



**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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January 19, 2021

Metro President Lynn Peterson and Metro Council  
Councilor Shirley Craddick  
Councilor Christine Lewis  
Councilor Gerrit Rosenthal  
Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez  
Councilor Mary Nolan  
Councilor Bob Stacey  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232

**SUBJECT: Potential Metro Westside Facility**

*\*\* sent by email only \*\**

Dear President Peterson and Metro Councilors:

This letter is in response to a staff report issued on January 7<sup>th</sup> regarding potential Metro infrastructure in Cornelius scheduled for consideration at a work session today, January 19<sup>th</sup>. It is important for us to clarify the record suggesting we have offered “no formal position.” Given Waste Management’s conversations with staff, we are surprised this correction is required and disappointed by the staff report’s characterization of our lack of concern. As we have discussed with you and made clear to staff, to the contrary, Waste Management remains quite concerned about the potential impact a new Metro Westside transfer station will have on our nearby infrastructure. Our concern lies in creating costly duplicative services. Nonetheless, we remain enthusiastic and excited about the delivery of “missing” services on the westside of the Region that ensures regional equity.

Waste Management is committed to serving the Metro Region. Our Forest Grove Transfer Station (FGTS) efficiently moves significant wet waste volume within the Metro regional system. Our dry waste processing facility, Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery (TVWR), diverts significant tonnage of waste from landfills. Both facilities are important assets representing significant investments by Waste Management. If Metro builds duplicative infrastructure, and diverts volume to this new facility, it would be a de facto closure (and taking) of our assets and require compensation. This, and other questions, remain. It seems to us, the conversations with Metro staff should be continued to find a mutually acceptable solution, one that balances services to the community, without costly duplicative infrastructure and preserves private property rights. We are, of

course, always ready to continue dialogue about the best path forward for the region, but disappointed that the public-minded spirit in which we have tried to approach this question has been translated as acquiescence or approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam Winston', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Adam Winston  
Area Director – Collection Operations

cc: Paul Slyman, Metro  
Roy Brower, Metro  
Dean Kampfer, WM