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| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S01 | Soil Health Management Practices (also referred to as Regenerative Agricultural Practices) | Mitigation | Reduce net GHG emissions and increase carbon sequestration/storage and other environmental benefits through adoption of soil health management practices (e.g., cover/double crops, reduced tillage, perennial crop systems). Also referred to as Regenerative Agricultural Practices). | Low (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S02 | Nutrient Management | Mitigation | Nutrient Management - Reduce nitrous oxide (N ₂ O) emissions while achieving desired crop yield and quality through continued and expanded nutrient management planning and implementation on crop fields, hay fields, pastures, orchards, vineyards, and other agricultural lands receiving nutrients. | Low-Medium (2030) - Medium-High (2050) |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S03 | Alternative Manure Management | Mitigation | Alternative Manure Management - Reduce methane emissions by implementing practice systems specifically planned and designed for each farm, such as cover and flare systems, anaerobic digester systems, and other/innovative systems that collect, capture and combust methane from manure storages or prevent methane production from manure storage. | Medium (2030) - High (2050) |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S04 | Precision Feed, Forage and Herd Management | Mitigation | Precision Feed, Forage and Herd Management – Reduce methane and nitrous oxide emissions while achieving desired ruminant growth and lactation goals. Strategy acknowledges that additional methane emission reduction may be realized from feed additives developed in the future. | Medium (2030) - Medium-High (2050) |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S05 | Agroforestry | Mitigation | Agroforestry - Adding trees into areas of agricultural production to reliably increase carbon sequestration and other environmental benefits. | Low (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S06 | AEM Planning for Climate Mitigation/Adaptation, aka "Carbon Farm Planning" | Enabling | AEM Planning for Climate Mitigation/Adaptation, aka "Carbon Farm Planning" | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S07 | Benchmarking and Monitoring | Enabling | A new program for long-term, annual monitoring and benchmarking of GHG mitigation, carbon sequestration, and adaptation performance across applicable areas of management on farms in NYS. Information products provide useful, farm-level data for confidential benchmarking by farmers as well as publicly available data through farm case studies (with farmer agreement) and aggregated datasets to support future policy, research, and implementation. | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S08 | Avoided Forest Conversion | Mitigation | Keep Forests as Forests: Maintain and enhance the state's carbon sequestration potential through avoided forest conversion | High (2030) - High (2050) |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S09 | Avoided Agricultural Land Conversion | Enabling | Maintain and protect the states' potential for carbon sequestration on agricultural lands through avoided farmland conversion; enhance farm viability, increase food security, and implement smart growth to reduce future GHG emissions from Vehicle Miles Traveled. | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S10 | Bolstering Local Agricultural Economies | Enabling | Support emission reductions by enhancing existing programs, and promoting the expansion of those programs, that encourage farm viability and resilient communities through the production and consumption of local food | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S11 | Enhance local government planning for land conservation | Enabling | Encourage and provide guidance for the inclusion of farmland and forestland protection in municipal comprehensive plans. Require inclusion of farmland and forestland protection in state funded municipal comprehensive plans. Encourage and fund development of Natural Resource Inventories. | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S12 | Improved, Sustainable Forest Management | Mitigation | Maintain and increase carbon sequestration in NYS forests by securing forest regeneration, improving forest health and productivity, and restoring degraded forests through the widespread adoption of improved, sustainable forest management. | High. 3.3-11.0 million metric tons of CO ₂ e per year |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S13 | Afforestation/Reforestation | Mitigation | Increase forested acres through afforestation and reforestation efforts to establish climate adapted and resilient forests. There are potentially 1.7 million acres of marginal lands available for establishing forests. | High. 5-12 million metric tons CO ₂ e per year |

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| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S14 | Urban Forestry | Mitigation | Increase and maintain tree cover in urban and developed areas to reduce energy use and corresponding GHG emissions through the shading and cooling effect of trees. Increase carbon sequestration through tree establishment and extending the life of urban trees through improved maintenance. | Medium |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S15 | Climate and Forest Carbon Research | Enabling | Expand funding for peer reviewed climate, forest carbon, and applied forest management research | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S16 | Workforce Development | Enabling | Develop and support workforce development and training programs for forest sector workers to enable an increase demand in forestry services to be met. Incorporate forest carbon and forest carbon management into training programs and forestry curriculums at the high school (e.g., BOCES) and college level. | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S17 | Outreach and Education | Enabling | Facilitate the development of a forest-based culture and economy through state-of-the-art outreach, education and marketing techniques to inform the public and policy makers about forest and forest carbon issues | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S18 | Expand Markets for Sustainably Harvested Durable Wood Products | Enabling | Advance the use of high value timber for long lasting products while advancing forest health and forest carbon sequestration. Displace GHG-intensive building materials (steel, concrete) with durable wood products (carbon sequestered in cross-laminate timber, hard wood floors) that reduces the net building and infrastructure GHG and provide long duration carbon storage | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S19 | Sustainable biomass feedstock action plan for 2050 hard-to-decarbonize products | Enabling | This plan will identify feedstock volumes and production methods that utilize NYS biomass resources in a sustainable, sequestration maximizing manner to create replacements for hard to decarbonize fuels while considering other uses for these feedstocks (see recommendation on low-carbon product development). Fuel derived from biomass will likely have a limited but strategic role in New York's 2030 and 2050 needs | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S20 | Increasing market access for NY low-carbon products | Enabling | Enhancing carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas mitigation, and economic development opportunities by reducing barriers and creating competitive advantage for NY produced low carbon products | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S21 | Financial and Technical Assistance for Low-Carbon Product Development | Enabling | Provide financial and technical assistance to grow a bioprocessing industry in New York that utilizes low-grade wood and other biomass residuals to create bio-based substitutes for fossil fuel based products | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S22 | Bio-based Products Research Development & Demonstration Overview | Enabling | Develop a demonstration and pilot project portfolio to drive investment in the areas of biobased low-carbon fuels, products, and related sequestration that considers intersection of industrial/manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, and power generation sectors. Fund Innovation challenges and select projects that can scale beyond business as usual | |
| Ag & Forestry | AGF-S23 | Net Negative Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) | Enabling | Advance deployment of natural CDR pathways that serve to create a negative emissions profile for bioeconomy products and other economic sectors. (long duration carbon storage beyond net zero) | |
| EITE | EITE-S01 | Financial and Technical Assistance | Mitigation | Provide technical assistance to help identify economically viable decarbonization projects and provide comprehensive energy management planning. Provide financial assistance for decarbonization projects and leverage low-cost hydropower to support industry. | Low (2030) - High (2050) |
| EITE | EITE-S02 | Low-Carbon Procurement Policies | Mitigation | Develop preferential procurement standards for low-carbon building materials and remove impediments to the State's purchase of low-carbon materials. Low-carbon materials will be required to reduce emissions in the built environment. Providing a value proposition for manufacturers to produce low-carbon products will help reduce process related emissions. | Low (2030) - Medium (2050) |

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| EITE | EITE-S03 | Research Development & Demonstration (RD&D) | Enabling | Develop a comprehensive Innovation Roadmap to determine priorities for deep decarbonization RD&D investment. Meeting the CLCPA goals for industry is not technically and/or economically feasible with currently available technologies alone. This research effort should analyze the social, financial, and technological characteristics of solutions that will enable industry to meet CLCPA goals. The research should consider the intersection of the industrial/manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, and power generation sectors when determining investment priorities. | |
| EITE | EITE-S04 | Workforce Development | Enabling | Provide workforce development training on existing and new innovative emission reduction technologies | |
| EITE | EITE-S05 | GHG Reporting | Enabling | Expand the universe of facilities that are required to report on their GHG emissions. | |
| EITE | EITE-S06 | Economic Incentives | Enabling | Leverage the State's climate policies to develop an in-state supply chain of green economy companies by engaging in business development discussions and offering loans, grants, tax credits, and other economic incentives. | |
| Waste | WST-S01 | Organic Waste Reduction and Recycling | Mitigation | Reduce methane and carbon dioxide emissions by reducing the combustion and landfilling of organics and other methane/GHG producing wastes. | High (2030) - High (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S02 | Extended Producer Responsibility / Product Stewardship | Mitigation | Reduce methane and carbon dioxide emissions from waste disposal facilities by enacting broad Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)/Product Stewardship requirements to cover the recycling of packaging and printed paper, carpet, tires, textiles, solar panels, wind turbines, all batteries, appliances (especially those containing refrigerants), mattresses, and other methane generating wastes. | High (2030) - High (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S03 | Reduce fugitive emissions | Mitigation | Identify and reduce fugitive emissions of methane from landfills and anaerobic digesters through baseline measurement, increased monitoring, and engineering and regulatory programs to reduce leaks. | High (2030) - High (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S04 | Recycling Markets | Mitigation | Reduce methane and carbon dioxide emissions from landfills and combustors by supporting domestic recycling facilities and markets for recovered resources, including compost, digestate, and recycled aggregate/building deconstruction materials. | Medium (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S05 | Biogas Use | Mitigation | Recognizing that some waste generation is unavoidable, determine limited and strategic best uses for energy produced from biogas/RNG derived from organic waste. Assess use in the waste transportation sector, electric co-location or cogeneration opportunities for energy/heat intensive industries and hard to electrify users. Utilize market value of the energy to support organics diversion and waste reduction initiatives. Align energy price analysis with funding needs for build-out of organics recycling infrastructure. | Medium (2030) - High (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S06 | Waste reduction, reuse, and recycling | Mitigation | Reduce methane and carbon dioxide emissions from waste disposal facilities by supporting robust waste reduction, reuse, and recycling initiatives. | Medium (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S07 | WRRF Conversion | Mitigation | Transform Wastewater Treatment Plants from waste disposal priority to Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRFs) that emphasize capture of beneficial products. | High (2030) - High (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S08 | Fugitive emissions from WRRFs | Mitigation | Measure and reduce fugitive emissions from WRRFs, septic and sewer systems. Where density and local conditions allow, eliminate septic tanks and convert to municipal sewer system collections or advanced onsite treatments. | High (2030) - High (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S09 | Refrigerant Diversion | Mitigation | Reduce GHG emissions associated with end-of-life management of appliances that contain High-Global Warming Potential refrigerants. Benefits are highest in the near-term while these refrigerants are still in widespread usage. | High (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Waste | WST-S10 | Research | Enabling | Continue to research and obtain more accurate data on climate impacts from solid waste | |

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| Waste | WST-S11 | Green Jobs | Enabling | Green, equitable jobs and workforce development. Institute coordination around workforce recruitment and employment frameworks. Develop strategies that result in a living wage green-collar labor system for residents and communities that are economically disadvantaged. Sustainable funding for environmental justice, resident-led initiatives with proven, shovel-ready (local and regional) solutions that reduce and divert recyclables and organics with a focus on multi-family buildings, disadvantaged, BIPOC, and underperforming communities. | |
| EEH | EEH-S01 | Codes and Standards | Mitigation | Enact enabling legislation and adopt codes, standards, and regulations to improve energy efficiency, reduce emissions, and enhance building resilience. Adopt regulations that phase out fossil fuel use in buildings, requiring energy-efficient electric heating and cooling, electric hot water heating, and electric appliances. | High |
| EEH | EEH-S02 | Benchmarking and Disclosure | Mitigation | Require measuring building energy usage, benchmarking energy performance, and making that information accessible via disclosure or labeling. | Low (but enables other mitigation) |
| EEH | EEH-S03 | Gas System Transition | Mitigation | Advance a managed, phased, and just transition from reliance on fossil gas and the gas distribution system to a clean energy system, including elimination of embedded subsidies for fossil gas. | High (overlap with #1) |
| EEH | EEH-S04 | Transition from HFCs | Mitigation | Advance a managed and just transition from reliance on HFC use as refrigerants and in all products used in building construction. | High |
| EEH | EEH-S05 | Public Financial Incentives | Enabling | Provide incentives for single family, multifamily, and commercial and institutional building owners that speed uptake and help to transform the market for building efficiency, electrification, and decarbonization, with a focus on enabling uptake that benefits LMI households, affordable housing and public housing, and DACs. | |
| EEH | EEH-S06 | Public and Private Low-cost Financing | Enabling | Low-cost financing for energy efficiency, electrification, electrification readiness, solar PV, and related improvements in buildings to provide single family, multifamily, and commercial and institutional building owners with access to low-cost capital at the scale needed to pay for the building upgrades necessary for decarbonization. | |
| EEH | EEH-S07 | Workforce | Enabling | Support workforce education, training, job placement and development that equip the state's current and future workforce to design, install, inspect, maintain and operate healthy, comfortable, low-carbon buildings while increasing clean energy job placement for DACs and advancing industry diversity. | |
| EEH | EEH-S08 | Public Awareness and Consumer Education | Enabling | Support broad public awareness and consumer education, create strategic partnerships including with trusted community leaders, and scale-up targeted outreach and decision-making support to increase market demand and accelerate the transition to low-carbon, energy-efficient, all-electric buildings. | |
| EEH | EEH-S09 | Innovation | Enabling | Support research and development (R&D), demonstration projects, and more companies and manufacturers operating in NYS to bring innovative solutions to the marketplace for: highly efficient, all-electric, and resilient buildings; grid-interactive buildings, with revenue opportunities; and reducing embodied carbon in buildings. | |
| EEH | EEH-S10 | Embodied Carbon | Enabling | Establish procurement requirements and design specifications for State-funded projects and support education, building reuse, R&D, and in-state manufacturing of alternative products in order to lower the embodied carbon of products and materials used in the buildings sector and to create broad carbon literacy regarding the impact of materials, while increasing attention to carbon-sequestering products (e.g., cross-laminated timber, hempcrete). | |

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| EEH | EEH-S11 | Federal Agenda | Cross-cutting panel recs | The Panel recommends the CAC advocate for Federal resources and policy support in the scoping plan. Climate change is a national and global problem. New York State is a leader but will need significant assistance and partnership from the Federal government to bring these recommendations to fruition. | |
| EEH | EEH-S12 | Revenue Sources | Cross-cutting panel recs | The Panel recommends the CAC conduct an economy-wide analysis to identify resources and funding mechanisms to support the final scoping plan. While the Panel identified and recommended some potential funding/financing mechanisms, these do not address the full need outlined in the recommendations. Further analysis and expert/stakeholder input is needed to identify resources for this scale of transformation. | |
| EEH | EEH-S13 | Energy Costs and Price Signals | Cross-cutting panel recs | The Panel recommends ongoing PSC attention to rate design and retail rate price signals for both electricity and gas, to ensure affordability as buildings electrify and to promote demand flexibility. | |
| EEH | EEH-S14 | Adaptation and Resilience | Cross-cutting panel recs | Adaptation and Resilience recommendations are of material importance as buildings electrify heating systems, and as the frequency of extreme weather events increases the probability and scale of grid outages. At the building level, the Panel recommends several changes in the State codes that support more resilient buildings and efficient, flexible technologies that can enhance grid reliability and resilience, including high-performance walls/roofs/windows to improve passive survivability, solar PV along with energy storage readiness, grid-interactive appliances, and EV readiness to position for vehicle-to-grid/vehicle-to-building applications. The Panel also supports multiple specific recommendations advanced by the cross-panel Adaptation and Resilience group, notably: (i) to develop policies and programs to reduce human risks associated with new patterns of thermal extremes (e.g., community-based cooling and warming centers, weatherization from thermal extremes, cool roofs); (ii) to ensure the reliability, resilience and safety of a decarbonized energy system (e.g., modernize the energy system, energy efficiency upgrades and capital improvements to buildings to endure grid failures and to accept power when the system is re-energized); and (iii) to strengthen meaningful community engagement and public education and build adaptive capacity (e.g., train building operations staff in disaster preparedness, provide home and small business resilience audits/refinancing). The Panel underscores the need for additional research, analysis, and policy development on this critical topic. | |
| EEH | EEH-S15 | Energy Efficiency Upgrades for Existing Homes | Cross-cutting panel recs | Although the Panel's recommendations do not include a regulatory requirement to perform energy efficiency upgrades to existing residential buildings, the Panel underscores the importance of insulation/weatherization and energy efficiency measures to make homes comfortable and to reduce emissions, heating costs, and seasonal demand peaks. Either regulations and/or substantial subsidies likely will be needed in the future to effectuate this at scale. Given market challenges and costs, the Panel recommends that the first step is to require energy benchmarking and disclosure as described in Mitigation Strategy #2, which can then inform future policy deliberations and programs to assist low-income New Yorkers. In the meantime, funding for LMI weatherization/energy efficiency efforts will need to be substantially increased. | |

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| LULG | LULG-S01 | Land Use - Future Growth | Enabling | Guide future growth, redevelopment, and conservation at the regional scale through regional planning. Facilitate and support collaborative smart growth comprehensive planning at the county and regional scales to inform and guide land use decisions, including designation of priority development areas and priority conservation areas | |
| LULG | LULG-S02 | Land Use - Empower Local Government to Achieve Smart Growth | Enabling | Empower Local Government to Achieve Smart Growth Planning and Development. Provide direct planning and zoning assistance to local communities. Promote municipal implementation of mitigation strategies through enhanced technical assistance, increased support for local adoption of zoning and land use regulation consistent with smart growth principles and local policies that support sustainable, equitable development and the accelerated expansion of local clean energy through a streamlined “Plan-to-Zone” initiative | |
| LULG | LULG-S03 | Land Use - Enable Equitable Smart Growth Projects | Enabling | Enhance Resources to Enable Equitable Smart Growth Projects. Provide local government with the necessary tools and resources to guide, enable and inform the process of achieving equitable smart growth projects such as TOD, mixed-income/affordable housing, downtown, village and hamlet centers, and infill development. | |
| LULG | LULG-S04 | Land Use - State Priorities | Enabling | Align State Funding Priorities. Prioritize smart growth, equity, and sustainability in all relevant state funding, including new infrastructure spending | |
| LULG | LULG-S05 | Land Use - TOD | Enabling | Facilitate and Accelerate Equitable Transit Oriented Development (TOD). Accelerate mixed-use, mixed-income transit-oriented development around key transit hubs served by rail and bus. | |
| LULG | LULG-S06 | Clean Energy - Community Dashboard | Enabling | Develop a statewide dashboard of community greenhouse gas emissions inventories to promote local climate action planning, monitor equity considerations, measure progress, and ensure data consistency at the county/municipality level. | |
| LULG | LULG-S07 | Clean Energy - Local Policies | Enabling | Encourage local governments to demonstrate leadership in energy efficiency by developing model above-minimum energy conservation construction policies or adopting the NY Stretch Energy Code and promoting its adoption, enhanced code enforcement including streamlined permitting, third party inspections, and shared enforcement, and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. | |
| LULG | LULG-S08 | Clean Energy - Statewide Policies | Enabling | Establish statewide policies that require consistent advancement on building decarbonization by adopting a highly efficient State Energy Code aligned with CLCPA goals as soon as possible, establishing energy benchmarking and performance standards for buildings, and creating innovative public benefit financing mechanisms. | |
| LULG | LULG-S09 | Clean Energy - Planning Support | Enabling | Facilitate clean energy siting through planning support and the development and promotion of model local laws, streamlined permitting, and local development regulations that clearly identify appropriate as-of-right installation opportunities for different clean energy technology types, and clear requirements and reasonable processes for installations that are not as-of-right. | |
| LULG | LULG-S10 | Clean Energy - Community Initiatives | Enabling | Connect homes, businesses, and community institutions with clean energy products, services, and job opportunities through Community Choice Aggregation programs, microgrids, district systems, workforce development initiatives, and community-scale campaigns to encourage adoption of new, innovative technologies to generate value and savings for consumers in an equitable manner. | |

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| LULG | LULG-S11 | Clean Energy - Local Assets | Enabling | Continue and expand state program opportunities, incentives, technical assistance, and centralized procurement services to motivate local governments and related public entities to improve assets they control with high-impact actions such as LED lighting, energy efficiency upgrades, heat pump projects, methane recovery for energy production from wastewater treatment and landfills, solar on municipal premises, and municipal and school district fleet electrification. | |
| LULG | LULG-S12 | Carbon Sequestration - Freshwater Wetlands | Mitigation | Maintain and enhance the carbon sequestration potential of freshwater, non-tidal wetlands in New York State through protection, restoration, and monitoring. | Low (2030) - Low (2050) |
| LULG | LULG-S13 | Carbon Sequestration - Blue Carbon | Mitigation | Maintain and enhance the carbon sequestration potential of “blue carbon” in New York State, including coastal and estuarine tidal wetlands, submerged aquatic vegetation, and other coastal habitats, through protection, restoration, and monitoring. | Low (2030) - Low (2050) |
| LULG | LULG-S14 | Carbon Sequestration - Mapping, Research, Planning, and Assistance | Enabling | Maintain and enhance the carbon sequestration potential of natural areas in New York State, including wetlands, coastal habitats, forests, and grasslands through improved mapping (both regulatory and non-regulatory), research, conservation planning guidance, stewardship, and assistance for local governments and landowners. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S01 | Growth of Large-Scale Renewable Energy Generation | Enabling | Accelerate deployment of renewable energy systems including solar, land-based wind, and offshore wind in alignment with the Clean Energy Standard. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S02 | Clean Energy Siting & Community Acceptance | Enabling | Support the development and use of information and resources for local communities to make beneficial decisions about renewable energy projects in their community. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S03 | Distributed Generation / Distributed Energy Resources | Enabling | By generating smaller amounts of clean electricity closer to end-users, we can increase energy efficiency, reduce carbon pollution, improve grid resiliency, and potentially curtail the need for costly transmission investments. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S04 | Existing Storage Technology | Enabling | The State developed a 3GW goal for energy storage in the 2018 energy storage roadmap based on a 50% renewable target for 2030. 70% renewables and the transition to a carbon-free grid requires higher levels of energy storage as exemplified in the recent Power Grid Study identifying a need for >15GW. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S05 | Demand Side | Enabling | Analyze and appropriately model responsive demand as part of future generation and energy supply. Consider those modeled impacts on costs and timelines of power generation by decade and incorporate into system planning. It is imperative that flexible, responsive loads are analyzed and modeled appropriately to optimize for the lowest system cost and the most expeditious deployment of both clean supply and demand solutions. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S06 | Reliability for the future grid | Enabling | Generation resources combined with the transmission and distribution systems, control centers, and wholesale markets provide a continuously operating, reliable system to service New York's electric needs. All of these elements will need to transition and come together effectively to manage the transitioning grid to provide continuity of a reliable power system, while implementing the CLCPA. The recommendations to implement and achieve the CLCPA must support the high reliability standards in place in NY by implementing improvements and enhancements where needed and sustaining the practices that provide high quality electric service. If properly integrated the additional clean distributed generation, storage and large-scale renewables which the CLCPA will provide will help to build a more flexible and resilient grid to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change. | |

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| Power Gen | PWR-S07 | Access and Affordability for All | Enabling | Prioritize helping low-income utility customers and disadvantaged communities, while also assuring that these communities will be able to afford and fully benefit from the State's transition to electrification | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S08 | Workforce Development | Enabling | Make it a priority to provide education and career opportunities for individuals with a focus on disadvantaged communities to enter the clean energy industry. Ensure a just transition for people currently employed in fossil industries so their needs are met. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S09 | Market Solutions | Enabling | Markets that incentivize resources with the desired attributes, provide optimal reliable grid management, and are sufficiently flexible to allow for technology innovation will help achieve the CLCPA objectives, while ensuring benefits for, and reducing impacts on, disadvantaged communities. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S10 | Technology Solutions | Enabling | Increase research, development, and appropriately-scaled demonstration and deployment of emissions-free technology needed to reach our goals. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S11 | Long Duration Storage Technology | Enabling | Achieving the CLCPA's high renewable energy, zero emission electricity system will require substantial amount of energy storage operating over various timescales—spanning from minutes to hours, days, weeks and even longer—to maintain grid flexibility, reliability, and resiliency. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S12 | Energy Delivery & Hosting Capacity | Enabling | Pursue planning and implementation processes to facilitate necessary energy delivery options for the renewable energy buildout. | |
| Power Gen | PWR-S13 | Gas Infrastructure, Transmission & Methane Leakage | Mitigation | This recommendation intends to address methane leakage and the infrastructure related to fossil natural gas, though it also applies to any potential future gas technologies. This recommendation aligns with what was proposed by the Energy Efficiency & Housing Panel, but includes a broader scope beyond that of the end-use gas distribution sector. Transition away from gas with a managed, phased, and just transition from natural gas and decommission natural gas infrastructure to the maximum extent possible and as quickly as possible. | Medium (2030) - High (2050) |
| Power Gen | PWR-S14 | Retirement of Fossil Fuel-Fired Facilities | Enabling | Develop a plan and implement regulations to phase out fossil fuel-fired baseload and peaking generation resources as quickly as practicable while retaining system reliability by prioritizing efforts to lower emissions of co-pollutants in disadvantaged and environmental justice communities. Leverage existing technology, innovative zero-emissions technology where feasible, transmission and distribution investment, targeted energy efficiency and demand response, market design, and policy or regulatory mechanisms. | |
| Transportation | TRNS-S01 | Electrification - 100% Zero Emission Passenger Vehicles | Mitigation | Transition to 100% zero-emission light duty vehicle sales | High |
| Transportation | TRNS-S02 | Electrification - Zero emission trucks, buses and heavy equipment | Mitigation | Transition to zero emission Medium/Heavy Duty Vehicles & Non-Road Vehicles | High |
| Transportation | TRNS-S03 | Public Transportation - Enhanced Public Transportation / Mobility | Mitigation | Identify implementable strategies to significantly enhance the availability; accessibility; reliability; and affordability of public transportation services with an emphasis on unserved/underserved communities. This includes: -Doubling the service availability/accessibility of municipally sponsored upstate and downstate suburban public transportation services statewide; and -Implementing policies and programs that support system reliability/network expansion projects identified by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in their current five-year capital plan/twenty-year needs study. | Low/Medium |
| Transportation | TRNS-S04 | Public Transportation - TOD | Mitigation | Transit Oriented Development | Low/Medium (2030) - Medium (2050) |

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| Transportation | TRNS-S05 | Public Transportation - Convenience / Connectivity | Mitigation | Convenience / Connectivity | Low/Medium (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Transportation | TRNS-S06 | Public Transportation - Fleet Modernization | Mitigation | Fleet Modernization | Medium (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Transportation | TRNS-S07 | Smart Growth - TOD | Mitigation | Support Transportation-Oriented Development (TOD) that enables greater use of public transportation and other low-carbon modes | Low (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Transportation | TRNS-S08 | Smart Growth - Low-Carbon Modes | Mitigation | Expand the availability of low carbon transportation modes (biking, walking, carpooling, ride-sharing, micro-transit) statewide | Low (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Transportation | TRNS-S09 | Smart Growth - Smart Mobility & Connected / Automated Vehicles | Mitigation | Improve transportation system efficiency through policies, technologies, and investments that reduce congestion and increase safety using connectivity, automation, and other innovative approaches | Low (2030) - Medium (2050) |
| Transportation | TRNS-S10 | Smart Growth - Planning and Collaboration | Enabling | Encourage the business and economic development community to work more closely with local planners, public transportation officials, and other transportation providers in business location and expansion projects. Launch an Expansive, Multi-Dimensional, Grass-Roots Public Education Campaign on the Links Among Land Use (Smart Growth), Public Transportation and Housing and their roles in reversing climate change. | |
| Transportation | TRNS-S11 | Market-Based Policies and Financing - Clean Fuel Standard | Mitigation | Implement a Clean Fuel Standard to support electrification of transportation, achieve near-term emission reductions while the transition to electrification is underway and provide cleaner fuels for hard-to-electrify subsectors such as aviation; freight and passenger rail; and long-haul trucking. A clean fuel standard generally considers total fuel cycle emissions. | Medium (and enables electrification) (2030) - Low (enabling for electrification) (2050) |
| Transportation | TRNS-S12 | Market-Based Policies and Financing - Electrification Financing | Enabling | Public & private approaches to electrification financing | |
| Transportation | TRNS-S13 | Market-Based Policies and Financing - Cap & Invest / Carbon Pricing | Mitigation | Policies reduce emissions directly and support further emission reductions and the transition to a cleaner, more efficient transportation system. Transportation Panel recommends potential participation in the Transportation and Climate Initiative program (TCI-P) unless the Climate Action Council opts for a multi-sector carbon pricing approach that provides at least the same level of support for reducing transportation sector emissions. | Medium (and enables other strategies) |
| Transportation | TRNS-S14 | Market-Based Policies and Financing - Various market-based/financing policies | Mitigation | Various market-based policies will support electrification, public transportation, smart growth and other transportation goals. These policies complement the other more specified strategies, including recommendations for TCI-P participation, clean fuel standard, private financing strategies and feebates | Low (2030) - Low (2050) |