



Proposing a Recycling & Waste Transfer Center in Cornelius

Metro seeks to build a modern recycling and waste transfer center designed to provide comprehensive and accessible services.

There is an opportunity to meet the needs of a growing population in western Washington County by developing a multi-use modern facility to transfer garbage, recyclables, household hazardous waste and more. This modern facility could also provide community services like open community space, education, recycling options, or public art.

Metro has identified a property for sale in Cornelius that could potentially accommodate a future recycling and waste transfer center. Metro could build the facility on this site if the outcomes from a property evaluation and local community engagement support it – so we want to hear from you.

Evaluating the potential site

- Proposed location is at 4th Avenue and Holladay Street in Cornelius.
- Metro is currently evaluating the property and seeks to identify potential community impacts and benefits.
- The Metro Council will decide whether or not to purchase the site in December 2020.

Seeking input from the community

The public will have an opportunity to weigh in throughout all phases of the project. This includes topics such as:

- Whether a new transfer center is a good fit for this location.
- Community amenities and services to be offered.
- Facility design, accessibility, operations and jobs.

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REGIONAL MODEL

The proposed facility would be designed with modern features to improve services, maximize capacity and efficiency, meet current design standards, and reduce nuisance and environmental impacts.

We see examples of these design features in transfer stations throughout the Pacific Northwest, including the Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station in Bellevue, Washington. The Factoria facility incorporates a number of sustainable design features:

- An enclosed building for the collection of garbage and recycling minimizes noise, dust and odors.
- Solar skylights and translucent wall panels that reduce energy demand.
- Rainwater harvesting technology that saves 1.3 million gallons of water annually.
- A household hazardous waste building with advanced environmental protection features.



Proposed site:
North 4th and
Holladay, Cornelius



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Community services,
amenities and jobs

Regional Transformation

Fostering economic well-being and providing excellent and equitable services to the Metro region

The Proposed Metro West recycling and transfer center aligns with the vision of Metro's 2030 Regional Waste Plan—to make “reduce, reuse, recycle, repair, donate” mainstream practices accessible to all. It will create quality jobs, will be a safe place for workers and the public, and will provide services and programming based on the needs of customers and area residents.



If built, the center would specialize in meeting the needs of residents, small businesses and commercial haulers.



On-site services would provide community members with more options for material recovery, reuse and recycling.



Customers would be able to safely dispose of household hazardous waste materials such as paint, batteries, cleaners and chemicals.



The new state-of-the-art center would adhere to green building standards that manage noise, dust and odors.



The community would be engaged in the design and programming of the facility so that its features would provide the greatest community benefits. These could include public art, community gathering places, a playground, or bicycle and pedestrian pathways.



“We have the opportunity to re-imagine how we recycle and reduce waste on the west side. I’m excited about the opportunity to incorporate new ideas into the proposed facility while ensuring community is involved in every step of the process.”

Juan Carlos González
Metro Deputy Council President | District 4

PROJECT TIMELINE

2019–2020

Community engagement, site analysis, due diligence, acquisition of site for new facility

2021–2022

Community engagement, project design, programming of center

2022–2024

Permitting and construction of new center

2024–2025

Opening, program development, Good Neighbor Agreement

The COVID-19 pandemic and the public health crisis has delayed our timeline. Yet, Metro is committed to engaging with the public in a safe and meaningful way and will provide multiple virtual opportunities to hear from the community.