

# REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** February 17<sup>th</sup> 2022

**TOPIC:** Garbage & Recycling System Facilities Plan

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**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 scope for the Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan including timeline and discuss engagement opportunities.

### 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. The planning process is expected to be completed in five phases from winter 2022 to spring 2023. In the last phase of the process, project staff would bring to the Metro Council a final draft of the Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan for Council to consider for adoption.

Plan development will include assessing the region's current public, private and non-profit garbage, recycling and reuse infrastructure, identify service gaps, and present potential approaches and a plan for future system investments. Throughout the process, the project will seek to engage all potentially affected and interested individuals, communities and organizations, as well as local governments, businesses, reuse organizations and advocacy organizations.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

- Staff presented to RWAC on the development of the scope in June and July of 2021.
- Based on early feedback from Council, staff made revisions to the scope that added the development and use of Council Values to guide the process as well as make scenario development into a discrete task.
- Staff presented the revised plan scope in January and has submitted a Resolution for adoption in early March.
- Staff will be issuing an RFP for consultant services at the end of February.

### QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTIONS REQUESTED (FOR MARCH MEETING)

- Do you have any ideas around the formation of a Community Advisory Group?
- What would be ways to engage with elected officials through the plan?
- What would be ways to engage with the garbage and recycling industry through the plan?

**NEXT STEPS**

- Return in March to solicit RWAC feedback on the questions above.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Project Plan