

**Design Advisory Group Meeting 6**  
**King County Solid Waste Division**  
Zoom Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
2 – 4 p.m.

**Attendees**

<b>Design Advisory Group:</b>		
Mayor Leanne Guier, City of Pacific	Joan Nelson, City of Auburn	Rob Van Orsow, City of Federal Way
Tina Scoccolo, Property Owner	Scott Weide, Auburn School District	
<b>King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) and Design Team:</b>		
Karen Herndon, SWD	Kalyn Brady, SWD	Isabelle Trujillo, SWD
Kerwin Pile, SWD	Julie Mitchell, SWD	Nori Catabay, SWD
Nigel Baummer, HDR	Ryan Asman, HDR	Dennis Sandstrom, HDR
<b>Support Team:</b>		
Harrison Price, Stepherson & Associates	Nicole Phaysith, Stepherson & Associates	

**Welcome and Introductions**

Dennis Sandstrom, HDR, thanked everyone for joining and provided an overview of some housekeeping and virtual meeting logistics. Dennis reviewed the agenda and Karen Herndon, King County Solid Waste Division (SWD), facilitated introductions around the room.

**Project Overview**

Karen Herndon provided a South County Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS) project overview, highlighting the project goals, noting who the new transfer station will serve and reviewing what services will be offered. She noted that the schedule had been delayed due to permit timelines.

*DAG member questions and comments:*

- Tina Scoccolo: Will commercial vehicle access be from West Valley Highway S? Or will they use the access roads north and south of the transfer station?  
SWD response: Commercial vehicles will access the transfer station via Broadway Boulevard and Eastern Road.

**Design Updates**

Dennis Sandstrom and Nigel Baummer presented the updated building rendering flythroughs, highlighting views from West Valley Highway S and around the facility.

Ryan Asman, HDR, and Nigel Baummer, HDR, provided a summary of the civil and building design updates that were implemented between 60% and 90% design.

Ryan highlighted the following civil design updates:

- Site layout changes and additional wayfinding signage to optimize traffic flow, particularly for the self-haul and commercial traffic circulation
- Siting of the fire pump room along the west side of the new facility
- Adjustments to the weigh scale area to reduce the elevation changes
- Further separation of self-haul users from commercial users
- Addition of sidewalks and shoulders to West Valley Highway S
- Review of Red List Materials to determine what will be used in the new facility
- Adjustments to the stream alignment
- Public art development updates, including potential locations being identified
- Changes to the alignment of Iowa Drive and Broadway Boulevard to improve operations and accommodate potential future traffic signal installation

Nigel provided an overview of the following building design updates:

- Adjustments to the ingress and egress for the commercial tipping floor and self-haul area
- Revised photovoltaic panel layout based on solar analysis
- Addition of windows to increase daylighting on the self-haul tip floor
- Improving line-of-sight for employees to the self-haul tip floor
- Addition of photovoltaic panels above the lobby area to improve visibility of the sustainability features

*DAG member questions and comments:*

- Tina Scoccolo: How far was West Valley Highway S realigned?  
SWD response: West Valley Highway S was only moved by a few feet.
- Tina Scoccolo: What is the elevation difference between the new facility and neighboring properties?  
SWD response: The team will follow up with topo maps of the project area.
- Mayor Leanne Guier: Will the future traffic study include counts for the freeway offramp?  
SWD response: The scope of the future traffic study has not been defined but it's assumed that it will include the freeway offramp.
- Scott Weide: Do the planned improvements for West Valley Highway S include additional street lighting?  
SWD response: The team will follow up with the lighting plan.

### **Recycling Features and Services**

Kerwin Pyle, King County, presented an overview of the types of materials that will be able to be recycled at the new facility, noting the percentages of each primary target material that the county collects. The following materials that will be accepted at the new facility:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Scrap metal
- Clean wood
- Yard waste
- Comingled recycle

- Refrigerant and non-refrigerant type appliances
- Mattresses, futons, and box springs
- Mercury-containing light bulbs and tubes
- Plastic wrap and bags
- Styrofoam blocks and coolers
- Bicycles and bicycle parts
- Sharps
- Textiles
- Tires

### **Hazardous Waste Facility**

Julie Mitchell, King County, shared an update on the hazardous waste collection facility housed within the new South County Recycling and Transfer Station. She noted the following key features of the facility that will facilitate the collection of hazardous waste:

- Weather protected drop off station
- Interior collection area
- Customer disposal area

### **Community Outreach Update**

Kalyn Brady, SWD, shared updates on the ongoing community outreach efforts to build community awareness about the project. Activities included the following:

- Virtual Public Meeting on January 27
- Notifications for the Virtual Public Meeting, including a mailer to the surrounding areas, social media posts, and advertisements in local media outlets
- Station 90% design packets distributed to SWD employees
- Future engagement, including participation in summer and fall events

### **Equity and Social Justice Actions**

Karen Herndon, SWD, provided an update on the project's equity and social justice actions. These ongoing efforts include:

- Partnering with Local Food Initiative and Public Health-Seattle & King County to support farming in south King County
- Working with local non-profits to fund and implement green apprenticeship opportunities in the SCRSTS service area, including Duwamish Infrastructure Restoration Training (DIRT) Corps
- Adding educational, interactive exhibits at the new facility
- Partnering with King County Parks to make improvements to signage and wayfinding on segments of the Interurban Trail

### **Next Steps**

To close the meeting, Dennis and Karen prompted a conversation on the Design Advisory Group's future

involvement in the SCRTS project. Dennis asked if the group would be interested in a future meeting following the 100% design milestone and what topics the group would be interested in discussing. DAG members agreed that a future meeting to continue tracking project progress as the team moves towards final design and construction would be helpful as they continue working with their communities and networks to share updates and build awareness.

In closing, Karen thanked everyone for their attendance and prompted DAG members to reach out to her and the team if they have further questions or comments.

The next DAG meeting is scheduled to occur as soon as spring 2022 as the team reaches final design. Karen Herndon will follow up with more information about next steps as the next meeting approaches.