



2030 Regional Waste Plan Project Update

The Regional Waste 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 spring 2017 to fall 2018, Metro will work with communities around the region to develop this plan.



Project Status Summary

Work on the 2030 Regional Waste Plan is in Phase 1, Values development, and work is proceeding on schedule. Highlights of the project kickoff and first phase of work are detailed below.

Equity Work Group Formation | March to May 2017

In April 2017, Metro recruited for members of the Equity Work Group that will help ensure the plan fully incorporates equity into the planning process and outcomes. Priorities for recruitment included representation from communities of color and those historically marginalized from solid waste system planning. Metro received 26 letters of interest for seven positions on the group and staff selected the following individuals:

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



Phase 1: Values Development | March to July 2017

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.

Equity was identified as a value that intersects with all values, but needed to be defined with respect to the regional solid waste system.

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 is 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 these gaps, work on the values includes:

1. **Co-hosted Community Discussion Groups:** Metro is contracting with eight community-based organizations to co-organize, recruit for and facilitate discussions with community members on the garbage and recycling system to inform the development of the new plan. These groups include:

- North by Northeast Community Health Center
- Trash for Peace
- Momentum Alliance
- Constructing Hope
- Rosewood Initiative
- Centro Cultural
- Northwest Family Services
- Bridges

The community discussions kicked off in June and include two group facilitated conversations. The first discussion 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.

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. As a result of this work, the group developed a set of guiding principles in addition to input on the language of the values.

Following this work, Metro staff revised the draft value concepts and will discuss them with the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee on July 12, 2017. Following advisory committee input, staff will present a final proposed statement of values to Metro Council for consideration on July 25, 2017.

