



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 27, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

FROM: Suzanne Groneman, Sustainability Program Manager
Jackie Bryant, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: LEED for Cities process and update

Staff is undergoing the process of data-collection and self-evaluation to apply for re-certification under the LEED for Cities and Communities program, as well as apply for a higher level than the City is currently certified. The City of Reno current designation is *LEED:Certified* which is a low level status. Staff has evaluated all possible categories and made these initial observations:

- The City can rely on Google Environmental Insights to provide an updated Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory to the USGBC. The process requires reporting of Scope 1 and 2 community-wide emissions data, which Google now provides. This saves the City a significant amount of money vs doing a more formal study right now.
- As Staff collects the backup data, we self-evaluate the points in which we qualify. To date, we have identified 26 points in which we are certain we qualify for, 36 in which preliminary data supports we qualify for, and 29 points we are certain we do not qualify.
- Based on the above, the City intends to apply for re-certification as a LEED Gold city (range: 60-79 points). Levels are Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

The City was also selected under the LEED for Cities Government Leadership Program for 2022. We will use this process to identify additional points and deficiencies that we can use as a roadmap toward a more sustainable city. Based on our initial review, the City's deficiencies are transportation performance, light pollution reduction, alternative fuel vehicle adoption, smart water management systems, and distributional equity. The program also covers the cost to register and certify with the USGBC (value of \$8,000).