

Attachment 1

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5506
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO)	
FULFILL 2030 REGIONAL WASTE PLAN)	Introduced by Deputy Council President
GOALS)	Ashton Simpson

WHEREAS, in March 2020 the Metro Council adopted the Regional System Facilities Plan, which outlines the future infrastructure investments and services needed fulfill the 2030 Regional Waste Plan; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council has provided direction that Metro's role in managing the waste stream will focus on regulatory responsibilities and with public investment focused on waste prevention and material recovery services that cannot be provided feasibly or affordably by the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan and the Regional System Facilities Plan which call for improved and enhanced organics collection and processing, as well as a network of small depots across the region for improved access for residential and small business customers; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council is interested in supporting industrial symbiosis opportunities for greater Portland through Public-Private Partnerships; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to do the following:

- 1) Present to the Council a framework for Public-Private Partnerships (P3) by September 2025 that defines the process for consideration of public-private partnerships across the agency, including relevant criteria, the procurement process and guidelines for the selection of technical advisors.
- 2) In carrying out the Regional Waste Plan, the Regional System Facilities Plan, and other plans and activities, Waste Prevention and Environmental Services (WPES) is directed to study and present to Council a report documenting opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships (P3) to:
 - a. Reduce waste including via community drop-off depots and diversion of commercial food waste from landfills,
 - b. Advance recovery and reuse of system materials through strategic system investments, plans, policies, and actions that incorporate P3 principles,
 - c. Pursue market development concepts to create demand for system materials or their end products,
 - d. Reduce landfill reliance, improve system resilience, and create economic opportunities for local businesses and nonprofits organizations working in the waste, reuse and recycling industry, and
 - e. Develop a circular, climate friendly solid waste management system that supports industrial symbiosis and local businesses, nonprofits and communities.
- 3) In completing this study, staff will identify, among other things:
 - a. Key economic and local business or nonprofit partnership opportunities to pursue in the next 1-4 years that advance recovery, reuse or market development of system materials, or their components,
 - b. Obstacles to P3 implementation and the opportunities and recommendations to overcome them,

- c. Changes to Metro Code or administrative rules to ensure creation of an innovative, climate friendly, economically impactful system creating local economic impact and furthering material recovery or related benefits,
 - d. Infrastructure investments including community depots, wet waste transfer and organics recovery, including pre-processing equipment to remove contamination;
 - e. Investments in higher education, research, workforce training or technical expertise needed to inform and support these and other P3 actions.
- 4) Metro Council directs staff to return by November 30, 2025 with a preliminary report on the most feasible P3 opportunities for waste reduction including diversion of commercial food waste from landfills and build out of community drop-off depots. This report should focus on opportunities suitable for procurement within 180 days or less.
- 5) The Metro Council directs staff to return on or before March 31, 2026, to provide a report identifying P3 opportunities for waste reduction including diversion of commercial food waste from landfills and build out of community drop-off depots and draft Metro Code amendments and/or administrative rules necessary to implement the study recommendations.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this __ day of June 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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