

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 2025 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 directed that Metro's role in managing the waste stream will focus on regulatory responsibilities with public investment focused on waste prevention and material recovery services that the private sector cannot feasibly or affordably provide the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Regional Waste Plan and the Regional System Facilities Plan seek improved and enhanced organics collection and processing, as well as a network of small depots across the region to improve access for residential and small business customers; and

WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are long-term, risk-adjusted, performance-based, contractual relationship between a public sector agency and private partners; and

WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships offer an approach for delivering public services and infrastructure by leveraging the strengths and resources of both the public and private sectors; 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) Study and present to Council a report by March 31, 2026 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 of risk transfer, innovation, private sector expertise and best practices for project delivery,
  - c. Pursue market development opportunities 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, subject to limitations of use of funds and other legal constraints.

- 3) In completing this report, 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 to facilitate the creation of an innovative, climate friendly, economically impactful system that generates local economic impact, furthers material recovery and provides other public benefits,
  - d. Infrastructure investments including community depots, wet waste transfer and organics recovery, including pre-processing equipment to remove contamination;
  - e. Investments and/or areas for further research in higher education, research, workforce training or technical expertise needed to inform and support these and other P3 actions.
- 4) Present to the Metro Council a preliminary report on the most feasible P3 opportunities for waste reduction by November 30, 2025. This report should focus on opportunities where procurement can begin within 180 days or less.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 26th day of June 2025.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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