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Hi Don,

Thank you for your comments. I'm confirming receipt and confirming we'll include them as part of the comprehensive plan project record.

Regards,
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Hello everyone, my name is Don Steinke. I live in East Clark County.

We are figuratively standing in an avalanche of funding opportunities for clean energy: \$1.2 trillion nationally from the Inflation Reduction Act, and from tax credits, and \$billions from the sale of pollution permits that our oil refineries have to purchase in Washington State.

Those funds will support electric school buses and electric county fleets, clean our air, prevent blackouts, and grow our economy. Let's get as much of that money as we can.

In 2023, our legislature amended the Growth Management Act. That amendment requires Clark County to develop a plan for coping with our changing climate, and a plan to do our part to reduce pollution from tailpipes and gas boilers.

Our legislature has developed a goal of reducing pollution 45% by 2030. Consider adopting the same goal and authorize your staff to develop a plan to achieve it. \$28 million is available for multifamily charging stations, \$25 million for public fleets, \$9 million for private fleets, and about \$100 million for low-income solar.

I attended a 10-hour workshop at Clark PUD a week ago. All their consultants said, in five years, our region will be short 11 Gw of power. Therefore, we need solar plus batteries in Clark County to avoid shortages.

Here are some things you could do:

1. In new construction projects, make the roofs solar ready.
2. Make new parking lots EV ready.
3. Start installing solar on your own existing buildings, car ports, and brownfields. With population growth we'll be short of electricity.
4. Replace your oldest natural gas systems with electric heat pump systems.
5. Gradually replace your fleet with electric vehicles.
6. Encourage development plans that allow kids to walk or ride their bikes to school and to commercial centers.
7. Speed up the permitting process for solar by using SolarAPP, a platform developed by The National Renewable Energy Lab

The funding opportunities are unprecedented.

In summary, consider authorizing staff to do the planning work. It's doable and beneficial. I believe \$500,000 has been allocated to you for planning. Consider putting this on the agenda for a future workshop. I'm available for questions. Thanks for the opportunity to speak.