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PRESENTATION TYPE

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

This briefing is to provide an overview of the draft Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan update for 2021-2040. This will include an overview of the update process and the key priorities and challenges included in the plan.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with State law, the City of Tacoma and Pierce County have developed and maintained a coordinated, comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan that includes the estimated long-range planning needs for solid waste handling facilities projected twenty years into the future. The previous plan had been developed in 2000, with an update in 2016. A new updated plan was needed for the next 20-year period, 2021-2040. The County and the City brought together a stakeholder group to develop the new plan over the last 18 months. The draft plan is being finalized in the next month and will require approval by the Pierce County and City of Tacoma Councils later this year. The draft 2021-2040 plan can be accessed through the Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee webpage: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/107874/DRAFT-2021-2040-Tacoma-Pierce-County-SHWMP?bidId=>.

ISSUE:

The Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan should establish coordinated priorities and strategies for meeting the challenges related to solid and hazardous waste management. A joint plan provides opportunities for partnership and shared infrastructure between the County and the City providing efficiencies for the overall system.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.