

An important set of events affecting the regional disposal system will take place about four years from now. Between 2018 and 2019, (1) all of the contracts that Metro currently has in place for its two transfer stations will expire, (2) many private facility licenses and franchises will be up for renewal, and (3) Metro is scheduled to adopt a new Regional Solid Waste Management plan. All of these instruments have played major roles in shaping the regional disposal system over the years. But never before have they all been scheduled to change at the same time.

Metro is treating this confluence of events as an opportunity to take a long view of the whole disposal system and consider a range of options for the future. The planning framework for this long view is called the Solid Waste Roadmap Program.

The *Transfer System Configuration Project* is one of the main planning efforts within the Roadmap. This project will focus on the region's solid waste facilities and examine public and private roles, delivery of services, and economics and governance of the system. The goal of the project is to determine what model of the public-private transfer system best serves the public interest, and to begin implementing that model in January 2016.

This brief paper is an introduction to the project, the process, and schedule. For more information please contact the project manager, Douglas Anderson, at doug.anderson@oregonmetro.gov.

The Project

Goal

To determine what model of the public-private transfer system best serves the public interest.

Key questions

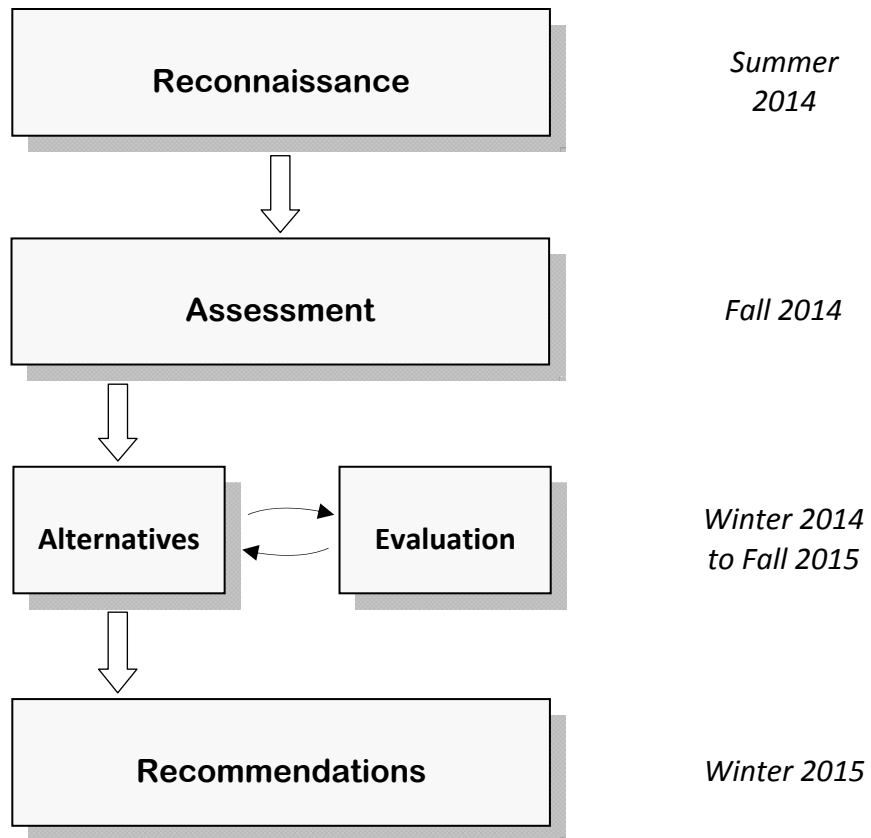
- How well do current policies deliver on the public interest – now and in the future?
- Are there alternatives that would do a better job?
- If so,
 - What do these alternatives look like?
 - How much better would they perform?
 - What are the pros and cons if implemented?
- What is the best option for meeting objectives?

What is “the public interest”?

- Protecting people's health.
- Protecting the environment.
- Getting good value for the public's money.
- Keeping a commitment to the highest and best use of materials.
- Being adaptive and responsive in managing materials.
- Ensuring services are available to all types of customers.

Transfer System Configuration Project

Process and Schedule



Commitment to:

- Open and collaborative planning approach
- Involving stakeholders directly throughout the process