



**To:** Zero Waste Advisory Commission

**From:** Ken Snipes  
Director  
Austin Resource Recovery

**Date:** July 26th, 2021

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

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**Landfill Closure Updates**

The City of Austin's Landfill at 10108 FM 812 achieved final closure certification from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ considers the facility to be closed and the post-closure care period to have begun on the date of the certification, May 11, 2021. The post-closure care period will be 30 years in accordance with 30 TAC §330.463(b). Post-closure maintenance inspections will be conducted at least through the end of the post-closure care period to determine if any maintenance issues or other problems occur and to ensure that they are corrected. The leachate collection system, groundwater monitoring system, landfill gas monitoring system, and any other required systems must be maintained throughout the post-closure care maintenance period.



ARR Solicitations Update  
As of June 21, 2021  
ZWAC Meeting July 26th,  
2021

**Upcoming Solicitations Under Development (in alphabetical order):**

No updates.

**Solicitations Expected to be Posted Within the Next 90 Days:**

1. Asbestos, Lead, and Mold Abatement Services: RFP – Contractor to provide removal, encapsulation, and disposition of asbestos, lead, particulate, and mold.
2. Recycling and Solid Waste Consulting Services: RFQS – Consultants to provide professional recycling industry consulting services, including delivering industry knowledge, technical advice, and recommendations on recycling industry marketing indexes and definitions on an as needed basis.

**Published Solicitations:**

No updates.

**Solicitations in Evaluation or Negotiation:**

1. Education, Cleanup, and Beautification Services: [RFP 1500 CRR3008](#) – This solicitation was posted on March 1, 2021 and closed on March 25, 2021. Contractors qualified to provide education, cleanup, and beautification services that benefit the public by improving Austin's environment and aesthetics through a variety of programs and providing resources and education that inspire Austin residents toward effective environmental stewardship. Previous contract has expired.
2. Post-Disaster Debris Removal Services:– [RFP 1500 SLW3011](#) – This solicitation was posted on March 29, 2021 and closed on May 13, 2021. Contractor to provide emergency debris removal services in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) guidelines. No existing contract
3. Post-Disaster Debris Monitoring Services: [RFP 1500 SLW3010](#) – This solicitation was posted on March 29, 2021 and closed on May 6, 2021. Contractor to provide emergency field debris monitoring services to include management and accounting services for monitoring the recovery efforts of the City's Post Disaster Debris Removal Contractor. No existing contract.

**Definitions:**

CCO (Capital Contracting Office): Administers the procurement of professional and construction services.

CO-OP (Cooperative Contract): A contract that has been competitively bid and issued by another government or purchasing alliance with the intention of sharing it with other governmental entities.

IFB (Invitation for Bid): Formal bidding documents inviting suppliers to submit pricing for goods or services.

RFI (Request for Information): Used to obtain industry input, feedback, or reactions from potential suppliers prior to issuing a solicitation.

RFQ (Request for Quotation): Informal request to suppliers to provide quotes on specific goods or services.

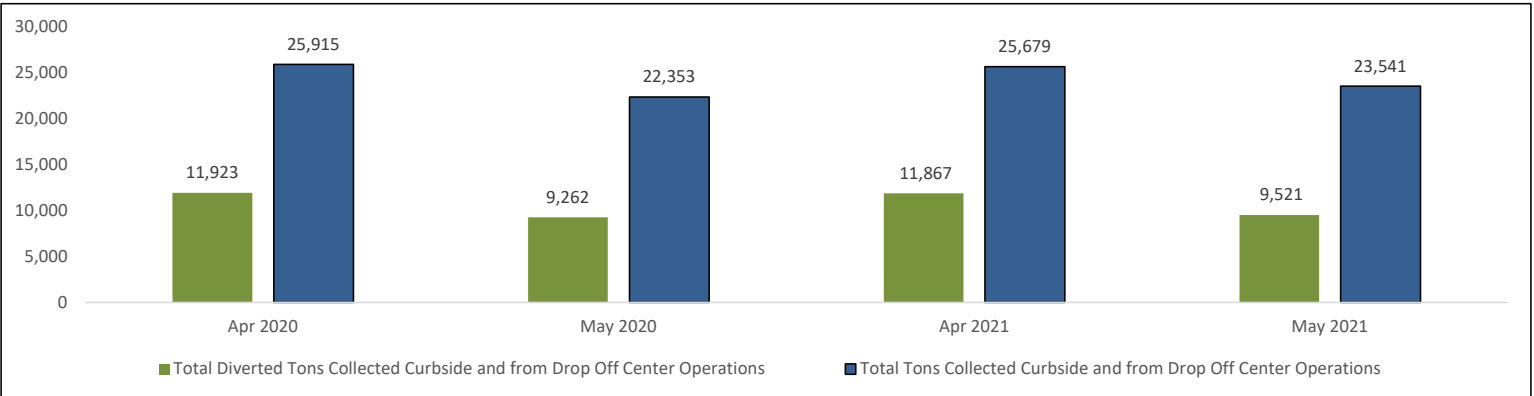
RFQS (Request for Qualifications): Formal solicitation used when qualifications are the main criteria for professional services.

RFP (Request for Proposals): Formal request for a supplier to provide a solution and cost estimate to a complex need.

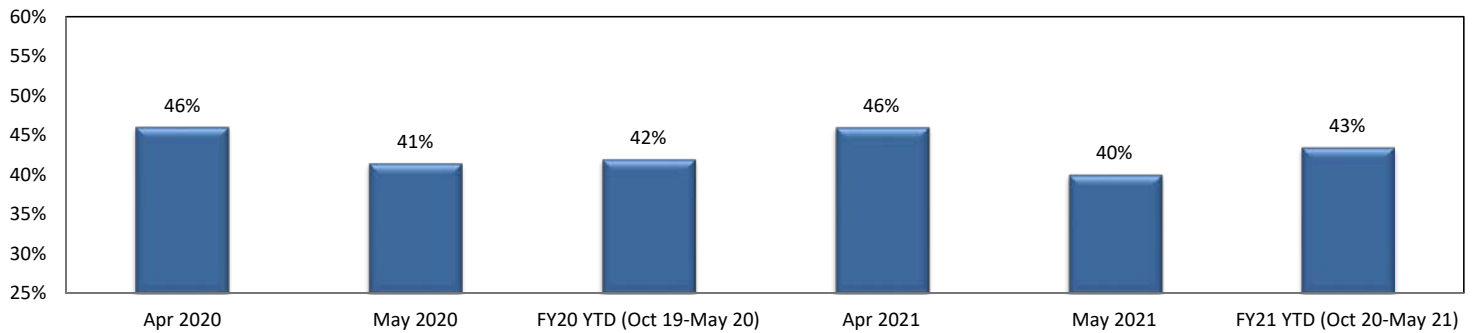
# Austin Resource Recovery Curbside Collection and Drop Off Center Operations

		LAST FISCAL YEAR					CURRENT FISCAL YEAR			
Description of Services		FY 2019	FY 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	FY20 YTD (Oct 19-May 20)	Apr 2021	May 2021	FY21 YTD (Oct 20-May 21)	FY 2021 Goal
Tons Disposed	Tons of curbside Trash	130,307	136,709	12,631	12,029	88,383	11,825	11,558	92,837	133,005
	Tons of Curbside Bulk Disposed	11,040	5,379	315	44	4,477	880	1,415	7,259	11,000
	HHW Operations Tons Disposed	517	347	0	0	229	136	83	455	600
	Estimated Tons of Curbside Recycling Residuals*	11,761	11,302	1,046	1,018	7,350	972	963	7,629	10,386
	Total Disposed Tons Collected Curbside and from Drop Off Center Operations	153,625	153,737	13,992	13,091	100,439	13,812	14,019	108,180	154,991
*Estimated tons of curbside recycling processed by vendors as residual - based on bi-annual sample route audit										
Tons Diverted	Tons of curbside recycling	47,528	52,122	4,825	4,690	33,892	4,369	4,296	35,163	52,604
	RRC Tons Recycled/Reused	2,259	1,218	0	0	1,074	107	192	814	2,400
	RRC Tons of Brush Collected	2,595	1,722	0	0	1,583	112	63	347	2,000
	HHW Operations Tons recycled/reused	477	247	0	0	196	17	17	104	550
	Tons of Drop Off Center Collections Recycled/Reused	5,073	3,060	0	0	2,752	221	231	1,069	4,700
	Tons of Curbside Yard Trimmings	37,265	48,105	6,741	4,529	35,404	6,496	4,401	42,366	45,864
	Tons of Curbside Bulk Recycled	257	127	6	0	100	14	41	196	250
	Tons of Curbside Brush Collected	6,447	3,323	324	43	2,874	762	531	4,871	6,700
	Tons of Curbside Textiles Collected	77	25	0	0	0	4	4	27	180
	Tons of Carts Recycled	166	193	33	0	132	0	18	93	150
	Total Diverted Tons Collected Curbside and from Drop Off Center Operations	96,813	106,955	11,923	9,262	75,154	11,867	9,521	83,786	110,448
Tons of Curbside Compost Collected**	22,040	38,711	5,314	3,696	28,061	6,496	4,401	39,340	45,864	
***Tons of Curbside Compost Collected" is included in the "Tons of Yard Trimmings Collected"										
Total Tons Collected Curbside and from Drop Off Center Operations		250,438	260,692	25,915	22,353	175,593	25,679	23,541	191,966	265,439
Estimated Percent of Curbside Collected Materials Diverted from Landfills by ARR		37.47%	40.38%	46.02%	41.44%	41.94%	45.99%	40.00%	43.43%	40.65%
Pounds of Trash collected per customer per pickup		24.78	25.57	28.37	26.98	24.89	26.01	25.43	25.67	24.62
Number of Trash and Recycling Customers		202,292	205,670	205,465	205,804	204,833	209,859	209,753	208,656	207,760
Pounds of Recycled materials collected per customer per pickup (every other week)		18.17	19.61	21.80	21.16	19.20	19.33	19.01	19.56	19.58
Pounds of Yard Trimmings collected per customer per week		7.12	9.05	15.23	10.21	10.03	14.37	9.74	11.78	8.53
Number of Yard Trimmings/Organics Customers		201,174	204,506	204,317	204,640	203,677	208,644	208,538	207,447	206,707
Total tons of Dead Animals Collected from COA rights-of-way and the animal shelter		30	34	2	3	22	2	3	21	30

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### Estimated Percent of Curbside Collected Materials Diverted from Landfills by ARR

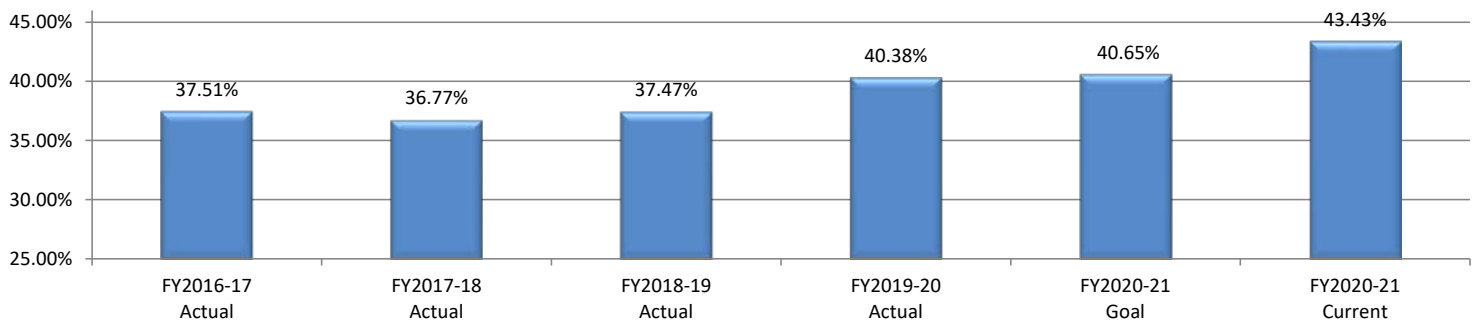


#### Reporting Status and Diversion Results for All Categories of Waste Generation

Category of Waste Generation	FY2016-17 Actual	FY2017-18 Actual	FY2018-19 Actual	FY2019-20 Actual	FY2020-21 Goal	FY2020-21 Current
<b>Residential Waste Diversion (city serviced accounts)</b>	37.51%	36.77%	37.47%	40.38%	40.65%	43.43%
<b>Community Diversion Rate</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

\*As prescribed in the Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan, the Department will conduct a detailed waste assessment study every five years to determine progress toward our Zero Waste goal. The first such study was published in 2015 and is titled Austin's 2015 Community Diversion Study. The study focused on estimating diversion from both ARR-serviced properties and commercial properties. Commercial properties include retail businesses, food service establishments, professional offices, industrial properties, institutional facilities, government facilities, and multifamily properties five units and larger. According to Austin's 2015 Community Diversion Study, Residential Waste Diversion Rate (city serviced accounts) represents approximately 15% and the Community Diversion Rate (accounts serviced by private waste haulers) represents approximately 85% of the total citywide wastage.

### Residential Waste Diversion (city serviced accounts)



Category of Waste Generation	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019
<b>Commercial Tons Landfilled**</b>	1,708,484	1,079,312	1,401,619
<b>Commercial Tons Recycled**</b>	722,573	402,292	470,786
<b>Commercial Organics Tons**</b>	97,173	80,906	102,215

\*\* Numbers reported here are compiled from self-reported data submitted by licensed private waste haulers via semi-annual tonnage reports required under Section 15-6-3 of the City Code on a calendar year basis and as such, ARR does not attest to the accuracy of these amounts. These numbers reflect data from 100-200 licensed haulers (number of haulers varies over time), and include haulers servicing dumpsters, roll-offs, construction and demolition debris, landscaping debris, and metal scrap. These numbers do not reflect all data sources included in Austin's 2015 Community Diversion Study.

**Zero Waste Advisory Commission - July 14, 2021**  
**Single Stream Recycling Statistical Report**  
**FY21: October-May 2021**

**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 2020	TDS	2,094.01	\$81,991	\$189,508	(\$107,517)	(\$51.35)	\$22.87	\$47,890
	BRI	3,176.88	\$72,809	\$226,728	(\$153,919)	(\$48.45)	\$22.87	\$72,655
	Total	5,270.89	\$154,800	\$416,236	(\$261,437)			\$120,545
November 2020	TDS	2,451.34	\$102,134	\$221,846	(\$119,712)	(\$48.84)	\$22.87	\$56,062
	BRI	2,785.82	\$61,805	\$204,363	(\$142,558)	(\$51.17)	\$22.87	\$63,712
	Total	5,237.16	\$163,940	\$426,209	(\$262,269)			\$119,774
December 2020	TDS	2,487.24	\$113,935	\$225,095	(\$111,160)	(\$44.69)	\$22.87	\$56,883
	BRI	3,393.25	\$81,618	\$238,629	(\$157,010)	(\$46.27)	\$22.87	\$77,604
	Total	5,880.49	\$195,554	\$463,724	(\$268,170)			\$134,487
January 2021	TDS	2,349.30	\$114,152	\$212,612	(\$98,459)	(\$41.91)	\$22.87	\$53,728
	BRI	3,300.43	\$84,935	\$235,173	(\$150,238)	(\$45.52)	\$22.87	\$75,481
	Total	5,649.73	\$199,088	\$447,785	(\$248,697)			\$129,209
February 2021	TDS	1,594.73	\$79,885	\$144,323	(\$64,438)	(\$40.41)	\$22.87	\$36,471
	BRI	2,052.78	\$56,531	\$161,114	(\$104,582)	(\$50.95)	\$22.87	\$46,947
	Total	3,647.51	\$136,417	\$305,437	(\$169,020)			\$83,419
March 2021	TDS	3,043.48	\$161,486	\$275,435	(\$113,949)	(\$37.44)	\$22.87	\$69,604
	BRI	3,432.67	\$94,230	\$240,797	(\$146,566)	(\$42.70)	\$22.87	\$78,505
	Total	6,476.15	\$255,716	\$516,232	(\$260,516)			\$148,110
April 2021	TDS	2,135.54	\$119,927	\$193,266	(\$73,339)	(\$34.34)	\$22.87	\$48,840
	BRI	3,205.72	\$96,247	\$228,315	(\$132,067)	(\$41.20)	\$22.87	\$73,315
	Total	5,341.26	\$216,174	\$421,581	(\$205,407)			\$122,155
May 2021	TDS	2,468.37	\$153,870	\$223,387	(\$69,518)	(\$28.16)	\$22.87	\$56,452
	BRI	2,790.31	\$113,825	\$204,628	(\$90,803)	(\$32.54)	\$22.87	\$63,814
	Total	5,258.68	\$267,695	\$428,016	(\$160,321)			\$120,266
FY21 Totals		42,761.87	\$1,589,383	\$3,425,220	(\$1,835,837)			\$977,964