



Welcome to the Metro South Community Advisory Group!

July 2020

The Metro South Community Advisory Group will inform the future of garbage and recycling in Clackamas County and the greater Portland metro region.

Metro and Unite Oregon are pleased to welcome you as a member of the Metro South Community Advisory Group to weigh in on the proposed new **Metro South recycling and transfer center** during its first phase. At this early stage, your input, the feedback from the general community and technical staff criteria will inform Metro's decision-making process about where to locate a future transfer center.

Why are we gathering this group?

Due to the growing demands on the existing Metro South transfer station, Metro is proposing to expand services by building a new state-of-the-art recycling and transfer center that could become an asset to the Clackamas County community.

Role of the advisory group

The advisory group is formed by fifteen local community members who represent diverse viewpoints and experiences including youth. As a member, you'll learn about the garbage and recycling system and Metro's role in it, the potential benefits of a modern recycling and transfer center, environmental justice and about other state-of-the-art transfer centers that have been built in the Pacific Northwest region.

Your participation will inform Metro about:

- 1) The level of support there is for the proposed project in Clackamas County.
- 2) What you want Metro to consider as properties are considered for purchase.
- 3) The potential impact, challenges and opportunities to your community.



Future phases of the project will inform design, community services, partnerships, and Community Neighbor Agreement.

Members of the group

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

Expected Meeting dates:

Thursday, July 30

Thursday, Aug 13

Thursday, Aug 27

Thursday, Sept TBD

Thursday, Oct 1

Thursday, Oct 22

Thursday, Nov TBD

*Celebration/Report back -
December/January TBD*

Questions? Please email us at futuresouth@oregonmetro.gov

Who is Metro?

Metro is a regional government that oversees planning for housing, transportation, parks and also oversees the garbage and recycling system in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah counties. That includes 24 cities.

Metro owns and operates two existing transfer stations in the Portland metro region and is proposing to build a third in Cornelius as the first state-of-the-art transfer centers in Oregon, offering unique community amenities. Metro is also proposing to build a new modern recycling and transfer center in Clackamas County to expand services in that area.

Who is Unite Oregon?

Led by people of color, immigrants and refugees, rural communities, and people experiencing poverty, Unite Oregon works across Oregon to build a unified intercultural movement for justice.

Unite Oregon will support Metro to engage the broad community, including those who are heard from the least during decision-making processes. Their role is to serve as ambassadors on behalf of the community to ensure their voice is heard. They will support the community's learning about the project and to help Metro create a space where the community feels comfortable asking questions, voicing their concerns and ideas and developing relationships.

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What is a Transfer Station?



Transfer Station

A waste management facility that receives and separates materials for the purposes of recycling or preparing garbage to be transferred to a landfill. Both individual self-haulers and commercial haulers bring their waste to a transfer station.

Stipends

You will receive a stipend directly from Unite Oregon for every meeting you attend. This is to support your participation. Neither accepting the stipend nor your participation in this group is an indication of your endorsement or support for the project. We encourage your honest feedback.

About the future of this project

Properties for sale are scarce to nonexistent in Clackamas County, but that can change. Metro has not purchased any properties for the purpose of this project. The goal is to secure one or more properties in a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) using Metro staff's technical search criteria and the input of the community advisory group. A PSA will allow Metro time to evaluate the property and engage the community further. A PSA agreement does not guarantee the purchase or sale of a property as either party can terminate the agreement.

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