



2030 Regional Waste Plan Project Update

The Regional Waste Plan will be the greater Portland area’s blueprint for managing and reducing the environmental impacts of goods consumed in the region, from production to disposal. From spring 2017 to fall 2018, Metro will work with communities around the region to develop this plan.



Project Status Summary

Work on the 2030 Regional Waste Plan is in Phase 2. Two revisions have been made to the original project work plan. First, instead of holding one leadership forum to inform the plan vision and future priorities, three forums will be held, each in a different part of the region. Second, based on public input and engagement, Metro staff will present the preferred vision and draft goal areas together for advisory committee and Metro Council consideration as a part of phase 2. The revised phases and timeline are shown in the above graphic. Highlights of the project are detailed below.

Phase 1: Values | March to July 2017

Phase 1 developed a set of overarching guidance including values and guiding principles to inform plan development and implementation. The concepts for the plan values are drawn from existing guidance, including regional, state and federal policies and plans regarding waste management, recycling, toxics and other related environmental programs. The values were further shaped through public surveys, community discussions and the application of an equity lens.

Metro Council endorsed the values and principles on August 1, 2017. The guidance will be used to inform and guide the development of the plan’s vision, goals, strategies and actions.

Phase 2: Vision | August 2017 to December 2017

Phase 2 will identify the plan’s vision and goal areas and Metro will use numerous means to engage the public, including an online survey, Metro discussion groups with culturally-specific community based organizations, and a leadership forum series in early October.



The leadership forum series will include three events co-hosted with community based organizations in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties. The leadership forums will provide an opportunity for local elected officials, community members, and business leaders to connect and discuss the vision for the plan.

Staff will compile input collected from the forum, Equity Work Group deliberations, community discussions and the survey to develop a draft preferred vision for the future and goal areas within the system.

The draft vision and goals will be presented to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee, and Metro Council for consideration in early December 2017.



At a Glance: Regional Leadership Forum Series

Who: Local elected officials, local business and community leaders, and Metro Policy Advisory Committee and Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee members will connect with as many as 80 community members.

What: Attendees will contemplate and discuss ideas for how the region’s solid waste system may operate in the future and how we can collectively reduce environmental and human health impacts associated with the goods we use.

When: First two weeks in October

Where: The events will be hosted by community-based organizations in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties.

Phase 2: Vision and Goal Setting Overview

