

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 25-5459
REGIONAL SYSTEM FACILITIES PLAN)
) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
) Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
) Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is responsible for planning and overseeing the garbage and recycling system in the greater Portland area and that system is composed of a network of public, private and non-profit owned facilities that provide disposal, waste transfer, recycling and reuse services to over 1.7 million people in the greater Portland region; and

WHEREAS, in March 2019 the Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, which is the long-range blueprint for building a healthier, more resilient and equitable garbage and recycling system (Ordinance No. 19-1431), and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Regional Waste Plan sets goals and policies for the region to reduce the amount of waste the region generates, promote greater reuse and recycling of items, and manage the waste that is leftover in a manner that protects the environment and public health; and

WHEREAS, to help implement the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, in March 2022 the Metro Council approved a work plan for the Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Department to develop a Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan (later renamed the Regional System Facilities Plan) (Resolution No. 22-5248); and

WHEREAS, the work plan directed staff to develop a shared understanding of existing policy guidance and commit to values to guide the development and implementation of the future plan, and Council endorsed the Regional System Facilities Plan Values and Outcomes in a Work Session in May 2022; and

WHEREAS, the work plan stated that the Regional System Facilities Plan should outline the future infrastructure investments and services needed to fulfill 2030 Regional Waste Plan goals over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Regional System Facilities Plan was developed through extensive research, analysis and engagement with city, county, tribal, community, reuse and business leaders, as well as a community advisory group composed of members from underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the Regional System Facilities Plan was developed in five phases with input and direction in each phase from Metro Council, the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, the Regional Waste Advisory Committee, and the Committee on Racial Equity; and

WHEREAS, the Regional System Facilities Plan provides a 20-year blueprint for future reuse, recycling, composting and garbage facility and service investments across the region that align with Metro Council’s priorities of increasing access to facilities, reducing waste to landfill and keeping costs affordable; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby:

Adopts the Regional System Facilities Plan, attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 20th day of March 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney