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Thurs, March 23

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WOCAP Advocacy Approaches



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- Key Points
- Increases Positive Outcomes

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Schnitzer Steel Fire Update

www.woeip.org/schnitzerfire

Paul Grazzini, Supervising Air Quality Specialist • BAAQMD Compliance and Enforcement



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Were you impacted by the Schnitzer Steel (Radiant Recycling) fire that occurred on Aug. 9, 2023 in West Oakland?

As WOEIP helps coordinate our community response to the most recent Schnitzer fire, we want to understand how you were impacted. Your experience matters!

Share your experience
www.woeip.org/fireimpact

Update: Schnitzer Steel

EPA Rapid Response Task Force



US EPA, CalEPA, BAAQMD, CARB, DTSC, AICo Attorney General, City Attorney & others are finally starting to coordinate enforcement efforts.

Next meeting: Oct. 17

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AGENDA: 5

Owning Our Air: The West Oakland Community Action Plan

Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee
November 15, 2023

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Presentation Outcome



Hear an update on **Owning Our Air: The West Oakland Community Action Plan** implementation activities.



Outline



- Owning Our Air: West Oakland Community Action Plan (WOCAP) Overview
- Approach in 2023
- Implementation Progress
- Community Perspectives

Presentation for Informational Only



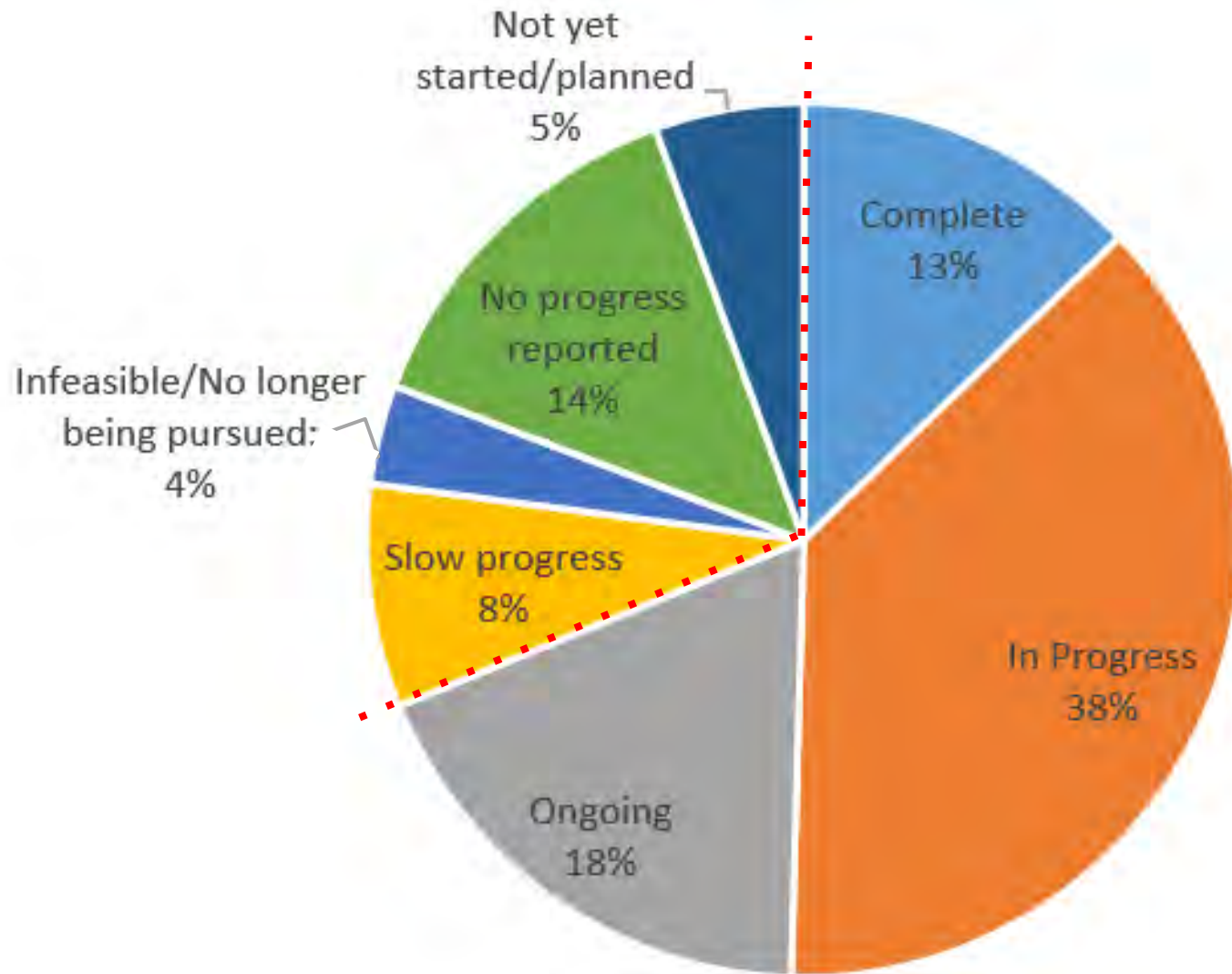
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WOCAP Overview



- Adopted in 2019; currently in Year 4 of implementation
- 109 strategies
- 8 Air District Divisions involved in implementation
- 9 external agencies identified as strategy “lead”; 4 active external agencies
- Process:
 - Monthly Community Steering Committee meetings
 - Weekly Co-leads meetings
 - Air District / CARB work
 - agency partnerships

Implementation At-a-Glance



Two-thirds of the strategies are either complete, in-progress, or are ongoing (i.e., district operations)

One-third of strategies categorized as not started/planned, no progress reported, infeasible/no longer being pursued, slow progress

Notable Progress



Partner-led Strategies

- City of Oakland
 - Dept. of Transportation installed posts to prevent trucks from parking inside center median of Frontage Road (#40)
 - Economic and Workforce Development Dept. collaborating on Green Business attraction plan (#81)
 - Tree Services Division drafted Urban Forest Plan (#10)
- Caltrans commissioned a study of the benefits of roadside vegetation as a method to reduce exposure to air pollution (#16)

Notable Progress (cont.)



Air District Led Strategies

- Strategic Incentives advocated for changes to program guidelines to fund higher incentives for zero emissions trucks (#53)
- Strategic Incentives funded important emissions reduction projects(#52): two hydrogen projects and upgrades to two rubber-tired gantry cranes (#54)

Notable Progress (cont.)



Air District Led Strategies (continued)

- Rules & Strategic Policy published Fugitive Dust White Paper (#FSM-2) and began work on metal recycling and shredding operations white paper (#FSM-3)
- Assessment, Inventory and Modeling (AIM) developed a base case scenario of road dust emissions for all roadway segments in the Bay Area (#FSM 2)
- AIM presented a report on Caltrans' I-580 truck ban study including history of ban, air quality differences between I-580 & I-880, study components, and role of Air District (#3) to Board of Directors

Notable Progress (cont.)



CARB Adopted Regulations

- Advanced Clean Fleets (#29)
- Advanced Clean Cars 2 (#34)
- In-Use Locomotive Regulation to reduce idling emissions from locomotives at rail yards (#62)

CARB is beginning the rulemaking process for amendments to the Cargo Handling Equipment (CHE) rule (#32)

Wins



Oakland City Council Passed a Resolution on September 26, 2023 to:

- Adopt the new Environmental Justice Element (that incorporates many WOCAP strategies)
- Adopt truck-intensive business zoning rules requiring more stringent rules within 500 feet of residential and other health-protective industrial zoning updates
- Direct the City Administrator to develop an inter-agency working group, made up of people both within and outside the City of Oakland, including the Port of Oakland, to implement the air quality actions outlined in the Environmental Justice Element



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- Cathy Deluca, City of Oakland Department of Transportation
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- Alona Davis and Karen Schkolnick, Strategic Incentives
- Song Bai and Stephen Reid, Assessment Inventory and Modeling



Next Steps



- Preparing for Year 5 Milestone Report
 - Emissions inventory update to assess whether plan goals have been met
 - Communicate success stories and lessons learned
- Continued commitment from partner agencies
- Continued commitment from community partner

Community Perspectives



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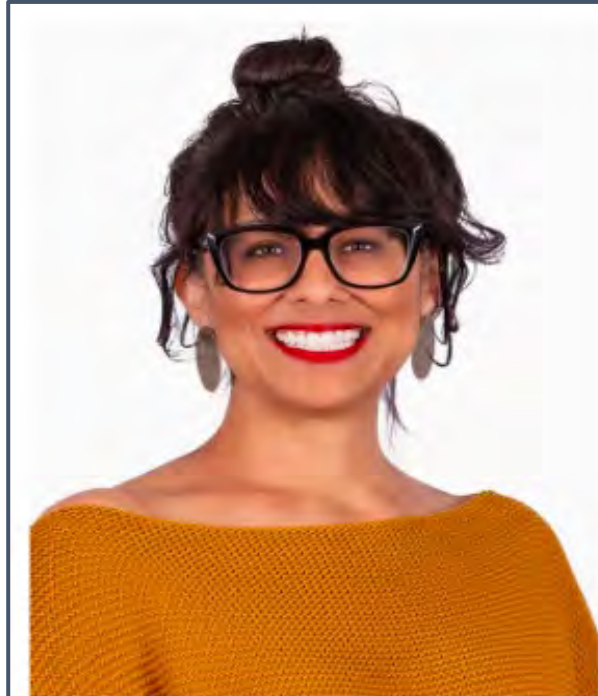


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