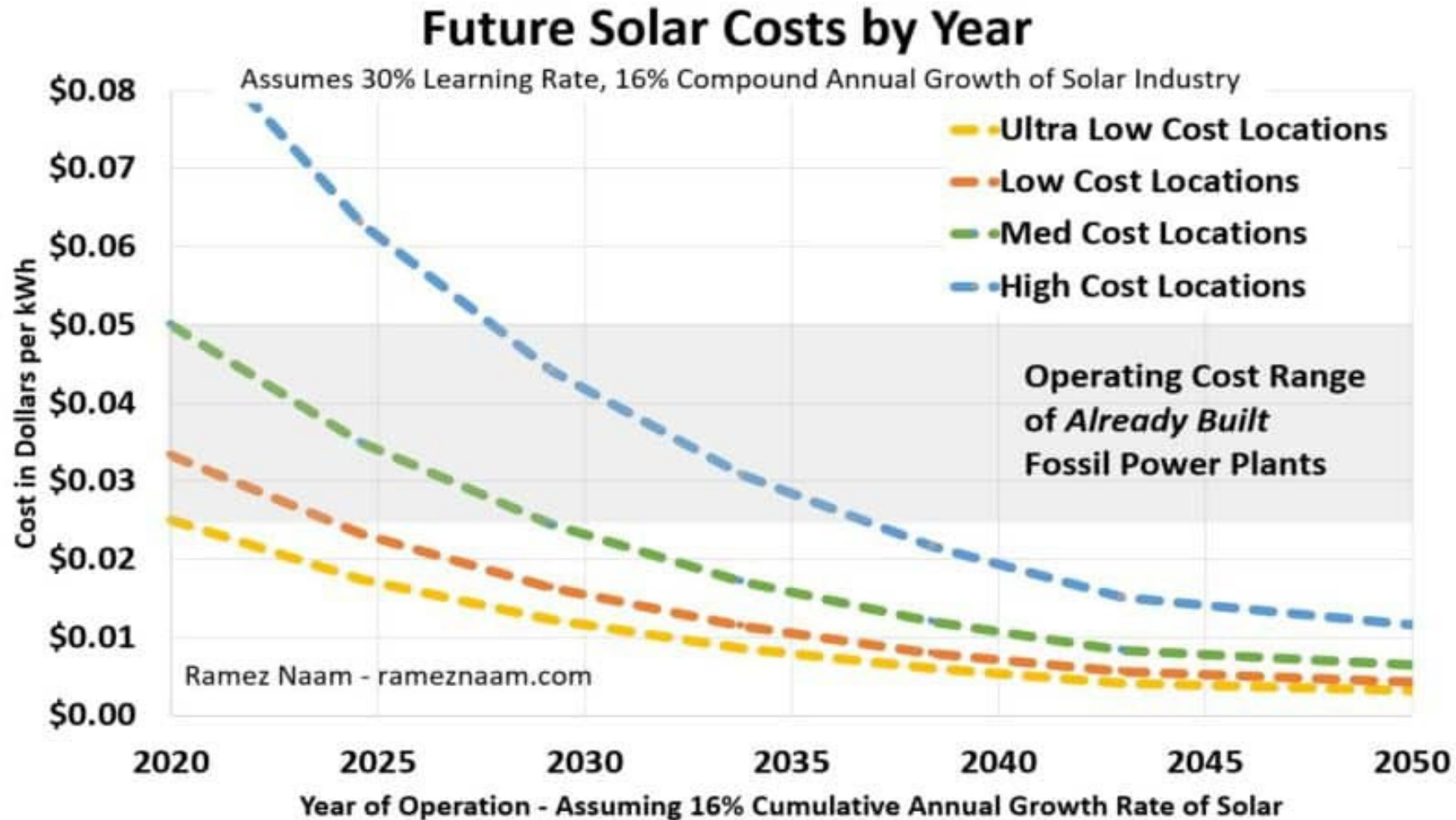
The Road Ahead - Transportation in 2030

- Cut commute travel
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- 85% of all Palo Alto new vehicle purchases are Evs and 40% of commuter trips are EVs
- Ubiquitous charging
- Electrified Transit
- Micro mobility



The Road Ahead - challenges and opportunities

Renewables are now the cheapest new energy



And More...

- Housing Element Approval
- Castilleja Project Approval
- Cubberley – land swap negotiations started
- NVCAP Approval
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Rebuild Approved
- Downtown Urban Design and our Future Retail Launched



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Rich and fertile land