

# Good Night Seattle - Good Morning Auckland:

*An International Perspective on Sustainability*



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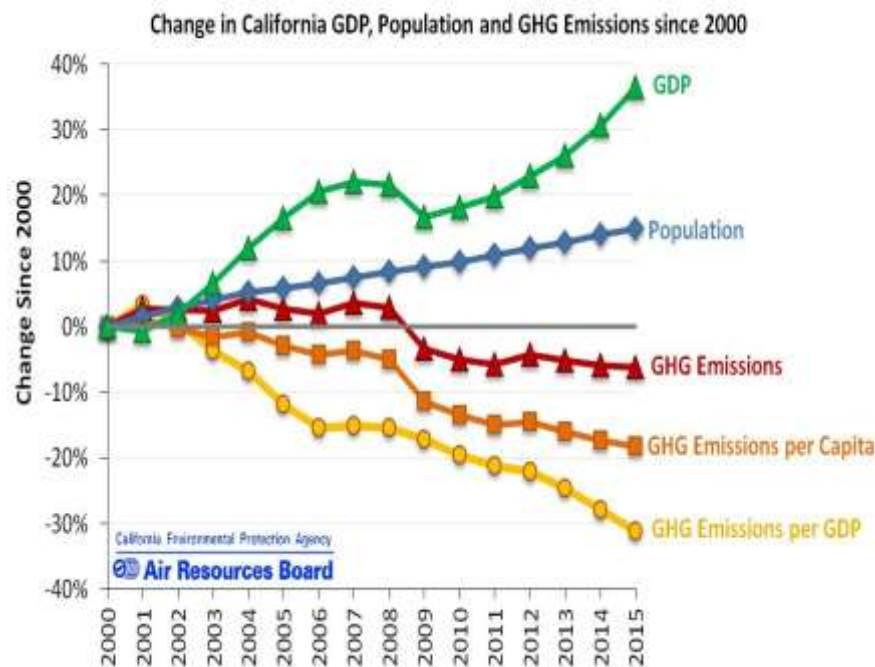






## Since 2000, More Than 20 Countries Have Reduced Annual GHG Emissions While Growing Their Economies

COUNTRY	CHANGE IN CO <sub>2</sub> (2000–2014) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE IN GDP (2000–2014)
Austria	-3%	21%
Belgium	-12%	21%
Bulgaria	-5%	62%
Czech Republic	-14%	40%
Denmark	-30%	8%
Finland	-18%	18%
France	-19%	16%
Germany	-12%	16%
Hungary	-24%	29%
Ireland	-16%	47%









What we are aiming for - every city needs to get to 2tpp/yr









# Principle 1

*Integrate*

*across silos to drive elegant outcomes & efficiencies*



An aerial photograph of a complex multi-level highway interchange. Several elevated roadways with multiple lanes are visible, with cars traveling in different directions. A prominent feature is a long, curved pedestrian bridge with a bright pink, translucent railing that spans across one of the lower levels of the interchange. The surrounding area is filled with lush green trees and vegetation. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day, casting distinct shadows on the road surfaces.

## Principle 2

*Innovate*

*to evolve resilience for an uncertain future*



An aerial night photograph of a modern urban basketball court. The court features a multi-colored floor (blue, green, and purple) and is surrounded by tiered concrete seating. A large crowd of people is gathered around the court, some standing and others sitting on the bleachers. The court is illuminated by bright lights, and the surrounding area includes a brick building with a dark roof and a white van parked nearby. The overall scene is vibrant and lively.

## *Principle 3*

*Invest*  
to build value and restore multiple capitals

## 5 Top Priority Actions



**Sustainability targets for council**  
adopting, monitoring and reporting results

### Whole-of-life costing

to justify economic sustainability benefits of proposals



### Sustainability procurement policies/ process

requiring explicit consideration of sustainable use of materials

### Designing in-built resilience

to cope with climate change impacts and other future challenges



### Installing LED street lights and smart controls

to reduce enviro impacts and achieve cost efficiencies



# Resilience



## 3 Principles

*Integrate*

*Invest*

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*Integrate*

*Innovate*





Aspirations

Activities/Action

Allocation

Attitude



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How do the most successful cities in the world do [#sustainability](#)? I'm spending time w my counterparts in [@c40cities](#) sharing ideas. [#AKLabr8](#)





*“An advanced city is not where the poor drive cars,  
but where the rich use the bus”*

*– Mayor Enrique Peñalosa*



*Bogotá*

*Transmilenio Bus Rapid Transit*



*1km by bike instead of car provides 1€ benefits  
62% Copenhageners bike to work/study*



*Copenhagen*  
*City of Cycles*




An aerial photograph of the Shenzhen skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The city is filled with numerous skyscrapers, with the most prominent one being a very tall, slender tower in the center. Other buildings of various heights and shapes are scattered across the landscape. In the foreground, there are some lower-rise buildings and a large, flat area that appears to be a parking lot or a construction site. The overall scene is a dense urban environment.

*With over 16,300 electric buses, it's the world's first  
100% electrified bus fleet – and its largest*

# *Shenzhen*

*Largest e-bus fleet & emissions trading*



*Carbon emissions was 5.3 ton/capita in 1990  
Now at 2.5. The goal: fossil fuel free by 2040*

# *Stockholm*

*The Walkable City & “Sustainable Democracy”*






*2003: 20% reduction in car traffic, better safety  
2018 aims: 4 of 5 trips by PT, walking, cycling*

# *London*

*Congestion charge & ultra-low emission zone*





*Seattle values its urban forest at USD \$6.8 billion  
Forest canopy cover is 28% with aims for 30%*

*Seattle*

*The Emerald City & GSI Laboratory*









**Traffic Calming**



**New Street Trees**



**Beauty**



**Sidewalk**





**NEARBY = HUMAN  
NATURE HEALTH\***

# TOOLS ON PRIVATE LAND

CISTERNS  
GREEN ROOFS  
PERVIOUS PAVING  
RAIN GARDENS/  
BIORETENTION

## RESIDENTIAL SCALE



## COMMERCIAL SCALE



# TOOLS ON PUBLIC LAND

total drainage area  
129 ACRES



total drainage area  
435 ACRES



**multi-benefit use of the right-of-way**

primary project purpose:  
FLOOD PREVENTION



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**multi-benefit use of parcels**



An aerial photograph of Melbourne, Australia, showing a vast green park in the foreground with rows of tall, conical evergreen trees. In the background, the city skyline is visible, including the Melbourne Cricket Ground and various skyscrapers under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

*“We’ve converted these laneways from a place for  
garbage trucks... to green community spaces”  
– Councillor Cathy Oke*

# *Melbourne*

*Laneways and Urban Forests*





*First city in North America with a green roof bylaw  
Most green roof area of all North American cities*

*Toronto*

*Green roofs and urban rooftop agriculture*



*Over 120 “bioreactors” capture warmth  
Algae harvested & converted to biogas or products*



*Hamburg*

*Green buildings – including algae-power*

*“We couldn’t achieve (70% emissions reduction)  
unless we worked with the major landlords”  
– Lord Mayor Clover Moore*



*Sydney*

*Better Buildings Partnership*




*Kuyasa retrofit initiative tackled energy poverty,  
reduced emissions & generated jobs & health*



*Cape Town*

*Energy retrofits for low-income homes*



An aerial photograph of a rural village in Bangalore, Karnataka. In the foreground, a large, dark, tiled roof is visible, with a rectangular solar panel mounted on it. The panel is blue with a white grid pattern. To the right of the roof, a dirt path leads through a lush green landscape with trees and bushes. Several people are visible in the background, some standing near a thatched-roof house. Laundry is hanging on a line in the middle ground. The overall scene depicts a rural setting where solar technology is being implemented.

*Social enterprises help finance “Solar Home Systems”  
for millions of low-income households*

*Bangalore/Karnataka*

*Rural solar micro-grids and micro-loans*





*Climate-smart development at a human scale  
A multifunctional destination for locals & visitors*

*Auckland*

*Reclaiming the waterfront for people*

An aerial photograph of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, taken during the "golden hour" of sunset. The city's dense urban core is visible, packed with numerous high-rise buildings and skyscrapers. The city is situated on a peninsula, with the water of the harbor and False Creek in the foreground. Several large marinas are filled with sailboats and yachts. In the background, the rugged, forested mountains of the Pacific Ranges are silhouetted against the vibrant orange and pink sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of a vibrant, densely populated city that is also integrated with its natural surroundings.

*"If you create a vivid experience at eye level, people forget about density"*

*– Former Chief Planner Larry Beasley*

*Vancouver*

*Density done well in the "greenest city"*



An aerial photograph of a large port facility. In the foreground, several large container ships are docked at a quay. Multiple gantry cranes are positioned along the quay, some with their lifting mechanisms extended over the ships. The ships' decks are covered with stacks of colorful shipping containers. In the background, a massive wall of stacked containers stretches across the horizon, creating a dense, multi-colored pattern. The sky is clear and blue.

*“Our know-how is a first-class export product”  
– Mayor Ahmed Aboutaleb*

*Rotterdam*

*Accelerating the circular economy*



# *Summary Thoughts*

*Honesty. Ambition. Abundance.*