

**Solid Waste Interjurisdictional Staff Work Group Meeting  
Summary  
March 9, 2005  
King Street Center**

**Meeting Attendees:**

City Staff:

Alison Bennett – City of Bellevue  
Rob VanOrsow – City of Federal Way  
Elaine Borjeson – City of Kirkland  
Nina Rivkin – City of Redmond  
Linda Knight – City of Renton  
Desmond Machuca – City of SeaTac  
Frank Iriarte – City of Tukwila

County Staff:

Peggy Dorothy – Council Staff  
Michael Huddleston – Council Staff  
Dave White – DNRP Director’s Office  
Theresa Jennings - SWD  
Kevin Kiernan - SWD  
CJ Sprague - SWD  
Neil Fujii - SWD  
Glenn Ueda - SWD  
Diane Yates - SWD  
Bert Tarrant - SWD  
Gemma Alexander - SWD

**I. Introductions**

Members introduced themselves.

**II. DRAFT Analysis of Transfer Station Needs and Capacity Report**

This report does not address Criteria 17-19. Criterion 17 will be discussed by MSWMAC and addressed as an addendum to the second milestone report. Criteria 18 & 19 address financial considerations and will be discussed in a later report. This report also does not prioritize the criteria. SWAC has decided to work on prioritizing the criteria and will be ranking them as, low, medium or high. This report does not contain any recommendations. Recommendations will be included in the fourth report.

After discussion of each criterion, the group recommended the following changes to the draft report.

- **Criterion 1- Maximum Time to a Transfer Facility**

Return the asterisk on Table One for Houghton and Factoria, noting that they do not meet the criterion if the urban islands outside of the contiguous growth boundary are included.

Use different markings to identify the contiguous urban growth boundary and the urban growth islands to clarify their locations.

Application: Maximum travel time and distances (insert: from the edge of the service area to the transfer stations) are shown in Figure 2.

Add a note on the map describing that Mapquest was used to develop travel time.

Add a note to the text that the method used for maximum travel time is the standard method for this type of measure.

- **Criterion 3-** Facility Hours Meet User Demand

Note on Table 3 that it reflects the hours' changes effective May 9.

- **Criterion 8-** Space Exists for Station Expansion

Eliminate language in text and table 11 that makes observations and judgments like "do not appear feasible for development" and replace with strictly factual statements like "currently houses commercial uses."

- **Criterion 10-** Meets Facility Safety Goals

Discussion centered on the fact that although this is a very important criterion, the 'no' ratings for safety goals do not mean that the Division is operating in an unsafe manner. They indicate that efficiency is lost as a result of the operational measures needed to maintain safety standards. Although there was some concern that qualifying the discussion too much might reduce the impact of the criterion, the group recommended adding notes to Table 1 clarifying that required safety standards are being met, even though desired goals are not.

- **Criterion 11-** Ability to Effectively Accommodate Waste Export

The group agreed that Criterion 11 contains too many assumptions about waste export and preferred alternatives. The criterion should not be removed, because the ability to compact waste at transfer stations can have significant effects on the existing system. The group agreed the criterion should be changed to reflect a simple observation of the fact that compaction is not currently a part of the transfer system. The name of the criterion will be changed to reflect that decision.

- **Criterion 14-** Meets PSCAA Standards for Odors

Houghton should be changed from a 'yes' to a 'no,' with a note that it has had one verified odor complaint in the last two years, which did not result in a citation.

- **Criterion 15-** Traffic

Under Application, correct the verb in the phrase "Houghton meet Criteria 5B as well" to "meets."

- **Criterion 17-** Subjective Considerations

There was a brief discussion of the subjective considerations, centered on the draft objective criteria prepared by MSWMAC Chair Garber. The group was not clear on how "Fair Share of Regional and Essential Public Facilities" could be made useful for evaluating the existing transfer system. The discussion was cut short due to time constraints.

### III. Next Steps

- **Process**

The group discussed the process by which data presented in the first two reports would be used to create the recommendations in the final report. SWD staff said they expect the process will be similar to that used for the Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan, where data is gathered, options are identified and then referred to policy makers for decision. Part of the process will involve identifying which criteria can be addressed through operational changes and which require capital improvements. This may be something for ITSG to talk about. The group recommended that next steps be more clearly addressed in Report Two.

- **Deadlines**

The group discussed the timeline for producing the milestone reports and the waste export system plan required by the ordinance. It was noted that ITSG would like to be able to review reports before they are passed on to MSWMAC, but that the current schedule does not provide enough time to do this. Further, the group recognized an inherent conflict between meeting the dates set out in the ordinance for completing the reports and allowing for meaningful input from the cities.

The group decided to recommend to MSWMAC that the due date for the Waste Export System Plan be changed from December 15, 2005 to April 30, 2006. This date would provide additional time for ITSG and MSMWAC to give input. The group felt that the extra time should not be divided equally between the remaining reports, but that the final report should have more time. The group selected June 30 as the due date for transmittal of the third report to council.

#### **IV. SWD Updates**

- **Lawsuit**

The Court of Appeals has upheld the Superior Court's decision in favor of flow control. The trial date has been moved to May 9. Remaining issues in the lawsuit include the Accountancy Act, rent at Cedar Hills, and due process.

- **1<sup>st</sup> NE Closure**

The 1<sup>st</sup> NE Transfer Station will close in July and remain closed for approximately one year for reconstruction.

- **Transfer Station Changes**

Transfer station hours at Bow Lake and Factoria will be changing on May 9. Host cities have already been notified of the changes and public notification will begin soon. Factoria will no longer accept yard waste for recycling due to lack of space resulting from increased solid waste tonnage. People wishing to recycle yard waste will be directed to Pacific Topsoils, a private recycler with a facility located less than 5 miles from Factoria.

- **Landfill**

Area Six at Cedar Hills is almost ready and will begin accepting waste later this year. Tours of the landfill and transfer stations are available.

#### **Future ITSG Meetings**

The group decided to continue with monthly meetings. As the third report is less technical, subcommittee meetings are not expected to be necessary, but can be scheduled as needed. ITSG will discuss public/private options at the next meeting. The group decided it would like to meet monthly, avoid meeting the same week as MSWMAC and to meet for more than two hours as necessary.