



Garbage & Recycling System Facilities Plan Phase 3 Engagement and outreach summary

Metro is engaging partners on a long-range plan for facility investment that meets goals to reduce garbage, improve service quality and access, and keep services affordable.

Ongoing in 2023

Community Advisory Group members representing diverse viewpoints and experiences advise on the plan, focusing on racial equity, identifying service gaps, and the potential benefits and impacts of future facilities and services.

Metro Advisory Committee members provide input during updates at the Regional Waste Plan Advisory Committee, Committee on Racial Equity, and Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee.

March 2023

A **Reuse/Repair Planning Workshop** invited leaders to discuss ways Metro could help fill facility gaps and support this sector in the future.

The **Local Government Administrators Workgroup** heard about connections between the System Facilities Plan and the Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) and discussed their potential interest in managing future recycling depots.

A **Regional Education and Outreach Retreat** led local government staff in a discussion about current barriers to community reuse and repair, as well as ways these challenges could be addressed.

May and June 2023

Industry Interviews with owners and managers of garbage and recycling businesses explored current facility needs, their preferred role in the regional system, and perspectives on Metro's role and public/private partnerships.



September 2023

An **International Panel at a Metro Council work session** informed Metro Councilors about some facility strategies used in other parts of the United States and the world.

A **symposium & survey** repeated the International Panel and engaged with participants across sectors to review and provide input on four draft scenarios proposed for the System Facilities Plan.

October 2023

Waste Prevention and Environmental Services staff, including front line staff working at Metro transfer stations, Metro Paint, and the RID Deployment Center provide input on the scenarios.

November 2023

The **Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium** reviewed the System Facilities Plan scenarios and gave input based on observed needs in their jurisdictions.

As part of the **Regional Waste Plan Policy and Budget Development meetings** local government representatives continued to discuss the scenarios and analysis.

