



Metro South Recycling and Service Center

A new, state-of-the-art drop-off center for the collection of recyclables, household waste and hazardous materials

Increasing population means more demand on our waste and recycling system, including the aging Metro South Transfer Station in Oregon City. This existing Transfer Station handles both commercial garbage and residential/small business self-haul waste and is at capacity. This results in:

- Long lines and extensive waiting periods for customers
- Delays at peak periods, leading to off-site traffic congestion
- Unsafe conditions because of too many competing uses in a limited space
- Low rates of recycling and recovery due to space constraints

To meet our region's growing needs and as part of a strategy to provide excellent and accessible services to the public, Metro is working to locate and build a new self-haul, recycling and material recovery center in the south part of the region. The additional facility will become the Metro South Recycling and Service Center.

A multi-use facility, it will also provide people with education about reducing their environmental impact, create family-wage jobs and provide community amenities.

REGIONAL MODEL

The new center will be designed with many features of modern facilities in the Pacific Northwest, including the Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station in Bellevue, Washington. While meeting current design standards and increasing facility capacity and efficiency, the Factoria facility incorporates a number of sustainable design features:

- An enclosed solid waste transfer building that minimizes noise, dust and odors
- Solar skylights and translucent wall panels that reduce energy demand
- Rainwater harvesting technology that saves 1.3 million gallons of water annually
- A household hazardous waste building with advanced environmental control features



More than 285,000
customers visited
Metro South in 2018



Average of 750
customers visit
Metro South a day



16% increase in
customers over
past 10 years



REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION

Fostering economic well-being and providing excellent and equitable services to the Metro region

The new Metro South Recycling and Service Center aligns with the vision of Metro's 2030 Regional Waste Plan—to make “reduce, reuse, recycle, repair, donate” mainstream practices accessible to all. It will create quality jobs, will be a safe place for workers and the public, and will provide services and programming based on the needs of customers and area residents.



The center will specialize in meeting the needs of residents and small businesses exclusively, eliminating long lines, waiting periods and traffic congestion.



On-site programming will provide community members with more options for material recovery, reuse and recycling.



Customers will be able to safely dispose of household hazardous waste materials such as paint, batteries, cleaners, and chemicals.



The new state-of-the-art center will adhere to green building standards that manage noise, dust and odors.



Following the example of innovative facilities around the country, the facility could incorporate public art on-site.



The community will be engaged in the design and programming of the facility so that its features will provide the greatest community benefits. These could include community gathering places, a reuse store, a playground, or bicycle and pedestrian pathways.



“Recycling and reducing waste defines us as Oregonians. The new Metro South Recycling and Service Center will be a model for best practices and new ideas while supporting jobs and being a good neighbor.”

Roy Brower, Metro Interim Property and Environmental Services Director

PROJECT TIMELINE

2019–2020

Stakeholder engagement, site analysis, due diligence, acquisition of site for new center

2020–2022

Stakeholder engagement, project design, programming of new center

2022–2024

Permitting and construction of new center

2024–2025

Upgrade existing Metro South Transfer Station to improve services for commercial haulers and add collection and processing of commercial food waste