

Transfer Plan Review Part 2 – DRAFT Scope

Guiding principles

- Participants in the King County solid waste system will have access to efficient and reliable regional transfer services at rates as low as reasonably possible, consistent with sound financial and environmental stewardship.
- Future system facilities will be designed to provide flexibility to accommodate changes in growth, anticipated future customer needs, and future waste disposal, conversion, and recycling options and technologies.
- The system will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.
- This review will be conducted in a transparent and collaborative manner between King County and its stakeholders.

Purpose of review

1. Address Council motion

By March 31, 2015, the division shall transmit a draft report to the Council, followed by a final report by June 30, 2015, prepared in collaboration with stakeholders, on strategies to manage transactions at transfer stations, as well as other operational and capital strategies such as increased use of underutilized transfer stations. The report shall address the management of transfer station transactions through the use of strategies intended to avoid excessive user wait times resulting from overutilization of individual stations. The report shall analyze options E1 and E2 in the Transfer Plan Review Report. The report shall also analyze the effect of the potential closure of the Renton Transfer Station on the self-haul service needs of residents currently served by the Renton Transfer Station, with particular attention to the accessibility and convenience provided to current transfer station clients by the Renton station, compared with drive time and potential waits associated with alternative transfer station options. The report shall analyze options for self-haul service for residents currently served by the Renton Transfer Station in the event of a closure of the station.

2. Address recommendations of the Transfer Plan Review Final Report (Revised and Amended June 2014)

In collaboration with stakeholders, continue to evaluate a mix of capital facilities and operational approaches to address system needs over time, including implementation of operational approaches such as transaction demand management strategies that would provide service for the northeast county without building an additional transfer station; compare trade-offs and benefits with the Transfer Plan.

3. Address questions and concerns expressed by cities and other stakeholders (as reflected in "Questions that will be answered through this process" on page 2).
4. Inform revision of the 2006 *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan* and the pending comprehensive solid waste management plan.

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Process overview

1. The division will invite SWAC and MSWMAC members, cities, and haulers to participate in review sessions that will address the questions outlined below. See proposed process and schedule on page 3.
2. The division will engage SWAC and MSWMAC at their regular meetings to seek feedback and recommendations.
3. The division will provide briefings to others, including the Regional Policy Committee and Sound Cities Association.
4. The division will reach out to transfer station customers to gather input.

Questions that will be answered through this process

1. What operational strategies exist to address system needs and what are the potential impacts (service, cost, and environment) of those strategies? Specifically address the following:
 - a) Transactional capacity, demand management strategies, and effect on self-haul and commercial customers
 - b) Rate impacts
 - c) Effect on collection cost (analysis will be dependent on hauler participation)
 - d) Traffic, noise, and other potential environmental impacts (full environmental review will be required, but that is outside of the scope of this review)
 - e) Ability to adapt to changes in tonnage, waste stream composition, and technology
 - f) Regional equity
2. What policy changes are necessary to address system needs? Specifically consider the following:
 - a) Legality
 - b) Feasibility/practicality
 - c) Public understanding and acceptance
 - d) Regional equity
3. What capital project elements should be included in an update to the *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan* and in the pending comprehensive solid waste management plan? Specifically address the following:
 - a) Is a new Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station needed in an updated plan for the transfer system?
 - b) Should the Houghton and/or Renton Transfer Stations close and if so when?
 - c) Are upgrades or expansions of current facilities needed?
 - d) To retain flexibility, what potential future facilities should be included?

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Proposed Schedule

What	When	Who
Propose/discuss process and schedule	July 2014	SWAC, MSWMAC, Division
Subcommittee meetings 1	August 2014	Subcommittee
Subcommittee meetings 2 and 3	September 2014	Subcommittee
Subcommittee meeting 4	October 2014	Subcommittee
Workshop – Review findings/recommendations	November 2014	SWAC, MSWMAC, Division, other stakeholders
Subcommittee – meeting 5	December 2014	SWAC, MSWMAC, Division
Prepare draft report responsive to Council motion	January 2015	Division
Legislative transmittal process	February 2015	Division, DNRP, Executive
Transmit draft report to Council	March 2015	Executive
Council review and feedback Advisory committee review and feedback	April 2015	Council SWAC, MSWMAC
Prepare final report responsive to Council motion	May 2015	Division
Legislative transmittal process Transmit final report to Council	June 2015	Division, DNRP, Executive

Proposed Process

- Form a subcommittee comprising members of MSWMAC and SWAC and division staff
 - Suggest members be appointed by each advisory committee to ensure diversity, e.g., geographically, city size, representation (elected officials, city staff, haulers, interested citizens, etc.)
 - Suggest maximum of 6 members appointed by SWAC and maximum of 10 members appointed by MSWMAC
 - Suggest no more than one member per city
- Subcommittee to meet as shown above to review demand management strategies, effect of Renton closure, other topics responsive to the Council motion, and related questions and data.
- Workshop in November to review with larger group and determine outstanding questions and concerns. Final sub-committee meeting in December to refine and final review before division drafts the report to Council.

Work of the sub-committee will inform an update to the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Transfer System chapter. Work to update that chapter will occur January through March 2015 (draft schedule). The chapter could serve as the Transfer Plan. The Comp Plan will undergo environmental review.