

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: August 1, 2017 **LENGTH:** 30 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: 2030 Regional Waste Plan

DEPARTMENT: Property and Environmental Services

PRESENTER(S): Paul Slyman, Property and Environmental Services Director (ext.1510) and Marta McGuire, Principal Planner (ext. 1806)

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. **Purpose:** To present the draft values and principles for the 2030 Regional Waste Plan for consideration (Attachment A).
2. **Outcomes:**
 1. Endorsement of the proposed values and principles.
 2. Understanding of how the values work fits into the process for developing the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Metro initiated development of the long-term Regional Waste Plan in March 2017 to fulfill its responsibility to plan, manage and oversee the regional solid waste system. The plan will be the greater Portland area's blueprint for managing and reducing the environmental impacts of goods consumed in the region, from production to disposal from 2019 to 2030. From spring 2017 to fall 2018, Metro will work with communities around the region to develop this plan.



Work on the 2030 Regional Waste Plan is in Phase 1, Values development. The purpose of the first phase is to develop a set of values that lay out the essential concepts that serve as a basis for the plan's strategies and actions and will guide plan implementation.

As a first step, staff reviewed existing guidance, including Metro's Regional Framework Plan, Six Desired Outcomes for the region, prior regional waste plans, and state and federal plans to identify a draft set of value concepts as a starting point for discussion.

Next, staff reviewed past public opinion research conducted by Metro and local government partners over the last ten years on values, attitudes and motivations related to garbage, recycling, waste prevention and toxics. The review provided input on attitudes toward the draft value concepts and identified gaps in audiences from which additional input was needed, including communities of color, low-income populations, immigrant/refugee communities, limited English proficiency populations, youth and communities historically impacted by the placement of solid waste facilities.

To address prior gaps in public opinion and to further refine the values, major efforts in this phase included:

1. **Co-hosted Community Discussion Groups:** Metro is working with the eight community-based organizations listed below to co-organize, recruit for and facilitate discussions with community members on the garbage and recycling system. The community discussions kicked off in June 2017 and include two group-facilitated conversations per organization. The first discussion is focused on building awareness and understanding of the garbage and recycling system and gathering input on the values. The second conversation includes gathering community concerns and vision for the future that will inform Phase 2 of plan development.

Organization	Brief Description	Location
North by Northeast Community Health Center	Nonprofit medical clinic for uninsured and OHP-covered adults; focused on improving health outcomes of African Americans.	NE Portland, Multnomah County
Trash for Peace	Nonprofit organization that works with affordable housing communities to offer residents hands-on, sustainability-related activities for families.	Outer SE and NE Portland; Gresham
Constructing Hope	Pre-apprenticeship program in the building trades for low-income residents and people with a legal history.	Based in NE Portland; serves tri-county area residents
Rosewood Initiative	Connecting and empowering "vulnerable" community members to drive change in partnership with agencies.	Gresham, outer SE/NE Portland; Multnomah County
Centro Cultural de Washington County	Oregon's oldest culturally-specific Hispanic "all-purpose hub, offering services, classes and resources to Latino residents.	Cornelius, Hillsboro; Washington County
Bridges	Leadership initiative program for six communities of color that offers mentoring, networking, placement and civic engagement.	Tri-county area
Momentum Alliance	Youth-led nonprofit that works to inspire young people to realize their power and mentors future social justice leaders.	Tri-county area
TBD	Social service and program provider supporting families and individuals with job readiness, placement, financial literacy and more.	Clackamas County

2. **Equity Lens Application:** The Equity Work Group reviewed the draft value concepts from an equity perspective. The work group met four times between May and June 2017. The outcome of its work included a set of guiding principles that outline the racial equity elements that tie each of the values together. Metro staff made some revisions to the principles to make them more specific to the solid waste system, use consistent language with Metro's Strategy to Advance Racial Equity and reflect input received from the community discussions. The original proposal from the group is included in Attachment B. Members of the Equity Work Group are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
Rob Nathan	Individual; Referred by Coalition of Communities of Color
Emma Brennan	Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.
Pa Vue	Individual; Referred by Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
Marilou Carrera	Individual; Referred by Oregon Health Equity Alliance
Juan Carlos Gonzalez	Individual; Referred by Centro Cultural
Andre Bealer	National Association of Minority Contractors of Oregon
Tommy Jay Larracas	Individual; Referred by OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

3. **Advisory Committee Review:** The draft values and guiding principles were presented to the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee on July 12, 2017. Following advisory committee input, staff revised the values and principles for Metro Council consideration.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

1. Do Councilors have questions or input on the draft values and guiding principles?
2. Do the Councilors support the draft values and guiding principles as overarching guidance for the 2030 Regional Waste Plan?

PACKET MATERIALS

Legislation would be required for Council action ☐ yes ☒ no

Draft is attached ☐ yes ☒ no

ATTACHMENTS: A) 2030 Regional Waste Plan Values and Guiding Principles B) Equity Work Group deliverable