Guiding Principles – Feedback & Revisions

7 April
- Hosted a Climate & Environmental Justice Workshop

6 June
- Released Draft Guiding Principles along with Scoring Rubric

17 June
- Workshop for Sub Committee & Council Members

June–July
- Received Feedback

July–August
- Reviewed Feedback and Revised

23 August
- Present for Adoption by Council
Summary of Feedback

Comments from 3 Council Members, Comments by Cross Sector Mitigation Sub Committee, and Comments from Just Transition Sub Committee workshop and meetings

Grateful for the feedback
Led to significant additional reflection and dialogue in the Just Transitions Sub Committee

In general, positive feedback on the principles and the tools

The following slides only highlight major areas of feedback & revisions. For full summary and final version from Sub Committee:

Response to Feedback on Draft Guiding Principles
Guiding Principles for a Just Transition
Using the Principles & Tools

Responses to Questions

• Use the Principles and Rubric when developing recommendations
• Use the Rubric and Assessment Questions alongside other criteria as part of the Council’s decision-making process
• Hire a consultant to support this work in the Sub-Committees and Council
Strengthening Areas
Revisions to the Principles
1 of 2

Unjust Status Quo

• Added emphasis in assessment question and rubric

Global Climate Justice

• Maintained focused on Vermont, but re-emphasized naming known impacts, burdens and benefits outside of our borders

Individual and Community Capacity & Action

• Added an assessment question and rubric criteria on addressing the capacity needed for communities, local government and families to implement the recommendations (drawing from Guiding Principle VI)
Better Integration of Workers and Impacted Communities

- Reorganized the introduction and added some narrative to Section III, Impacted and Frontline Communities
- Left the principles unchanged

Make Clear that Impacted & Frontline Communities List is not Exhaustive

- Reorganized Section III and added some clarifying language
Changes to the Rubric

Range of feedback provided and considered

Changes:

• Added a section for comments and additional narrative in the Rubric itself
• Incorporated the Rubric into the Guiding Principles document to more clearly show how the Principles, Assessment Questions and Rubric are intended to work together
• Provided a description of the 1, 2, 3 ranking
• Adjusted “Recommend: Y/N” to “Recommend: Yes, Yes with Changes, No”