

Technical Subcommittee Meeting Notes

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August 25, 2004 / King Street Center

Meeting Attendees:

City Staff:

Alison Bennett – City of Bellevue
Elaine Borjeson – City of Kirkland
Rika Cecil – City of Shoreline
Sharon Hlavka – City of Auburn
Frank Iriarte – City of Tukwila
Linda Knight – City of Renton
Rob VanOrsow – City of Federal Way

County Staff:

Mark Buscher - Solid Waste Division
Peggy Dorothy – Council Staff
Neil Fujii – Solid Waste Division
Jane Gateley – Solid Waste Division
Mike Reed – Council Staff
Diane Yates – Solid Waste Division

Preliminary Transfer System LOS Standards and Criteria

Level of Service Standards and Criteria previously developed by the Solid Waste Division were discussed. LOS Standards are typically developed for new facilities. Developing LOS Standards for existing stations is a unique task.

Standards will go from Macro to Micro – Macro standards are those that reflect the services that should be provided system-wide. Micro standards are those that reflect what services each facility should provide and whether a facility can be expanded in place or needs to be replaced. The group needs to look at future needs and capacity and at whether or not existing facilities are appropriately located. It may also be useful to look at a ‘barrier’ category to see what barriers there are to implementing LOS Standards. LOS Standards may also be applied to privately owned/operated facilities.

The group brainstormed LOS Standards and Criteria. The report due to the King County Council on October 15, 2004 will be a succinct document that will explain how Standards and Criteria will be used to evaluate the existing system. The report will also explain how the group reached its conclusions. Evaluation will then help to identify impacts of Standards and Criteria.

The subcommittee will report to the larger cities group on Friday, August 27th. Will report on work done to-date; discuss Jeff Kelley-Clarke’s presentation; present initial LOS Standards and Criteria for discussion; discuss how this information will be used.

Next Technical Subcommittee meeting will be on Wed. September 3rd from 10 a.m. to noon at King Street Center.

Macro to Micro

System-wide Level of Service

- Regional equity – fair share of tonnage and customers
- What level of service should the transfer system provide? (e.g. service to commercial haulers and self haulers; uniform services at all facilities or more specialized)
- Travel time to station for whom?
- Different LOS for small business versus residential self haulers?

Rates & Financing

- Uniform rates or not
- System cost - current policy is that the lowest rate possible is charged. (Lowest rate possible limits what capital investments are made. Cost can be set to meet desired levels of service)
- Rates to advance WR/R goals and LOS to public
- Capital costs of developing new facilities versus cost to upgrade existing stations

Compatibility

- Noise, odor, other environmental factors
- Proximity to existing land use (e.g. residential) – land use compatibility
- Traffic impacts to local streets – noise, volume, road wear and tear
- Pedestrian facilities external to site and internal neighborhood uses
- Ability to mitigate...
- Community sensitivity/local politics

Site Function

- Traffic queuing – time and off site
- Waste export compatibility
- Adequate facility site space for expansion (tonnage and traffic); ability to add land as necessary
- Hours of operation/Hours needed to provide/meet customer demands (tonnage and vehicles)
- Customer and employee safety
- Transaction time for commercial haulers

Other

- Mixed use of transfer station sites with other public or private sector uses