



**Metro**

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# Meeting Summary

Meeting: Community Advisory Group Meeting  
Date/time: Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:00 PM  
Place: Zoom video meeting  
Purpose: Future Metro South public meeting

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## Members Present

Anna Wilson, Awaz Muhamad, Diana Castaneda, Duane Miller, Jennifer Bell, Mya "Sandy" Myint, Rachel Summer, Ray Atkinson, Santiago Nolasco, Tey Kong, Thao Tu, Victoria Gimm

## Members Absent

Brent Balog, Denyse McGriff, Yolanda Sanchez

## Presenters

Estee Segal, Project Manager, Sara Seid, Communications Administrative Assistant, Jairaj Singh, Unite Oregon Environmental Justice Manager, Dan Blue, Systems Planning Manager, Penny Erikson, Metro South Transfer Station Superintendent

## Topics

The garbage and recycling system, 2030 regional waste plan, Metro South overview of services

- **The garbage and recycling system:** Dan Blue presented a timeline of challenges and developments in Metro's garbage and recycling system, starting with the development of Metro South in 1983. He also covered the functions of the public-private regional garbage and recycling system, and the role Metro plays in operations and regulation within the system.
- **2030 Regional Waste Plan:** Dan explained the purpose of the 2030 regional waste plan in leading with equity in the region, and how this guides the considerations for the Future Metro South facility siting and engagement process. He emphasized the goal of building a new facility that is a community asset and mitigating potential negative impacts of the facility.
- **Metro South overview of services:** Estee Segal gave an overview of the location and attributes of the current Metro South facility, and provided more detail on the current services offered there. Penny Erickson, superintendent of Metro South, spoke to the community advisory group about the history of the facility, challenges the current Metro South facility faces, and what could be improved in new facility. She explained the challenges with choosing to remain on the same site into the future and renovate the existing Metro South facility, such as interruptions to services, cost, and growing space constraints on the current site.

Staff and community advisory group members discussed the potential workforce training and community partnerships possible with a new transfer and recycling facility, as well as how an education space and other programs could be part of the development of a new facility.