Regional WAste aDvisory Committee

# Meeting Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** June 17th 2021

**TOPIC:** Solid Waste System Facilities Plan

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**PRESENTERS:** Will Elder

**RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS:** Goal 16: Maintain a system of facilities, from smaller recycling drop-off depots to larger full-service stations, to ensure equitable distribution of and access to services

## puRPOSE OF PRESENTATION

* Share Metro’s development of a Solid Waste System Facilities Plan including timeline and prepare for a future presentation once a draft SOW for consultant is finalized.

**background**

On Metro Council request, WPES has been asked to produce a long term plan to identify gaps in the solid waste infrastructure needed to support the work of the Regional Waste Plan and anticipated needs over the next 15-20 year horizon. This plan will build off the work done to develop the RWP and be informed by other documents such as the Solid Waste Roadmap projects, 2006 Metro Transfer System Ownership Study, 2015 Metro South Assessment and Metro’s Strategic Asset Management plan. The plan will also look at financing options available to Metro Council to implement the plan.

**PROGRESS TO DATE**

Project development is in the early stages and staff has identified some preliminary objectives.

This project will identify:

* The complete suite of facility-based services necessary for achieving the goals of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan (RWP).
* The current and anticipated gaps in regional solid waste facility services, based on racial equity and geographic proximity perspectives.
* Alternative pathways for filling, locating and financing those gaps over the next 15-20 years. For illustration purposes, these pathways could be: (1) fill gaps with public facilities only; (2) fill gaps with a combination of public and private facilities; (3) fill gaps with private facilities only (and sub-approach could be procurement, regulatory, free market or combination). Each pathway will include approaches for:
	+ financing needed facilities and services
	+ advancing progress toward RWP racial equity goals
* advancing progress on RWP action 12.4 to implement sustainability practices in solid waste facilities

This project will not identify:

* Detailed financial pro formas on filling each identified service gap
* Detailed estimates of the costs of implementing non-facility based actions from the 2030 Regional Waste Plan

**questions for consideration/aCTIONS REQUESTED (for July meeting)**

* Is there anything significant missing from the broadly framed objectives listed above?
* Are we missing any previous work that will be helpful in identifying gaps in the system?
* How would this group like to be updated and engaged through the development of the plan?

**NEXT STEPS**

* Return in July to solicit RWAC feedback on the questions above.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None