



# Metro South Recycling and Transfer Center Project

*Public Involvement Summary only*

# Public Involvement - Summary

Future Metro South Recycling and Transfer Center



- Public involvement summary report
- What we heard from priority audiences
- Community Survey results

# Public Involvement - Key Findings Part 1

Future Metro South Recycling and Transfer Center

Community feedback highlighted **several benefits** of a new facility:

- New services that could be provided by the facility, especially disposal of items difficult to dispose of or recycle
- Affordable garbage and recycling fees
- Spaces for youth and training (education)
- Living-wage jobs

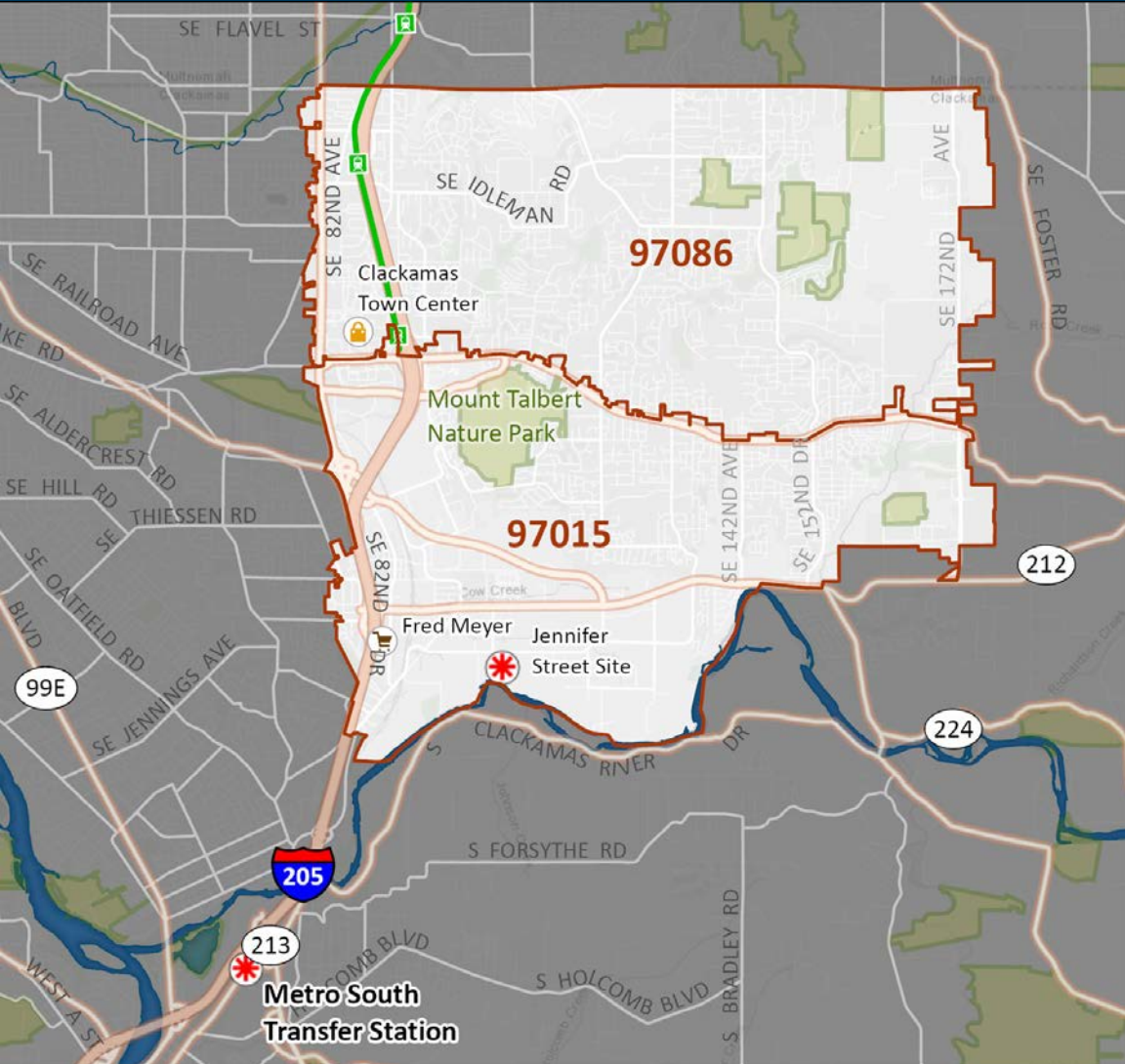
# Public Involvement - Key Findings Part 2

Future Metro South Recycling and Transfer Center

Common **concerns** expressed by community representatives, survey respondents, neighboring businesses and jurisdictional partners:

- Environmental impact of the facility
- Traffic impacts
- Safety issues for pedestrians
- Financing for construction – potential for increased customer fees
- Odors/trash/noise pollution
- Limited land availability

# Community Survey - reach and demographics



- 1,229 respondents - online + paper
- Languages: English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Cambodian (Khmer), Burmese
- “Local respondents” from Zip codes 97086 and 97015
- Also collected: *Zip, age, sex, ethnicity and race, income, housing type, disability*

# Community Survey - potential services

Question 1: What, if any, expanded services would you like a new facility to offer?

**80%** Disposal of things difficult to dispose of or recycle

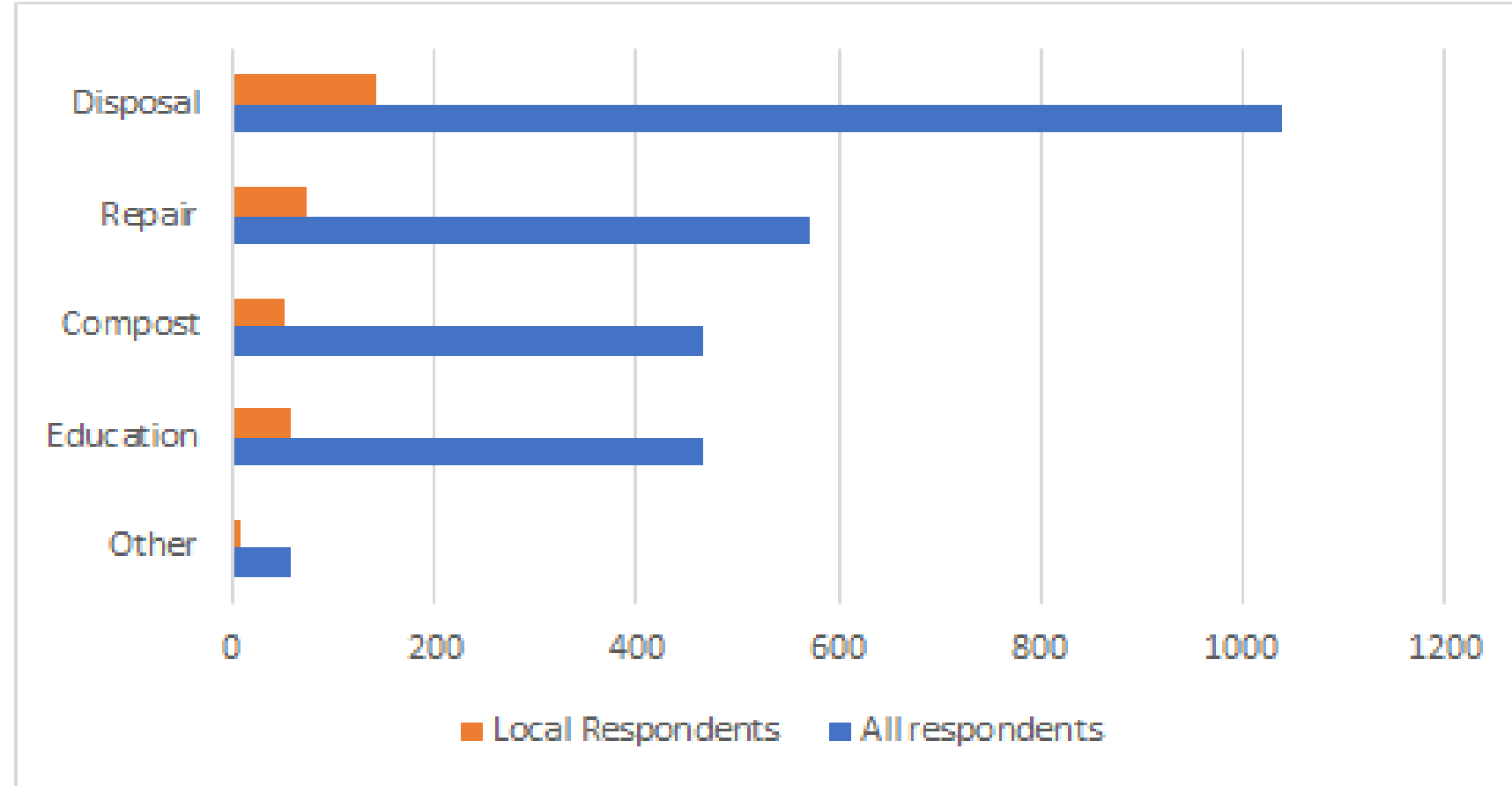
**45%** Repair/Reuse/Resale

**36%** Compost

**36%** Education options

Other:

- HHW, construction scraps, batteries, chemicals, bulbs
- Plastics, styrofoam
- Food waste
- Yard debris



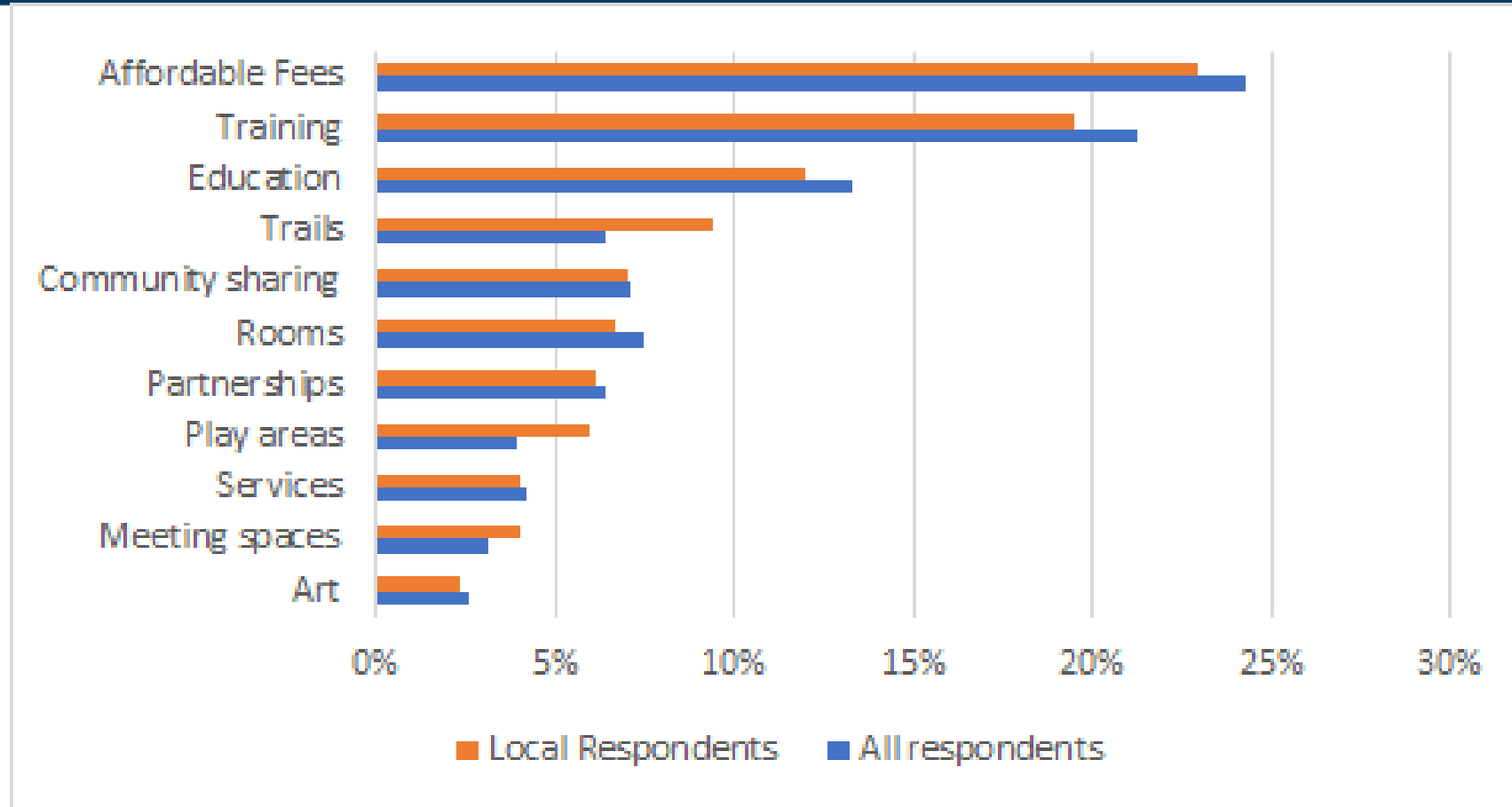
*\*Respondents could choose more than one option.*

# Community Survey - community benefits

Question 2: What potential community benefits do you value most?

## Top choices

1. Affordable fees
2. Job opportunities
3. Education opportunities
4. Community Rooms



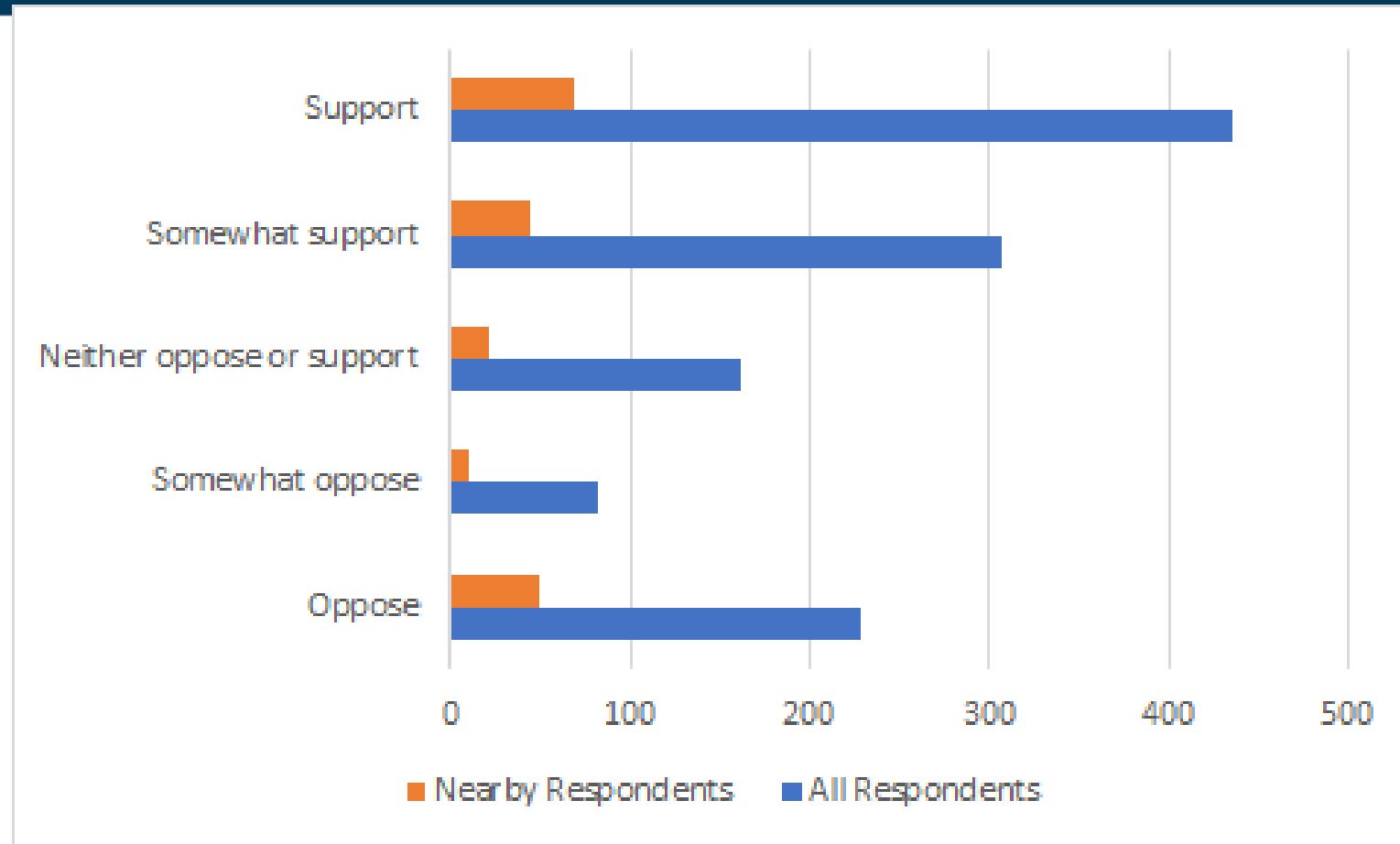
# Community Survey - location

Question 6: How much do you support or oppose a new facility being built at that location (the Jennifer St. site)?

**59%** support or somewhat support

**26%** oppose or somewhat oppose

*In Clackamas County area results were very similar 57% and 27% respectively (n=1,030)*





# Community Survey - more on location

Question 7: Where do you think a new transfer center should be located? Why?

**62%** Not near Clackamas River or environmentally sensitive site

Other comments:

- In a more centralized location
- Rural areas away from business and residencies

(n=171)

## Suggested locations

- Near Boring, Estacada, Damascus, Happy Valley, Molalla, Wilsonville
- Milwaukie near Highway 212 and Highway 224
- Near transmission towers east of Interstate 205 near Lawnfield Road
- Camp Whitcombe
- Existing brownfield sites like abandoned pipe manufacturing site
- North of the new Highway 224 bypass
- At SE 172nd Avenue and Highway 224
- The Eagle Creek area
- Rock quarries near Barlow Road
- Old landfills like the Oregon City landfill or Rossman landfill
- Site of old farm worker housing on the north side of Highway 224

# Community Survey - General feedback

Question 8 & 9: Do you have any other questions or feedback for Metro?

- Concern for increased taxes and fees
- Questions about the need for a new facility versus expanding/enhancing the existing transfer station in Oregon City
- Concern about the location of the facility and closeness to residential areas
- General feeling that the transfer station is needed and would provide a benefit to the community
- Concerns about cost and that the project should be as cost-effective as possible
- Belief that community spaces with art and playgrounds are not needed
- Complaints about roadside litter at current transfer stations
- Suggestions to include local garbage collection groups in unincorporated areas near Milwaukie
- Questions about transfer station operations like what will be accepted and if an identification will be required for service

# Upcoming engagements

- 11/17 - Briefing with Metro COO
- 11/18 - Consult with CORE on Community engagement and decision-making process
- Written quarterly updates - subscribers and CAG
- Ongoing: Sharing opportunities to get involved with CAG members and applicants