



# Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2020  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
\*\* Virtual Meeting \*\*

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:31 PM
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Peter Kwon, Chair			
Pam Fernald			
Takele Gobena			

Other Councilmembers participating: CM Tombs; CM Hill

Staff Coordinators: Will Appleton, Public Works Director; Florendo Cabudol, City Engineer

Other Staff Participating: Mason Giem, PW Programs Coordinator; Mark Johnsen, Asst. Sr. City Attorney

Public Comment.	There were no public comments
1. Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes	Oct 1 Minutes were approved to go to Council
2. Solid Waste Contract Extension	<p>Discussion/Recommendation</p> <p>Mason Giem, PW Programs Coordinator presented the proposal for a solid waste contract extension with Recology. In attendance was Quinn Apuzzo from Recology.</p> <p>The current solid waste contract is set to expire on May 31, 2021. The City may extend the contract two times for two years. Any notice to extend the agreement must be provided to Recology not less than 90 days prior to the expiration of the agreement.</p> <p>Services that Recology provides are garbage services for all customers in the City that are not in an evergreen contract and do not haul their own waste. Costs embedded in the rates are recycling services, and compost/yard waste. Recology mans a customer service center that includes phone calls and emails. They also provide outreach and education services, and since 2019, provide contamination audits.</p>

City of SeaTac rates for Recology services compares favorably with our neighboring cities. Their goal is less than 1 missed pickup per 1000 collections, and they have met this target during our contract period. Public outreach since 2014 has included over 2500 resident engagements, 100+ MRF tours, 20 times providing technical assistance to commercial properties, provided door to door Waste Wise outreaches to multi-family properties, and attended 15 community events.

Regarding contamination audits, there were 2813 noted contaminated recycle bins at commercial and multi-family locations in 2019, and in 2020, 600 to date (averaging 24% compared to 40% contamination from 2019. We are making progress.

The following options are available:

1. Exercise the first two-year contention
2. Initiate a new selection process, or
3. Negotiate a new 7-year agreement with Recology.

Staff recommend Option #1 for the following reasons:

1. Recology has met or exceeded most performance metrics during time of service in SeaTac.
2. Current rates are favorable compared to surrounding cities and it is unlikely we could get better rates in the current environment.
3. In two years, the City can assess the market again to determine benefits of a RFP process at that time.
4. Initiating and carrying out a selection process can take 6 months to 1 year to complete, so extending the existing contract provides the time necessary to accommodate this process if we elect to test the market.

Questions/Comments raised:

Committee asked for MRF tours to resume when Recology is able due to COVID.

Committee is glad that recycle contamination rates are down.

Who gets the choice to extend the contract? The City has the option.

CM Kwon experienced one missed pickup during the contract term, and Recology came the next day.

There was a clarification that recycle contamination was commercial and multi-family only (we do not audit residential recycling).

Regarding the contract rate increase from 2019 due to the China change in acceptance of recycled materials, what is the status of the rate increase? SeaTac was the first to implement a rate increase and there was a possibility of reducing it again for ratepayers due to market changes. Staff answered that currently the market for those recyclables is just as bad as when the increase happened. The City gets an update every six months. We will continue to monitor it. This is a good reason to extend the contract, to see what new inventions are created for recyclables/

At the State level, there is a lot if invention research, such as manufacturers being required to charge for the future recycle of their packaging at the time of purchase (similar to light bulbs). British

	<p>Columbia is working on this. There is lots of government support for this type of legislation.</p> <p>A question was raised as to what are the rates composed of? Quinn Apuzzo of Recology answered that the rates are based on the cost of pickup, cost of disposal, truck fuel costs, container costs, and the timing of when each contract is negotiated.</p> <p>The Committee approved this item to move to full council with recommendation for Option #1, a two-year solid waste contract extension.</p>
3. Adjourn	Adjourn Meeting