



Department Source: City Utilities - Solid Waste

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Re: Report: Proposed Recycling Drop Off Center on City-owned property on Oakland Gravel Road.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared a report regarding the proposed Recycling Drop Off Center on City-owned property on Oakland Gravel Road as shown on the attached map. An Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held August 9, 2023.

Discussion

On April 19, 2021, Council authorized staff to proceed with preliminary design to determine the feasibility and cost associated with constructing a new recycling drop off center on City-owned property on Oakland Gravel Road as shown on the attached diagram.

Staff hosted IP meetings on November 23, 2021 and December 7, 2021. A total of 10 citizens attended the two IP meetings. A total of 22 comments were received. Six comments were in favor of the project and 16 comments were not in favor of the project. All of the 16 negative comments were concerned with traffic impacts. Citizens voiced concerns with the current traffic conditions at the Vandiver and Oakland Gravel Road and Vandiver and Paris Road intersections. Due to the overwhelming opposition of those citizens who provided comments, staff provided a report to Council on January 3, 2022 recommending this project not proceed.

On May 17, 2023, Solid Waste temporarily suspended residential curbside recycling operations due to severe staffing shortages. Since that time, Solid Waste has received several customer requests to provide additional recycling drop off facilities. In response to these requests, the potential to install a facility on the City owned property on Oakland Gravel Road was again investigated. Staff hosted an IP meeting on August 9, 2023 and received input for this project on BeHeard.CoMo.gov through August 22, 2023. A total of 15 citizens attended the IP meeting. A total of 31 comments were received. Three comments were in favor of the project and 28 comments were not in favor of the project. Most of the 28 negative comments were concerned with traffic impacts. Citizens voiced concerns with the current traffic conditions at the Vandiver and Oakland Gravel Road and Vandiver and Paris Road intersections.

Staff believes this site would provide a viable option for a recycling drop-off facility however, the citizen opposition is recognized. Staff does not propose to further pursue the use of this location. Instead, staff will continue to investigate the potential to place a drop-off facility on other City owned properties in this area and will report to Council in the future with potential alternative locations.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No financial impact for this report.

Long-Term Impact: No financial impact for this report.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/03/2022	REP3-22 Recycling Drop Off Center – Oakland Gravel Road.
04/19/2021	R61-21 Authorizing staff to proceed with the preliminary design and expenditure of funds associated with the construction of a recycling drop-off center on City-owned property located on Oakland Gravel Road, adjacent to a Water Utility pumping station and Fire Station #4

Suggested Council Action

Report for information only