



## Future Metro South recycling and transfer center

# DRAFT 2 - Community Lens:

## A vision for site selection and future project decisions

### Introduction

This community lens represents the feedback received from the Future Metro South Community Advisory Group (who met from August 2020 – February 2021) to inform Metro's future decisions about the proposal to move some or all of the solid waste services currently provided at the Metro South Transfer Station in Oregon City, to a new location in Clackamas County. The community lens incorporates the advisory group's values, aspirations, concerns and priorities for the future Metro South recycling and transfer center and for their community. The advisory group is composed of fifteen people of diverse backgrounds representing local communities of Clackamas County including Oregon City, Milwaukie, Happy Valley, West Linn, and Canby as well as the currently unincorporated areas of Oak Grove and Clackamas. The group includes people between the ages of sixteen to seventy four years, different genders, race, ethnicities and professional backgrounds.

### Purpose

The main purpose of this community lens is for Metro to use in assessing any site(s) that might be considered for the purchase (through a purchase and sale agreement) for locating a new facility. A secondary use of this community lens is to help inform future planning of the project, including design, construction, selection of services and programming.

### Section I. Guiding Principles

The advisory group is passionate about protecting people and the environment. The following represents some of the values expressed by the group in relation to this project:

- **Equitable, fair, accountable decision-making process** and appropriate project timeline to ensure inclusive public participation.
- **Mutual respect** of all people and culturally significant areas.
- **Respect for the natural environment;** protect wildlife, plants, air, and water.
- **Honor for the history** of the original inhabitants of the land and Tribal lands
- **Accessibility to place, language, services, and opportunities.** Prioritization of vulnerable populations like youth, English learners and people living with low incomes.
- **Community Asset-Building:** Creation of a beautiful focal point for the host community
- **Self-determination of communities:** Project provides services that the community needs and wants
- **Transparency throughout the process** about politics and business interests.
- **Collaboration** with city, state, Tribal and federal governments to provide the most equitable strategies for inclusion in planning for employees and customers.

## Section II. Community criteria for property evaluation

Property under consideration: [enter address here](#).

The main purpose of this Community criteria section is to help Metro assess any site that might be considered for purchase by Metro and secured in a purchase and sale agreement. This Community Criteria will be used beside Metro's Base and Functional Criteria and a due-diligence property evaluation to evaluate the feasibility of the property for building a modern recycling and transfer center at a particular site.

Community criteria for site selection (Draft 02-12-2021)	How to indicate priority: to be decided by CAG: <i>Must Have, Prefer to Have, Nice to Have</i>
1. Site avoids close proximity to residential areas, sensitive populations, and culturally significant areas that might experience negative impact from noise, smells, pests, increased traffic (Close proximity is expressed as 500-1,000 feet from center of the property*)	
2. Site is easily accessible to urban and rural customers by multiple modes of transportation like cars, public transit, walking and biking.	
3. Site is large enough (at least 7 acres*) to accommodate community facing amenities beyond what is required for basic garbage and recycling services. For example: education space, viewing room reuse/repair space, or others.	
4. Site is large enough to allow for flexible use of space and accommodate growth and changing service needs for several generations to come.	
5. An environmental assessment of the site shows minimal negative impacts to human health and natural resources, or a way to mitigate potential risks to the environment through design, technology or operations practices.	
6. Sites that have the potential of connecting to parks, trails and natural areas should be prioritized.	
7. Traffic assessment reveals minimal negative traffic impacts to neighboring businesses and residences, or a way to mitigate traffic impacts	

## Section III. Questions for Metro

Once a site has been identified and is being considered for purchase, project manager and project team should answer these questions created from community input to the best of their ability in writing and include answers in their final staff report to Metro Council. The answers to these questions should inform the purchase and development decisions of the project.

- 1) How has (or will) community input informed decisions about this location and what services will be included at the new facility?
- 2) Are there potential impacts to people or the natural environment like water, air, soil or plants on this site? If yes, what are the ways Metro will mitigate these concerns?
- 3) What could be the economic impacts to residents (taxes, rates) of building a new facility on this site?
- 4) If this site is selected for purchase, how is Metro going to promote sustainability through this project and prevent environmental harm?
- 5) What is the sites' history as it relates to the surrounding land, water and its natural features? (OR Goal 5 Resources)
- 6) How will the development of this site impact traffic?
- 7) What services currently provided at the existing Metro South Transfer Station would be best suited to move to this potential site? (all, commercial, self-haul, etc.)

## Section IV. Beyond Site Selection

This section will be used by the Future Metro South recycling and transfer center staff for consideration after a site has been selected for purchase and plans for design, construction, and programming begin. Staff can write a summary to describe how the project teams can or cannot address these priorities expressed by the community at that time. This information can also be shared during community engagement activities.

<b>Community criteria for construction, services and programming</b> (Draft 02-12-2021)	<b>How to indicate priority:</b> To be decided by CAG: <i>Must Have, Prefer to Have, Nice to Have</i>
1. Construction and operations minimize, harmful impacts to the environment.	
2. *Staff has investigated how Community Enhancement Grant funds can be shared among impacted communities surrounding the site.	
3. The site development plans should incorporate space to acknowledge the history of First Nations and the original inhabitants of the land the facility will be located on.	
4. Site should be well marked with signs in multiple languages so that all of the community knows of its services and benefits.	
5. Project identifies options for ongoing air quality monitoring or other tools that protect local communities from environmental impacts during regular facility operations.	
6. Project promotes the reduction of toxic waste and avoids increasing environmental toxicity.*	
7. Site development maximizes resiliency in case of natural disasters or emergencies (i.e. floods, earthquakes, community emergency, etc.)	
8. Development on the site includes road safety improvements to avoid potential dangers to pedestrians, small vehicles and employees during construction and future operations ( <i>provides pathways, sidewalks, vehicle speed control, etc.</i> )	

*\* These items still need review/discussion approval with CAG*