



Metro South Recycling and Transfer Center Project

Briefing on Jennifer Street Site Purchase and Sale Agreement

The Metro South Transfer Station in Oregon City can no longer accommodate the region's growing garbage and recycling needs. Because of this, Metro has been working to identify possible locations to build a new facility that could take some or all of the recycling and garbage services currently provided at Metro South. In late November 2020, Metro signed a purchase and sale agreement ("purchase option") to acquire a property in northern Clackamas County. This agreement allows Metro a nine month evaluation period to consider the property from both a technical and a community standpoint. The evaluation period will provide Metro Council information about the feasibility of building and operating a new facility on this site and what customers and those who will be impacted have to say about the project at this particular location.

Site details

- Location: 10500 and 10960 SE Jennifer St. in the Clackamas Industrial District
- Size: 25.93 acres (3 separate tax lots) in unincorporated Clackamas County
- Zoning: General Industrial (transfer stations are an allowed use by code)

The site has been used as an aggregate mine and rock quarry for the last 40+ years, but it is no longer being mined. Raw material removal has ended, but the site is still taking in fill material.



Aerial view of site, 3 tax lots



View of site with fill piles and equipment

Community engagement to date

Since early 2019, Metro has been working with Oregon City and Clackamas County staff and elected officials to inform and engage them on the property search and goals of this project. Through tours, regular meetings, presentations and discussions, Metro has worked to build and maintain relationships with these partners, seek their input, and discuss how the project aligns with current local planning efforts.

Metro formed the Metro South Community Advisory Group in August 2020 after extensive recruitment and outreach to local non-profits, businesses and service organizations. The advisory group consists of a diverse group of community members – customers, residents and small business owners - from northern Clackamas County, many of whom have not typically participated in government planning projects. Metro partnered with [Unite Oregon](#) to organize and facilitate a series of virtual meetings, which have elevated community priorities and concerns for Metro to take into consideration in selecting and assessing a site for a new facility. The first phase of the advisory group’s work will be complete in January 2021.

Evaluating the property and next steps

Over the next nine months, Metro will undertake extensive property investigation work, including environmental testing, soil sampling, geotechnical investigations, surveying, and land-use research.

At the same time, Metro will begin a new phase of community engagement, reaching out to a wide range of stakeholders and community members to gather input on the project and hear about opportunities and challenges related to the site. At the end of the site evaluation period in summer 2021, Metro Council will determine whether to purchase the site. If the site is purchased, Metro will subsequently begin a new phase of the project focused on site programming and design, continuing outreach and involvement of community members and stakeholders.

For more information, please see the [project website \(www.oregonmetro.gov/future-metro-south-station\)](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/future-metro-south-station) and [subscribe](#) to receive project updates and ways to engage. You may also contact Estee Segal, Metro South New Facility Project Manager at 503/753-9231 or estee.segal@oregonmetro.gov.