

# METRO COUNCIL

## Work Session Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** October 31, 2017

**LENGTH:** 45 minutes

**PRESENTATION TITLE:** Innovation and Investment Program Proposal

**DEPARTMENT:** Property and Environmental Services

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### WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Purpose: Inform Council of the proposed program to invest in the solid waste system improvements.
- Outcome: Council direction on the proposal and the development of the program.

### TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Metro has broad legal authority, from the Metro Charter, the Oregon Constitution, and Oregon statutes, for planning, managing and overseeing the regional solid waste system. In 1987, the Metro Council designated solid waste as an area appropriate for a functional plan, recognizing the complexity of managing this system across two dozen cities and portions of three counties, over a million residents, thousands of businesses and many solid waste service providers. This system also has a complex mix of responsibilities in service provision, with Metro, local governments, privately-owned solid waste facilities, and privately-owned haulers all having a role. Because of the complexity and multiple parties in the solid waste system, at times the system may not fully meet all the public's needs because of challenges of making levels of investment necessary to meet all those public benefits.

At an April 2017 work session, Metro Council asked the Property and Environmental Services Department (PES) staff to research and propose a program through which Metro can help fill the gaps in financing necessary for the system to provide waste reduction services within the region that may introduce financial or technological risks.

In addition to filling the financing gaps, PES seeks to use this program as a tool to help achieve Metro's *Strategic plan to advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion*, to eliminate barriers and generate positive benefits for communities that advance racial equity, diversity, and inclusion through its roles in solid waste reduction, regulation, management, planning and policy.

In this work session staff will summarize the Innovation and Investment program proposal. This proposal is the result of staff's work interviewing industry and researching Metro and other public investment programs that use grants and loans to invest in for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations.

## **QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

*List questions for Council's consideration that will help/guide the Council in providing policy direction.*

- Does Council have any guidance or suggestions that staff should incorporate in the development of the program?
- Does Council wish to move forward with a budget amendment and Code change to re-establish this program?

## **PACKET MATERIALS**

- Would legislation be required for Council action ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- What other materials are you presenting today?  
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