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Comments in writing: While it is exciting to see several important climate initiatives included in SPAP, especially the city-wide composting program and the development of solar and geothermal energy for city buildings, overall the Plan is lacking a comprehensive strategy for transitioning Winnipeg to a zero-carbon economy by 2050. The next 3 years are crucial for meeting 2030 targets as well as the longer-term net-zero by 2050 target. If the City does not start wholeheartedly investing in a city-wide transition, we risk being left behind.

The Community Energy Investment Roadmap lays out a comprehensive set of actions for how the city could decarbonize. There are many, many key actions recommended by CEIR which are not included in SPAP---actions that would not only reduce Winnipeg's emissions, but also strengthen our economy, create jobs, and make life more affordable. That includes a residential retrofit strategy, the development of rooftop solar PV, the expansion of public EV charging infrastructure, fleet decarbonisation, and more. In the implementation framework for CEIR, these are all actions it recommends the City should be undertaking before or by 2024.

These actions should be identified as key priorities in SPAP over climate-harming investments like 17 and 18, the Chief Peguis Trail extension and redevelopment of Route 90.