

RANK

17/100



OVERALL SCORE

47/100

RECOMMENDATIONS

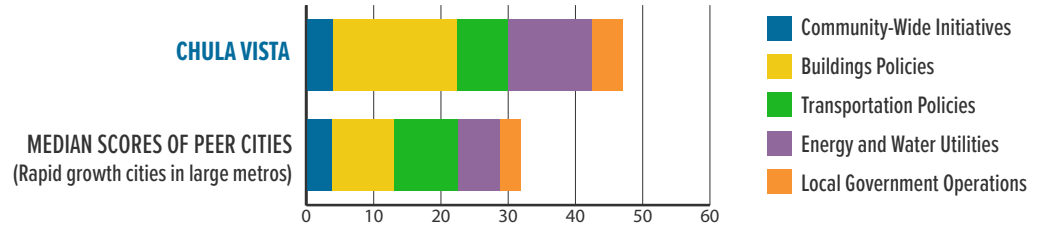
- Adopt inclusive municipal procurement and contracting policies.
- Require new policies, programs, plans, and budgeting decisions to undergo structural equity assessments.
- Expand high-quality transit access for low-income residents.
- Increase the deployment of EV charging infrastructure.
- Develop a city freight plan that increases freight efficiency.
- Adopt and track a goal for reduction in VMT or GHG emissions from the transportation sector.

2021 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

CHULA VISTA, CA

Chula Vista performed best in the energy and water utilities category and moved up in the rankings from the previous *Scorecard*. The city still has several options for improving its score, with the most room for continued improvement in the transportation policies category.

HOW DOES CHULA VISTA STACK UP TO PEER CITIES?



COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES (4 OF 15 POINTS)

Chula Vista’s climate change mitigation and renewable energy goals set the vision for a clean energy future. Based on emissions data from past years, ACEEE projects the city will not achieve its near-term, community-wide GHG emissions reduction goal of 55% below 2005 levels by 2030. To mitigate the urban heat island effect, Chula Vista aims to increase the urban tree canopy 25% by 2035. The city’s Climate Equity Index advances accountability to an equity-driven approach by focusing resources on marginalized communities affected by climate change.

BUILDINGS POLICIES (18.5 OF 30 POINTS)

Commercial and residential building owners in Chula Vista must comply with CalGreen, and with solar- and EV-readiness requirements. In partnership with its school district, the city created spaces to encourage elementary students to pursue STEM education and pave the way for students to find careers in the energy sector. California’s Assembly Bill 802 requires large commercial and multifamily buildings to benchmark their energy use annually and the city requires commercial properties to track energy use and make improvements if they are not energy efficient. Chula Vista also offers several incentives to spur clean energy investment, such as energy and water checkups, expedited permit reviews for energy-efficient projects, streamlined residential solar permitting processes, and PACE financing.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES (7.5 OF 30 POINTS)

Of low-income households in Chula Vista, 11% have access to high-quality transit. With 38.6 ports per 100,000 people, the city has a low number of EV charging station ports available for public use. Chula Vista has neither a sustainable freight transportation plan in place nor any policies that address freight efficiency, nor has it codified either VMT or transportation-related GHG reduction targets. We could not determine the amount of local transit funding received by the transportation entities that serve Chula Vista.

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (12.5 OF 15 POINTS)

Compared to other utilities, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) shows moderate savings as a percentage of sales for both electric and natural gas efficiency programs. In addition to offering the Energy Savings Assistance Program (which includes health and safety measures) for low-income customers, SDG&E offers comprehensive multifamily energy efficiency programs. The city works with regional planning partners to provide energy usage information and has advocated for better information about community energy use. The city partnered with local jurisdictions to form a Community Choice Aggregator with the goal of providing 100% renewable energy by 2035.

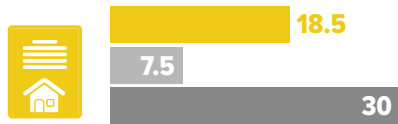
LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (4.5 OF 10 POINTS)

Chula Vista has not adopted a GHG emissions reduction goal for local government operations. The city has converted all streetlights to LEDs and requires the purchase of high-efficiency and hybrid vehicles. To our knowledge, Chula Vista has not instituted inclusive procurement and contracting policies. The city has installed 4.2 MW of onsite renewable energy generation capacity. Chula Vista retrofits buildings in accordance with its Roadmap to Zero Net Energy and City Operations Sustainability Plan.

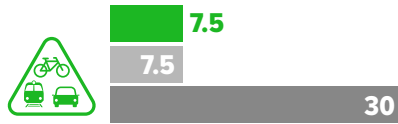
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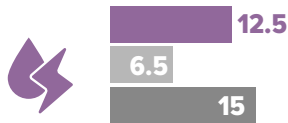
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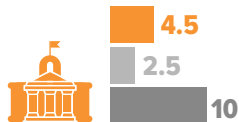
TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES



LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



■ MEDIAN SCORE OF ALL CITIES
■ MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE