

## MPAC Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title:** Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan – Phase 4 Draft Plan

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### **Purpose/Objective**

Share an update on the Regional System Facilities Plan, including a brief overview of the draft plan, opportunities to provide input this fall, and timing for finalizing the plan for Metro Council to consider for adoption.

### **Outcome**

This item is informational for MPAC members to understand the contents of the draft plan and how to provide input.

### **What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?**

Staff presented the results of project partner engagement completed in Phase 3 to MPAC in February 2024. This engagement was focused largely on [four scenarios](#) to address gaps and modernizing the system through different combinations of regulation, facilities and investments. Comparing the scenarios brought forth larger questions about Metro's role and how different policies could address gaps in the system.

In Spring 2024, Metro Council reviewed input on the scenarios gathered through engagement and discussed their priorities and policy preferences to further guide the development of the preferred investments and policy actions in the following areas: community drop off depots, reuse and repair, organics, commercial transfer stations, wet waste tonnage flow and private facility regulation. Metro Council agreed that Metro should increase its role in filling gaps in the garbage and recycling system by focusing on providing accessible services in the region that are not widely supported by the private sector such as reuse, recycling, self-haul and household hazardous waste.

Staff submitted documentation to return to MPAC to provide an update on plan progress, prior to the Council work session in July, but there was not sufficient time available on the July MPAC meeting agenda.

At the July Council work session, Councilors were presented options in the form of specific facility and program investments in the six key areas outlined above, along with their targets, outcomes, and costs. Councilors discussed options and provided direction to develop a draft plan prioritizing the following investments:

- **Community drop-off depots:** Developing a network of six community drop-off depots, at least one in each Metro Council District. These depots would provide places for residents and small businesses to take multiple materials such as recycling, items for reuse and household hazardous waste.
- **Reuse and repair:** Providing stable funding to reuse and repair businesses building a regional reuse warehouse and a reuse mall.

- **Organics:** Investing in Metro Central to make it a regional organics hub and improving the transfer and processing capacity of organics in the region including exploring public-private-partnerships.
- **Commercial transfer stations:** Finding a new location in Clackamas County to relocate commercial wet waste from the existing Metro South Transfer Station, to allow its eventual conversion to a community drop-off depot.

In addition to making investments as outlined above, Metro Council identified two supporting policy actions:

- **Wet waste tonnage allocations:** Assess the impact of lowering or removing Metro's tonnage guarantee, including evaluation of the wet waste tonnage allocation program.
- **Private facility regulations:** Evaluate options to modify, add, or remove regulations for private facilities to better serve the public interest. The implementation of this action will be coupled with the assessment of the wet waste tonnage allocation approach.

The investments and policy areas for further study will be outlined in the draft plan available for public review and comment in late September.

**What packet material do you plan to include?**

1. SFP values and outcomes summary flyer