

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: December 4, 2018 **LENGTH:** 45 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Solid Waste Roadmap Finale

DEPARTMENT: Property and Environmental Services

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WORK SESSION PURPOSE AND DESIRED OUTCOMES

The purpose of this work session is to review and discuss the achievements of the Solid Waste Roadmap, identify ongoing issues, and illustrate how the forthcoming 2030 Regional Waste Plan seeks to build on the successes and engagements of the Solid Waste Roadmap.

The desired outcomes are appreciation for how Metro has addressed longstanding complicated and intertwined issues in the garbage and recycling system and enthusiasm for engaging broader and more diverse audiences to address the challenges that lie ahead.

TOPIC BACKGROUND AND FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The Solid Waste Roadmap project started in 2011 to tackle intricate and often inconvenient questions about the greater Portland area's garbage and recycling system that needed to be addressed. Included among those questions were:

- Over the long run, what does the region want to do with materials that are not reused, recycled or composted?
- What alternatives should Metro pursue at Metro South and in the vicinity to provide for the full suite of needed services?
- What model of the public-private transfer system – tonnage allocations, service levels and rates, for example – best provides for the public interest?
- What actions should Metro take to ensure adequate and reasonably proximate capacity to transfer and process food scraps collected from the region's businesses and residents?
- How should the capacity of landfills available to serve the region inform where Metro directs regional waste for landfill disposal?
- What is the amount and nature of waste that might be disposed in the future, and how will various alternatives perform in managing it?
- How should Metro recover the cost of solid waste services and programs, and general government, to improve stability, equity and predictability?

Many of these questions were addressed over the past seven years while a few have spawned additional work. Efforts to engage the public on these and related questions helped identify potential solutions to some of these challenges and laid foundation for the engagement that has built the draft 2030 Regional Waste Plan and will guide its implementation if it is adopted by the Metro Council next year.

The discussion at this work session will highlight achievements of the Solid Waste Roadmap and illustrate how the next Regional Waste Plan will guide Metro's garbage and recycling management work going forward.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

This is intended to be a discussion of the Solid Waste Roadmap's achievements and works-in-progress. Staff offers no questions for councilors to ponder in preparation for this discussion but welcomes councilors' questions, concerns, observations and suggestions on this topic and how they can inform Metro's future work in managing the greater Portland area's garbage and recycling system.

PACKET MATERIALS

Would legislation be required for Council action? ☐ Yes ☒ No