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Mayor Cooper's Briefing on Sustainability Advisory Committee Report

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The Metro Sustainability Advisory Committee's Recommendations are organized into five components.



Energy



Natural Resources



Green Buildings



Waste



Mobility



Waste

Vision: Create a long-term Solid Waste Master Plan with ultimate goal of achieving zero waste to landfill in the future.

Targets: Zero waste (90% diversion or more) by the year 2050.

Policy Focus	Priority Actions
Centralized Waste Management	1) Establish a Solid Waste Authority. Create separate funding stream for waste management to boost accountability for achieving Zero Waste Master Plan.
Residential Recycling Strategies	2) Implement Save-as-You-Throw (SAYT) policies for commercial and residential users. Require residents and businesses alike to pay for the trash they send to landfills.
Commercial Recycling Strategies	3) Support a Metro Council ordinance that mandates a C&D Recycling Deposit System.
Food Waste Reduction	4) Support siting of a C&D transfer and recycling facility in Davidson County. 5) Implement a food waste ban. Ban food scraps from trash collection. 6) Enforce current bans (yard waste, electronics, cardboard).



Leadership Initiatives: Bring together business leaders to ask how they plan to contribute to the success of the Zero Waste Master Plan; Convene stakeholders to explore reigniting future local recycling industries.



Equity: The SAYT pricing structure should minimize disproportionate financial impact on low-income communities and avoid incentivizing illegal dumping.



Lock-in effects to avoid: Laws, rules, or contracts that penalize the reduction/diversion of waste sent to landfills or other facilities that hinder the City's ability to meet its carbon reduction and zero waste goals, such as a waste-to-energy facilities.