

# METRO COUNCIL

## Work Session Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** January 25, 2022 **LENGTH:** 60 minutes

**PRESENTATION TITLE:** Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan

**DEPARTMENT:** Waste Prevention and Environmental Services

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### WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

**Purpose:** Update Council on the status of the Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan process and seek input on the draft work plan. The Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan is expected to be completed by July 2023.

**Outcomes:**

- Understanding of the major phases of plan development including how community and stakeholders will be engaged in each phase as well as the major decision points for Council through the process.
- Understanding of the scope of the planning process, what is included and not in order to inform development of Resolution for Council adoption.

### TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

#### Background

Metro is preparing to develop a Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan. The Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan, adopted by Metro Council, will outline future infrastructure investments and services needed to fulfill the goals in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.

The planning process will assess the region's current public, private and non-profit garbage, recycling and reuse infrastructure, identify services gaps, and present potential approaches and a plan for future system investments. Specifically, the plan will include:

1. An overview of the facility-based garbage, recycling and reuse services necessary for achieving the goals of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan,
2. The current and anticipated gaps in those services,
3. Alternative scenarios for the public, private and non-profit sectors to fill the gaps or mitigate the need to fill them over the next 20 years, and
4. An implementation plan and financing options for Metro's role in advancing the plan and building new facilities.

The scenarios may include construction of new facilities, incorporation of new services in existing facilities, and non-facility based alternatives, if practical. The scenarios will include consideration of

costs and ratepayer impacts, and will elevate the needs of communities of color and other groups historically underserved or impacted by the solid waste system. The plan resulting from this project will support strategic decision-making by Metro to deliver long-term solutions through 2030 and beyond. The plan will be completed in five phases from February 2022 to June 2023.

The development of the Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan will serve a companion document for implementing the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. From winter 2022 to spring 2023, Metro will engage the public and local government partners to develop the new plan, which will be completed in five major phases.

## Timeline for Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan



### Getting started

Metro Council has understanding of project and future roles in plan development

### Phase 1: Policy Direction and Values

Develop a shared understanding of existing policy guidance and commitment to values that will guide the development of the plan.

### Phase 2: Gap Analysis

Identify current and future gaps in the garbage and recycling system that include public, private and non-profit facilities.

### Phase 3: Scenarios Development

Develop alternative future scenarios to consider tradeoffs of different paths forward and select a preferred scenario.

### Phase 4: Implementation Strategy

Metro Council endorses facility priorities and financing options for plan implementation.

### Phase 5: Plan Adoption

Metro Council considers adoption of Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan.

The project will not include detailed financial pro formas on filling each identified service gap, detailed estimates of the costs of implementing non-facility based actions from the 2030 Regional Waste Plan and services, staffing, equipment and specific site location of future facilities

#### **QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

1. Do Councilors have questions or input on the planning process or draft work plan?

#### **PACKET MATERIALS**

Legislation would be required for Council action ☐ yes ☒ no

Draft is attached ☐ yes ☒ no

**ATTACHMENT:** *Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan* Draft Project Work Plan