

# **PART 3 – Standard Attachment to Franchise License Application**

**GSS Transfer, LLC.**

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In accordance with Metro Code Chapter 5.01, Metro considers the following factors to determine whether to issue a solid waste facility franchise. To the extent known by the applicant, please provide any supplemental information about these factors that you want Metro to consider as part of the application.

- 1) Whether the proposed facility and activities will be consistent with the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

The GSS Transfer facility has been in operation as a transfer station since 1992. The facility is fully permitted as a solid waste Transfer Station by DEQ. There is no change of use or activity associated with this facility. The only change in operations will be hauling outbound materials directly to Metro authorized landfills instead of other Metro approved transfer stations. As a result, this facility's operations should be consistent with the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

The GSS Transfer facility's operations will help Metro meet two important RSWMP Sustainable Operations Goals and Objectives.

1. Goal-Sustainable Operations; Reduce greenhouse gas and diesel particulate air emissions:

- a. Hauling of solid waste materials directly to landfill will eliminate the double handling that is required under the current system of hauling to other transfer stations.

Currently the solid waste is loaded into transfer trailers at GSS Transfer and delivered to either the Metro Central Transfer Station or the Troutdale Transfer Station. The transfer trailer is then unloaded at the transfer station. The Metro or Troutdale transfer station then reloads the solid waste back into a transfer trailer for hauling to Metro authorized landfills. Under the current licensing structure, the Metro or Troutdale transfer station has to duplicate the process of loading and unloading of the transfer trailer.

By hauling the solid waste materials directly to landfill, GSS Transfer will reduce the operating hours for transfer trucks and loaders. The reduction of operating hours for transfer trucks and equipment will reduce greenhouse gas and particulate air emissions.

- b. The GSS Transfer facility is located directly adjacent to our primary City of Gresham licensed service area. As a result, hauling drop box loads to the GSS Transfer instead of Troutdale Transfer will reduce the operating hours and miles for most loads. This reduction of operating miles and hours will promote efficient off route travel and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Goal-Employ sustainability values in seeking vendors and contractors; Support local vendors:

GSS Transfer is a related party company sharing common ownership with Gresham Sanitary Service (GSS). GSS is a smaller, locally based and family owned business that has provided solid waste collection and recycling services since 1948. The efficiencies GSS Transfer will achieve by direct hauling of solid waste to landfill will help a local hauler like GSS remain in the collection system.

In addition, issuing this Franchise to GSS Transfer will help Metro meet its Transfer System Configuration Policy goal of supporting smaller local businesses that collect garbage and operate waste facilities.

- 2) The effect that the proposed facility would have on the cost of solid waste disposal and recycling services for the citizens of the Metro region.

As detailed in section 1, eliminating the double handling of collection route loads during transfer, combined with the reduction of off-route miles for drop box loads, will improve the efficiency of the collection system. As a result, allowing GSS Transfer to directly haul to landfill will lower operating costs for the citizens and rate payers in our service area.

- 3) Whether the proposed facility would adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of Metro's residents.

As also detailed in section 1, the GSS Transfer facility has been in operation as a Transfer Station since 1992. As there is no change of use or activity associated with this facility, the issuance of a Metro Franchise License will not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of Metro's residents.

In the last 24 years of operations, the GSS Transfer facility has met all DEQ transfer station licensing and operational requirements. In addition, there have not been any violations or complaints filed with DEQ or the City of Gresham.

The Franchise License approval will actually have a positive effect on the health of Metro residents through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and particulate matter. As detailed in section 1, the GSS Transfer facility will be able to reduce truck and loader equipment operating hours thereby reducing the overall emissions.

- 4) Whether the proposed facility would adversely affect nearby residents, property owners or the existing character or expected future development of the surrounding neighborhood.

The GSS Transfer property is zoned as Heavy Industrial. Neighboring businesses directly adjacent to the site are: Moving & Storage, RV storage and Tri-Met light rail maintenance yard.

As previously detailed, the transfer facility has been in operation since 1992 and has had no adverse effect on our neighborhood. The changes in transfer operations will have minimal impact on the surrounding residents.

All nearby properties are also zoned as industrial so any future development will not conflict with the facilities operations.

- 5) The compliance history of the applicant and whether the applicant will comply with all of the requirements and standards of Metro Code Chapter 5.01, and other applicable local, state, and federal laws rules, regulations, ordinances, orders, and permits pertaining in any manner to the proposed franchise.

In the last 24 years of operation the transfer facility has not received any notice of violations or complaints filed with DEQ or the City of Gresham.

GSS Transfer will continue to operate in compliance with all of the requirements and standards of Metro Code Chapter 5.01, and other applicable local, state, and federal laws rules, regulations, ordinances, orders, and permits pertaining in any manner to the proposed franchise.

