

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-1434 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN INCREASED TONNAGE ALLOCATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO ISSUE AN AMENDED SOLID WASTE FACILITY FRANCHISE FOR GSS TRANSFER, LLC.

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ISSUE STATEMENT

GSS Transfer, LLC, (partner company of Gresham Sanitary Service) a Metro-franchised transfer station located in the city of Gresham, seeks to increase the tonnage allocation authorized under its solid waste facility franchise. Metro Code Section 5.01.180 states that the Metro Council may determine whether to approve or deny an application for a solid waste franchise.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 19-1434 which will authorize the Chief Operating Officer to amend the solid waste facility franchise for GSS Transfer, LLC to increase the amount of putrescible waste that the transfer station may accept in 2019. Approval of this ordinance will increase GSS Transfer's tonnage authorization from 23,687 tons to 49,000 tons for calendar year 2019.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Approval of this ordinance will support the goals of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan adopted by Metro Council on March 7, 2019, via Ordinance No. 19-1431.¹ It will also help achieve the transfer system configuration policy objectives that Council adopted in 2016 via Resolution No. 16-4716. The staff report to Ordinance 19-1434 provides a fuller description of these expected policy outcomes.

POLICY QUESTION

Does the Metro Council grant the Chief Operating Officer authority to amend the franchise for GSS Transfer to increase the amount of waste that the facility may accept in calendar year 2019 according to the provisions of Metro Code Chapter 5.01.230 and as described in the ordinance?

¹ Goals 12, 13, 16 and 18 as described in the strategic context section of this report.