

STAFF REPORT - COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY MEETINGS

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SYSTEM FACILITIES PLAN: PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Date: 1/12/2023

Department: Waste Prevention and
Environmental Services

Meeting Date: 1/19/2023

Presenter(s): Estee Segal, Gloria Pinzon
Length: 30 mins

ISSUE STATEMENT

Garbage and Recycling System Facility Plan project staff will provide a review of what was accomplished in the second phase of the project, the gap analysis. Staff will share engagement learnings and themes from roundtables and meetings held to identify gaps in the regions' existing garbage and recycling facilities and infrastructure. Staff will explain how this information will be used to inform the technical analysis and to develop scenarios in the third phase of the plan.

COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

Council will receive a presentation on engagement results of Phase 2 of the Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan in a Work Session on January 31, 2023. Council will be asked to review and endorse the key themes related to facility gaps and needs that were gathered from engagement in Phase 2.

QUESTION(S) for CORE

- Do CORE members have any feedback for Metro Council about the top 6 identified themes related to facility gaps in the existing garbage and recycling system or the input received through engagement?
- Do CORE members have additional suggestions to help guide the technical analysis in Phase 3?

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The 2030 Regional Waste Plan set a vision that centers racial equity to reduce waste, protect health and the environment and provide excellent services for everyone. The Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan will help implement that vision by identifying the places where people lack services and set a strategy to invest in modernizing the region's reuse, recycling and garbage infrastructure over the next 20 years.

Metro Council identified policy values and outcomes for this project that implement the 2030 Regional Waste Plan values and racial equity principles. Attachment 2 describes these values and outcomes which were presented to Council on May 31, 2022. They were subsequently updated to incorporate Councilor input and confirmed by Councilors in briefings in September 2022.

Three of the project's values and outcomes are especially aligned with goals in the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. These outcomes also guided the approach to the engagement work that was completed in Phase 2:

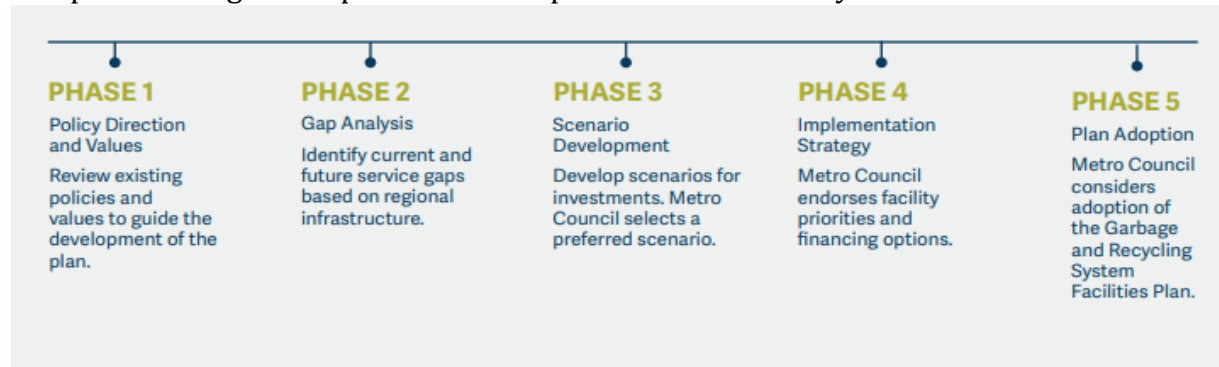
- The planning process incorporates the viewpoints and needs of historically marginalized communities as they relate to garbage and recycling facilities and services. (7B)
- The planning process is guided by a new Community Advisory Group, made up of members representing historically marginalized communities from throughout the region, who works alongside staff to review draft findings and develop plan elements, and creates leadership opportunities for members. (8A)
- Through government-to-government engagement on this plan, Metro's WPES Department seeks to establish new relationships, partnerships and build trust with Tribes. (10B)

The project's Engagement Plan also lists objectives and desired outcomes of this project. These reconfirm the project commitment to advancing equity.

- Meaningfully involve historically marginalized (excluded, underserved, or overburdened) audiences to develop the plan throughout all phases.
- Inform and consult historically involved audiences to develop the plan.
- Build increased awareness about the regional garbage and recycling system which includes public, private and non-profit services.
- Build upon past input received about services, facilities and geographic distribution of services.

BACKGROUND

The plan is being developed across five phases from February 2022 to Winter 2023.



The first phase of work focused on review of existing policies and values to guide the development of the plan. The focus of Phase 2 was to develop an understanding of what materials and services require a facility for collection, processing or retailing and then to look at what facilities currently provide these and where gaps exist in the present and 20 years in the future. The intent was to do both community and stakeholder engagement to identify garbage and recycling system facility gaps and needs, as well as to do technical analysis to present information on the capacity of existing regional facilities and identify

the gaps in facilities that handle materials needed to achieve regional waste reduction goals.

Today's discussion will share the key themes gathered from the engagement that will be used to direct the technical analysis. Some of the technical analysis work is underway, but additional analysis will be conducted in the coming months to inform the scenario development in Phase 3.

ATTACHMENTS

- Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan Phase 2 Engagement Summary Report with community input summary flyers (recommended reading)
- Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan Values and Outcomes (optional reading)