

purpose was to provide disposal options for that waste. Though recycling was considered in those contracts it was not a primary focus.

Four approaches were considered to handle C&D waste when the current contracts expire. Factors including recycling impact, financial outcomes, legal issues and operational impacts were considered. SWDs proposed option is to designate disposal facilities. This option is used by other regional governments including the city of Seattle. More information about this topic is included in the [presentation](#).

Comments included:

- MSWMAC requested more information about this topic in writing. They said that time is needed for consideration of options and for conversations within their cities and requested that the topic be added to the December MSWMAC agenda.
- A longer timeline is needed to provide meaningful input.
- Members suggested that this topic be presented to the SCA.

The staff report on this topic will be distributed to MSWMAC members.

Draft Transfer Plan Report

King County Council is in the process of acting on the budget. Provisos in the budget are being considered that would impact the division.

One of the [provisos](#) extends the comment period (lines 57-61) on the Draft Transfer Plan Report through February 3 with the final report due to Council on March 3, 2014 (line 66). Line 72-77 of this same ordinance sets aside \$250k of the budget for the Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station for a third party review of issues associated with the proposed plan update and the Factoria design if authorized by Council at a later date.

The first part of construction at the Factoria station is weather sensitive. For scheduling reasons, delaying the project by even a month would result in missing the construction window which would effectively delay the project until the next year. The estimated construction cost of the Factoria project is \$52.6M. A year of delay is expected to cost an additional \$5M.

Council is also considering disappropriating some of the funds for the Northeast transfer station siting. Therefore, work on the project would be limited to within the available funds.

Comments included:

- The \$5M cost of a delay may actually result in a savings of \$75M if it is determined that a new Northeast transfer station is not needed.
- The Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study (SSWMS) would not impact the Draft Transfer Plan Review. The SSWMS is expected to be about how to handle waste rather than the need for or distribution of transfer stations. The new stations are designed with the flexibility to allow for a wide range of waste handling alternatives.

ILAs

Council adopted Ordinance 17677 authorizing the Executive to sign the restated and extended ILAs. The ILAs were signed November 6th and agreements were mailed that day to city clerks.

In addition, there are several instructions beginning on line 78 of that ordinance dealing with latecomer provisions; changes to disposal rates based on the number of parties to the ILA, alternative financing mechanisms for future capital investments in solid waste facilities, and a clarification of solid waste management planning responsibilities for cities that are not committed to the ILA. Instructions regarding further discussions and the possible need to amend the ILAs are included in line 73-76.

Additionally, Council is considering a [proviso](#) where \$5M of the division's operating fund cannot be expended or encumbered until the Executive transmits a solid waste interlocal agreement review report and motion that acknowledges receipt of that report and the motion is passed by Council.

Work on financial policies was delayed in order to focus on the Transfer Plan Review. We must move forward with work on that work early next year. Work on the mitigation and liability costs must also occur in order to have the information necessary for the rate study.

Comments included:

- A representative group worked with the County on the ILA. The division should consider a similar process regarding further discussions on the amended and restated ILA.
- Because the discussions are about the amended and restated ILA, only parties to that agreement will be included.
- The \$5M dollar loss to the budget cannot be absorbed. If we are unable to complete this work in time, reductions will be visible.

Cities Presentation on Solid Waste Programs

The city of Auburn provided [information](#) on their Styrofoam recycling collection project. The program is grant eligible. Waste Management provides containers for collection. Styro Recycle picks up the Styrofoam from for \$50 per load.

There were mixed opinions about members sharing information about their cities solid waste and recycling programs at MSWMAC meetings. Some members said there were other options for sharing that information such as the recycling coordinators meeting. They suggested making notes from those meetings available to MSWMAC members. Others said that sharing of this kind was valuable particularly for those cities that do not have staff attending recycling coordinators meetings.

Public Comment

Citizen John Brekke stated that there no hurry to make a decision because there is sufficient capacity in the transfer system. He said that since the plan was written in 2006, new stations have been built at Vashon Island, Shoreline and Bow Lake. He said that many of the recommendations in the Optimized Transfer Station Recycling Feasibility Study needed to be adopted, recommendations from the SSWMS need to be implemented, that rail export or other disposal options need to be incorporated, and the 2014 Solid Waste Rate study should be issued before adopting the new transfer plan. He also said that the Transfer Station Report should study other transfer station options and combinations of options than what has been presented. He said it is important to take the time to ensure the right needs can be incorporated into our future transfer stations.

Regarding the Solid Waste Plan Review, Citizen Marie-Ann Harkness said more creative alternatives could result in a win-win for all. She suggested consideration of cutting edge technologies and recycling for a healthier environment. She said that Alternative D*** would be best if the current South King County Transfer Station was remodeled to provide service to both self-haul and commercial customers and that the LOS could be upgraded by extending service hours. She suggested the remodel should include a recycling center on the adjacent land. That property is owned by King County, is zoned appropriately, and a recycling center is consistent with current land use in the area.