



To: Zero Waste Advisory Commission

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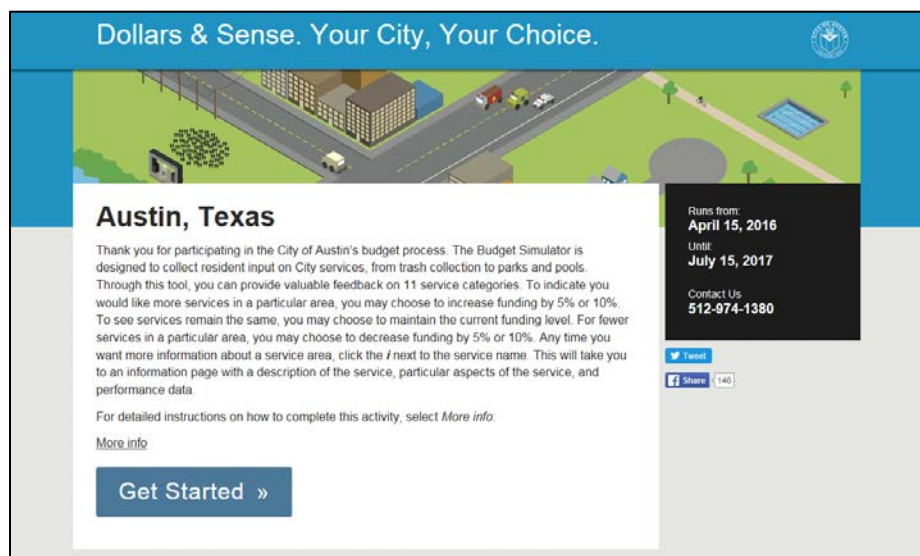
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Subject: **Director's Monthly Report to the Zero Waste Advisory Commission**

City Budget Simulator

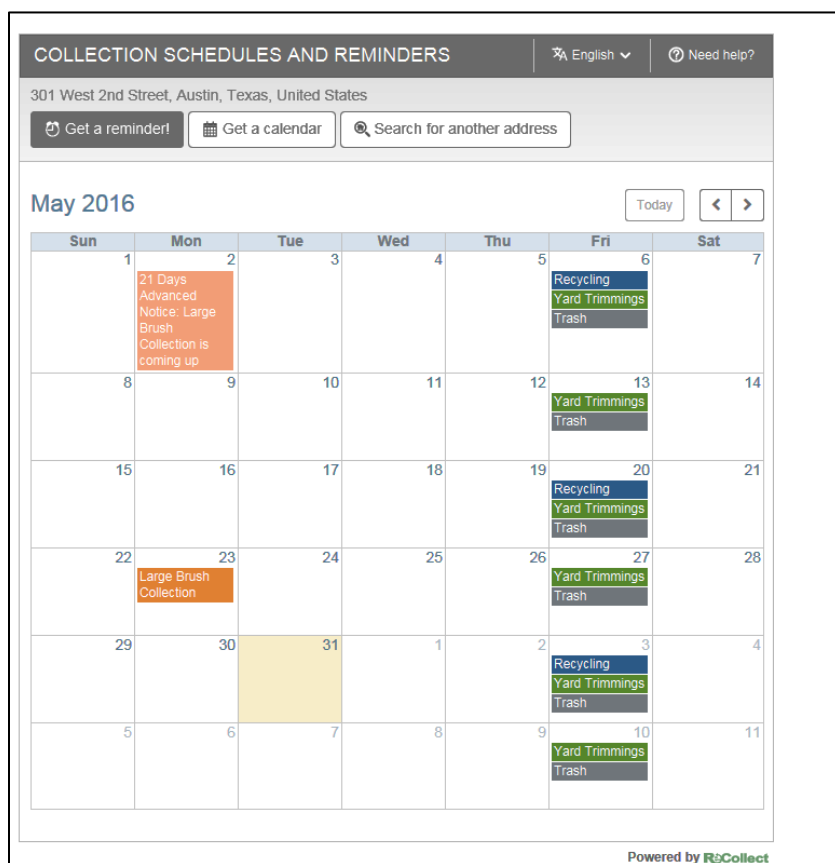
The Budget Office is seeking resident input and feedback on City services and personal budget priorities to be used in the budget development process. The Budget Simulator is designed to collect resident input on City services, from trash collection to parks and pools. Through this tool, you can provide valuable feedback on 11 service categories. To indicate you would like more services in a particular area, you may choose to increase funding by 5% or 10%. To see services remain the same, you may choose to maintain the current funding level. For fewer services in a particular area, you may choose to decrease funding by 5% or 10%. Please share the link below.

[Austin Budget Simulator \(http://austintx.budgetsimulator.com/\)](http://austintx.budgetsimulator.com/)



My Schedule Web App

Austin Resource Recovery launched a new tool in November 2015 to help customers remember their collection schedules. Customers can visit austinrecycles.com and use the [My Schedule](http://austintexas.gov/page/my-collection-schedule) (<http://austintexas.gov/page/my-collection-schedule>) tool to get a personalized collection calendar for all residential curbside services, including brush and bulk collection.



Customers can add their schedules to their electronic calendars (Google, iCal, or Outlook), and they can print it. They can also sign up for weekly text, email, Twitter, or phone call reminders, and they also receive alerts when there are unplanned delays or service changes (for example, due to bad weather).

So far, more than 31,000 unique households have searched for their address and nearly 3,000 households have set up weekly reminders.

As a department with a Zero Waste mission, it is our goal to move away from printing and mailing the calendar to more than 195,000 households. This tool allows us to do that while providing customers the option to print their calendar themselves if they wish.

Brownfields Revitalization EPA Grant: Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund

In 1998, the City of Austin established the Austin Brownfields Revitalization Office. This office partners with local governments and other associations to support the revitalization of brownfields. Brownfield revitalization is a way to return a property to the community as a greenspace or as a commercial, residential or mixed-use development.

The City of Austin has been selected to receive an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for \$820,000 to start up a revolving loan fund to clean up contaminated properties in Austin with an emphasis on East Austin.

These funds can be loaned to a public or private entity. The program also has a small amount of money to grant or provide discounted loans to eligible nonprofits. This money will be loaned on favorable and flexible terms to groups developing or redeveloping property that will provide a public benefit (e.g. will provide local jobs or meet a community need).

The Brownfields program currently has a limited amount of Assessment Grant funding. Before a purchaser or lessee signs on the 'dotted line' they need to know if the property they are considering is potentially contaminated from prior use. Without this due diligence, the new owner/lessee may be held responsible for the contamination even though they were not associated with it, and even if they were gifted the property.

This funding provides us the ability to assess properties, clean contamination and removed barriers to community redevelopment. Let us know if you learn of a need for our services.

Our website is austintexas.gov/brownfields; and our email is brownfields@austintexas.gov

Actions Taken by City Council since last ZWAC Meeting

May 16, 2016 Public Utilities Committee of Council meeting: The meeting agenda contained an item brought forth by Council Member Zimmerman and Council Member Troxclair, similar to the privatization item proposed by the ZWAC Chair at the March ZWAC meeting. Briefing and public comment regarding privatization of residential curbside solid waste collection services were solicited.

ARR staff was present at the meeting to answer any questions posed. Questions around rate comparisons and affordability raised by Council Members Zimmerman and Troxclair were noted and the other committee members referred them to the option of bringing those concerns up within the coming budget process. The item failed to receive a majority vote and did not proceed to full Council consideration.

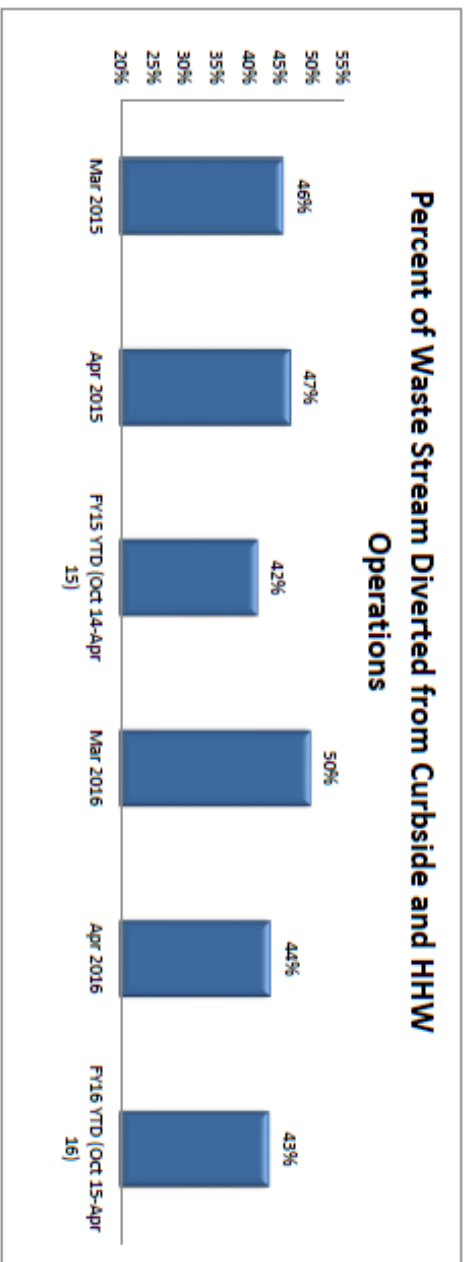
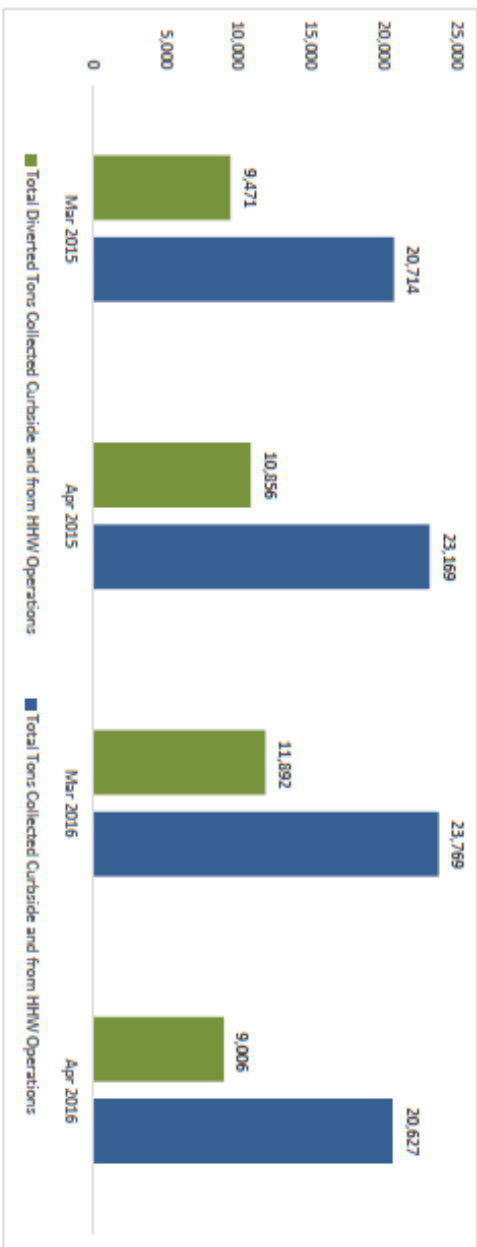
May 18, 2016 Council meeting: ARR staff presented at a Budget Work session to engage with Council on significant policy issues and elicit input and feedback prior to the development of the FY17 Proposed Budget. ARR's policy topic was Zero Waste Initiatives, followed by Council discussion and questions for staff.

Zero Waste Advisory Commission - June 8, 2016								
Single Stream Recycling Statistical Report								
FY 2015-16: October, 2015 - April, 2016								
Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) and Balcones Resources, Inc. (BRI)								
Month and Year	Contractor	Tons Delivered	Contractor Payments			Net Value to the City	Landfill Cost Avoidance	
			Revenue	Processing Cost	Net Amount Due/(Owed)	\$ per ton value	Cost Per Ton	Total
October 2015	TDS	1,700.01	\$78,859	\$155,559	(\$76,701)	(\$45.12)	\$21.36	\$36,312
	BRI	3,021.57	\$136,882	\$239,301	(\$102,419)	(\$33.90)	\$21.36	\$64,541
	Total	4,721.58	\$215,741	\$394,861	(\$179,120)			\$100,853
November 2015	TDS	2,119.75	\$97,578	\$193,957	(\$96,379)	(\$45.47)	\$21.36	\$45,278
	BRI	2,762.91	\$122,874	\$219,501	(\$96,626)	(\$34.97)	\$21.36	\$59,016
	Total	4,882.66	\$220,452	\$413,458	(\$193,006)			\$104,294
December 2015	TDS	2,151.52	\$96,666	\$196,864	(\$100,198)	(\$46.57)	\$21.36	\$45,956
	BRI	3,399.88	\$149,062	\$268,261	(\$119,199)	(\$35.06)	\$21.36	\$72,621
	Total	5,551.40	\$245,728	\$465,125	(\$219,397)			\$118,578
January 2016	TDS	1,975.70	\$83,546	\$180,777	(\$97,231)	(\$49.21)	\$21.36	\$42,201
	BRI	3,092.82	\$127,619	\$244,756	(\$117,137)	(\$37.87)	\$21.36	\$66,063
	Total	5,068.52	\$211,165	\$425,533	(\$214,368)			\$108,264
February 2016	TDS	1,985.04	\$81,838	\$181,631	(\$99,793)	(\$50.27)	\$21.36	\$42,400
	BRI	2,568.78	\$103,675	\$204,640	(\$100,965)	(\$39.30)	\$21.36	\$54,869
	Total	4,553.82	\$185,513	\$386,271	(\$200,758)			\$97,270
March 2016	TDS	1,928.56	\$81,894	\$176,463	(\$94,570)	(\$49.04)	\$21.36	\$41,194
	BRI	3,138.57	\$124,313	\$248,257	(\$123,945)	(\$39.49)	\$21.36	\$67,040
	Total	5,067.13	\$206,206	\$424,721	(\$218,514)			\$108,234
April 2016	TDS	1,749.32	\$75,926	\$160,063	(\$84,136)	(\$48.10)	\$21.36	\$37,365
	BRI	2,966.68	\$129,412	\$235,099	(\$105,687)	(\$35.62)	\$21.36	\$63,368
	Total	4,716.00	\$205,339	\$395,162	(\$189,823)			\$100,734
FY 2015-16 Totals		34,561.11	\$1,490,144	\$2,905,130	(\$1,414,986)			\$738,225

Austin Resource Recovery Curbside Collection and HHW Operations

Description of Services	LAST FISCAL YEAR					CURRENT FISCAL YEAR				
	FY 2014	FY 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	FY15 YTD (Oct 14-Apr 15)	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	FY16 YTD (Oct 15-Apr 16)	FY 2016 Goal	
Tons Disposed										
Tons of curbside Trash	127,924	130,784	11,090	11,698	75,361	11,814	10,877	73,501	125,000	
Tons of Curbside Bulk Disposed	8,892	9,526	121	567	3,631	26	701	5,996	10,201	
HHW Operations Tons Disposed	442	432	33	48	241	37	43	264	360	
Total Disposed Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations	137,258	140,741	11,244	12,313	79,429	11,877	11,621	79,760	135,561	
Tons Diverted										
Tons of curbside recycling	55,494	57,324	4,625	4,858	33,364	5,073	4,717	34,597	60,000	
HHW Operations Tons recycled/reused	296	311	38	34	155	42	34	235	270	
Tons of Curbside Yard Trimmings	27,357	28,036	4,326	5,387	19,867	5,674	3,512	22,086	35,000	
Tons of Curbside Bulk Recycled	176	171	4	10	80	-	12	76	142	
Tons of Curbside Brush Collected	6,692	7,776	478	567	3,264	903	731	4,255	8,000	
Total Diverted Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations	90,015	93,618	9,471	10,856	56,720	11,892	9,006	61,249	103,412	
Total Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations	227,273	234,359	20,714	23,169	136,143	23,769	20,627	141,008	238,973	
Percent of Waste Stream Diverted by Curbside and HHW Operations	39.61%	39.95%	45.72%	46.86%	41.65%	50.03%	43.65%	43.44%	43.27%	
Pounds of Trash collected per customer per pickup										
	25.96	25.96	26.71	26.19	25.97	26.31	26.13	25.23	24.49	
Number of Trash customers	199,543	191,580	191,359	191,664	191,305	192,295	192,304	192,095	196,300	
Pounds of Recycled materials collected per customer per pickup (every other week)	22.79	23.20	22.45	23.60	23.18	24.50	22.82	23.33	23.51	
Pounds of Yard Trimmings collected per customer per week	5.62	5.67	10.50	13.09	6.90	14.18	8.50	7.64	6.21	
Number of Recycling and Yard Trimmings customers	187,456	190,088	189,876	190,128	189,797	190,874	190,942	190,652	196,300	
Number of PAYT pickups	52	52	4.34	4.33	30.33	4.34	4.33	30.33	52	
Total tons of Dead Animals Collected from COA rights-of-way and the animal shelter	61	62	4	5	37	3	3	25	67	

Austin Resource Recovery Curbside Collection and HHW Operations





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ARR Residential 96 Gallon Garbage Cart Customers by City Council District

- 96 Gallon Residential Cart
- Major Streets
- Full Purpose Jurisdiction
- Water Resources
- COA Council Districts
- # of 96 Gallon Cart Customers
- District 1 - 3,199
- District 2 - 2,918
- District 3 - 1,430
- District 4 - 1,285
- District 5 - 3,096
- District 6 - 2,856
- District 7 - 1,906
- District 8 - 4,974
- District 9 - 1,068
- District 10 - 2,920

