The Boundary
Areas of Focus

Increase Seattle’s capacity for future growth and development by advancing energy efficiency in the built environment.

Conserve Seattle’s potable water resources and protect Puget Sound through effective management of polluted runoff.

Promote efficient, affordable, and low-carbon transportation options.
Federal Level Actions

• EPA Clean Power Plan
  – Finalized August 2015 – state plans due September 2016 (with provisions for extensions)
  – Currently stayed by Supreme Court decision
  – Washington’s target - achievable

• Federal tax policy
  – Section 179D tax deduction for efficiency investments
  – Renewable energy production tax credit
  – Solar investment tax credit

• Federal programs – ENERGY STAR & Better Buildings
Actions in Washington State

• EPA Clean Power Plan implementation
• Clean Air Rule
• Carbon tax ballot initiative – I-732
• 2015 State Energy Code
• EV sales tax exemption
Seattle-King County Actions

• Climate Action Plans driving policy and decision-making – City & King County
• Drive Clean Seattle
• City of Seattle Benchmarking Disclosure
  – Public data can inform policy and advocacy
  – Process underway to shape the details
• City of Seattle Building Tune-ups
  – Timing challenge of efficiency investments
  – “Carrots” to go along with the “sticks” – incentives, technical assistance
• City of Seattle Energy Code update
• Living Building Challenge program
Implications for Seattle 2030 District

• Price on carbon
  - Higher fuel prices = rising operating costs
  - Making the case for efficiency upgrades and renewable energy
  - Package energy savings to sell in market – building and transportation
  - Potential funding for clean energy projects if revenue positive

• Government technical assistance/recognition promotes voluntary measures and helps members comply with mandates

• Opportunities for new business for 2030 professional stakeholders - energy service providers, architects