

Late Pickup

Motion Sheet #1

As the City updates the Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) Master Plan, the City Manager is directed to incorporate the following elements:

- The plan should adhere to the same definition of diversion as ARR currently uses, defined as “zero waste going to landfills and incinerators by 2040.” (current ARR Master Plan) The plan should also affirm the department’s policy that waste-to-energy (WTE) is not diversion and is not supported by the Master Plan, but is “considered an alternative disposal technology that must include the life-cycle effects on the environment.” (City Code Chapter 15-6-1)
- While the Master Plan may include a revision of ARR’s benchmark timelines, the City must maintain its commitment to the 90% diversion goal by 2040.
- When conducting benchmarking research for comparable cities, the Consultant should:
 - include fiscal and economic insights to identify which programs and methods offer the most fiscally sound choices
 - identify the fund reserve policies of comparable cities to provide insights and best practices for appropriate uses of ARR’s reserves
- For each diversion program or method under serious consideration for ARR implementation, the Consultant must provide economic, fiscal, and environmental consideration of the benefits and consequences of ARR’s available choices. In addition, the Consultant should provide information on the final destination of diverted materials.
- The plan should identify ways to work with other city departments to achieve zero waste goals (e.g. the feasibility of Recycled Reads as an ARR zero-waste program).
- The plan should evaluate the feasibility of ARR adding additional drop-off or transfer facilities.
- It should also consider whether current and future ARR facilities of all uses should be City-owned.
- Ensure that the ARR update complements and works with the upcoming update to the Austin Community Climate Plan.