

Community Focus Statement G: Reinforce the sense of “community”.

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Action Statement G.4: Embrace the Transition Movement, which aims to increase Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community self-sufficiency to reduce the potential effects of peak oil, climate change, and economic instability.

Benchmark: Champion Transition Joshua Tree is a prominent community organization, connected with the Joshua Tree community.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: Variable depending on initiative/projects.

Transition Joshua Tree is a community network of individuals and affiliated projects and groups that work together to:

- 1) Encourage the citizens of Morongo Basin to face and understand the growing threats to our community’s quality of life due to the interconnected challenges of climate change, an unstable global economy and the end of inexpensive and abundant fossil fuels.
- 2) Foster a dynamic community organizing process that unleashes the collective genius of our citizens to envision a better future and start the transition to a more resilient, sustainable way of life.
- 3) Organize the community to develop a comprehensive Energy Action Plan that will delineate our transition away from fossil fuels.

Transition Joshua Tree hosts four major transition teams: Permaculture, Heart & Soul, Water, and Enterprise. Each group holds several regular meetings a month and provides a variety of resources and forums online. The Transition Joshua Tree organization follows the Transition United States model to increase local self-reliance and resilience.



Transition Joshua Tree logo- creating resilient and sustainable Mojave Desert Communities

As this movement is embraced by Joshua Tree, additional transition teams can be formed to support other Action Statements (particularly those under Community Focus Statements A, B, and H). It is vital that Transition Joshua Tree is involved with creating new plans, visions, and projects and that the organization continues new and innovative work in community building. Community associations can proposed unique solutions that would not

occur outside of the community that is involved, and Joshua Tree can take proactive steps toward creating a sustainable future.

The work of Transition Joshua Tree represents a community building agenda, and this association has empowered members to contribute positively to the sense of “community.” While transition teams and project teams work toward Joshua Tree’s community resilience, these groups also foster meaningful relationships between neighbors. People are connected to each other and to other organizations, businesses, and community institutions.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
7. Create a Transition Joshua Tree Network	Champion		Transition Joshua Tree http://transitionjoshuatree.org/
8. Complete a community capacity inventory of all existing associations and groups in Joshua Tree.	Transition Joshua Tree Network	Years 1 – 3	Transition US http://www.transitionus.org/
9. Reach out to other groups as potential partners in the Transition Movement to combine resources for programs and projects. As an umbrella organization, incorporate smaller groups as their own transition groups.	Transition Joshua Tree Network	Years 1 – 3	Transition Streets http://www.transitionus.org/transitionstreets US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Economic Resilience https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/economic_development
10. Identify action leaders to expand Transition Joshua Tree and appeal to new members.	Transition Joshua Tree Network	Years 1 – 3	US Department of Transportation, Office of Transportation Policy https://www.transportation.gov/policy/transportation-policy
11. Identify annual funding as needed.	Transition Joshua Tree Network	Years 1 – 3	US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Sustainable Communities https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
12. Inquire of members about interests and how the organization can evolve to better meet community needs.	Transition Joshua Tree Network	Annually	Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Program (SCPGI) http://www.sgc.ca.gov/Grant-Programs/SCPGI-Program.html