

# REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** August 18, 2022    **LENGTH:** 30 minutes

**PRESENTATION TITLE:** Metro Regional Cleanup Services and Special Funding Updates

**DECISION TYPE:** N/A

**RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS:** 11.4, 11.6, 10.4, 10.5

**PRESENTER(S):** JON MAYER, JENNIFER PAYNE, LISA CLARK, STEPHANIE RAWSON

### PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- Share updates related to regional cleanup efforts including \$10 million from the State of Oregon

### ACTION REQUESTED

- Informational with call to action to share and promote availability of Regional Refresh Fund sponsorship program

### BACKGROUND

- The emergence of the pandemic in 2020 significantly impacted Metro's capacity to provide community cleanup services and resources. As a result of the increased graffiti and litter across the region, Metro Council adopted a budget modification in April, 2021 totaling \$3.5 million to help address the increase in dumped garbage and to return RID Patrol to pre-pandemic service levels.
- On February 28, 2022, House Bill 5202 was approved by the State of Oregon Legislature and signed into law by Governor Kate Brown, sending \$10 million to the Metro region for cleanup of public spaces in the greater Portland area. Metro is responsible for the administration of these funds. Metro has begun working on plans to allocate this funding for expansion of existing internal programming as well as that of local jurisdictions, state agencies, nonprofits and other community based organizations engaged in cleanup efforts to demonstrate significant impacts during Summer 2022. In agreement with the State of Oregon, these funds will not be used for activities associated with camp site removal or to backfill existing funding. See attachment for Metro's funding strategy.
- This funding primarily supports goals 10 and 11 of the Regional Waste Plan by providing services to cleanup illegal dumps on public property and prioritizing communities with the greatest need, and by providing consistent regional and upstream services to mitigate the

areas with the greatest barriers to disposal such as multifamily communities and lower-income households.

- Roy Brower may have given a short, informal update at a prior meeting.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- N/A

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Share out of results to date at October 20<sup>th</sup> RWAC meeting

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Strategy Overview Metro Regional Cleanup Funds