

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Update of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan by King County Solid Waste Division
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Mark Relph, Public Works Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

In August 1995, Council passed Resolution 26, authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Shoreline and King County for solid waste management services. The ILA designates King County as the entity to prepare a comprehensive plan to manage regional solid waste transfer and disposal.

In 2001, the King County Solid Waste Division implemented a regional planning effort to develop a Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (the Plan) that would provide the strategy for managing the solid waste system's garbage and recycling service over the next 20 years. Thirty-seven cities and 250 people at public meetings contributed to the project. On November 28, 2001, the County transmitted the completed Plan to cities for review, and on March 25, 2002, the City Council adopted the King County 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

As required by law, the Plan is to be updated every five years. In December 2005, the county notified the cities that the update process had been initiated. Since then, the County has involved stakeholders, such as the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the King County Regional Policy Committee, the Suburban Cities Association, and the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC). Councilmember Chris Eggen and Public Works Director Mark Relph represent the City on MSWMAC.

Since the updated solid waste management plan will need to be adopted by the cities, King County Planning & Communications Manager, Thea Severn, and Intergovernmental Liaison Diane Yates will provide Council with an update.

The County's presentation will review the primary planning areas covered in the Plan update, as well as the schedule for review and adoption. Some of the principles to be covered will include the transfer system; disposal, waste prevention and recycling; collection and rates and financing.

The Division is currently finalizing the preliminary draft of the Plan, which is anticipated to be completed by early fall. Cities will have 120 days to review and comment on the preliminary draft. Once the final draft Plan is complete, cities and the King County Council will have 120 days to adopt.

Eventually, a new ILA for solid waste services between the County and City of Shoreline (along with all of the other Cities participating in this process) will come back to Council for review and approval. This ILA is necessary for all parties as it will set long term predictability for service and rates, plus it will allow the County to pursue long-term financial strategies in managing waste disposal.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____