



## Metro South Recycling and Transfer Center

*Metro is planning to build a new, state-of-the-art facility to complement and expand the garbage and recycling services currently offered at the Metro South Transfer Station in Oregon City.*

Increasing population means more demand on our garbage and recycling system, including the aging Metro South Transfer Station. This existing facility, which is operating beyond its capacity, handles garbage from large commercial trucks, individual households, small businesses, as well as recycling and household hazardous waste. 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 that protect the environment and human health, Metro is working to locate and build a new facility in the south part of the region. The preferred site and services to be moved is expected to be determined by Metro Council in late 2020, after extensive engagement with customers, local residents, businesses, government partners and community leaders.

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 facility will be designed with many features of modern, state-of-the-art 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 building for the collection of garbage and recycling 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 protection features



**Over 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 MODEL

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

Building a new facility to improve garbage and recycling services for the public 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 good jobs, will be a safe place for workers and the public and will provide services and programming based on the needs of area residents and a growing region.



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



On-site programming will provide community members with more options for recovering materials from the waste stream, 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. This new facility will be a model for best practices and new ideas while supporting jobs and being a good neighbor.”***

Roy Brower, Metro Interim Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Director

## PROJECT TIMELINE

### 2019–2020

Community engagement, site analysis, due diligence, recommendation for acquisition of site for new facility

### 2020–2023

Community engagement, site acquisition, project design, programming of facility

### 2023–2025

Permitting and construction of new facility, community benefits, and/or good neighbor agreement

### 2025–2026

Planning, design, construction focused on the redevelopment of the existing Metro South Transfer Station site to compliment new facility