Agenda
Public Infrastructure & Utilities Committee
Regular Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen

Thursday, August 14, 2025 - 3:30 PM
Kennedy Room

President Megan Green

Alderman Michael Brwoning, Chair
Alderwoman Anne Schwitzer, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderwoman Pamela Boyd
Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard
Alderman Matt Devoti

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Wednesday, March 19, 2025 and Wednesday, July 2, 2025 committee meetings.

IV. Board Bills for Review

None.

V. Resolutions for Review

None.

VI. Committee Discussions

(The Committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

Discussion Item Number 1
Recycling Program
The committee will discuss Single-Stream Recycling Program.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment

Minutes
Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – 3:30pm
Kennedy Room

Alderwoman Michael Browning, Chair
Alderman Anne Scgweitzer, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Ald. Pamela Boyd
Ald. Shameem Clerk-Hubbard
Ald. Matthew Devoti

Megan Green, President

Order of Business

I. Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call
The following members were present: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, and Mr. Browning. A total of **3 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the Wednesday, June 25, 2025 committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, June 25, 2025 committee meeting.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, June 25, 2025 committee meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, and Mr. Browning.
3 Ayes votes were cast.

The following voted No:
None.

The following voted Present:
None

The following voted Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

Item Number 1
Board Bill Number 48
Introduced by Aldermen Rasheen Aldridge
An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis (the "**City**") to execute a permanent, irrevocable easement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** (the "**Easement**"), which shall give, grant, extend and confer on the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, its agents, successors, and assigns (collectively, "**MSD**"), the exclusive right to build and maintain a sewer or sewers, including storm water improvements, on the strip or strips of ground described therein (the "**Sewer**"); authorizing and directing the President of the Board of Public Service of the City to enter into a Maintenance Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** (the "**Maintenance Agreement**"), with MSD regarding such Sewer; and containing an emergency clause.
Murdoch Ave.
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The Chair recognized Mr. Aldridge on Board Bill number 48

Mr. Aldridge provided an overview of Board Bill number 48 and explained why this vacation is needed.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

The committee members had no questions.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, Chair Browning entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 48 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Schweitzer moved to pass Board Bill Number 48 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Ms. Clark-Hubbard

Ms. Schweitzer requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, Chair Browning passed Board Bill Number 48 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll:

The following voted Aye: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, and Mr. Browning.
3 Ayes votes were cast.

The following voted No:
None.

The following voted Present:
None

The following voted Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried.

<u>Item Number 2</u>
Board Bill Number 50
Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer

The overall purpose for this bill is to conditionally vacate the following alley: The 20 foot wide north/south alley in City Block 706 as bounded by Carroll Street, Kosciusko Street (vacated), Lafayette Avenue and 2nd Street. The Petitioner is Lift for Life Academy, Inc. The vacated area will be used to consolidate property for construction of an athletic field and future stadium.

The Chair recognized Ms. Schweitzer on Board Bill number 50

Ms. Schweitzer provided an overview of Board Bill number 50 and stated she had a speaker, Marshall Cohen Executive Director Lift for Lift Academy, who would provide information on why this vacation is needed.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

The committee members had no questions.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, Chair Browning entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 50 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to pass Board Bill Number 48 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer.

Ms. Schweitzer requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, Chair Browning passed Board Bill Number 50 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll:

The following voted Aye: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, and Mr. Browning.
3 Ayes votes were cast.

The following voted No:
None.

The following voted Present:
None

The following voted Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Item Number 1
Board Bill Number 51
Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer
This ordinance pursuant to Ordinance Number 70333 as amended by Ordinance Number 71394, directs the Director of Streets to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic in the first ward.

The Chair recognized Ms. Schweitzer on Board Bill number 51

Mr. Aldridge provided an overview of Board Bill number 51 and explained stated the speed humps are needed to calm the flow of traffic.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

The committee members had no questions.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, Chair Browning entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 51 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to pass Board Bill Number 51 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Ms.Schweitzer.

Ms. Schweitzer requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, Chair Browning passed Board Bill Number 51 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll:

The following voted Aye: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, and Mr. Browning.
3 Ayes votes were cast.

The following voted No:
None.

The following voted Present:
None

The following voted Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

None

VII. Acknowledgement of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

The Chair excused Ms. Boyd and Mr. Devoti for necessary absence.

X. Adjournment

After having no additional business to discuss, the Chair adjourn the meeting by voice vote

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm

Minutes approved: Wednesday,
Minutes prepared by: Associate Clerk Rozlyn Smith

Minutes
Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 – 3:30 pm
Kennedy Room

Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer, Chair **Megan Green, President**
Alderman Michael Browning, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Ald. Joseph Vollmer
Ald. Laura Keys
Ald. Daniela Velazquez

Order of Business

I. Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call
The following members were present: Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Browning, and Chair Schweitzer. **3 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the Wednesday, January 29, 2025 committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 29, 2025 committee meeting.

Ms. Velazquez moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 29, 2025 committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye: Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Browning, and Chair Schweitzer.
3 yes votes were cast.

The following voted No:
None.

The following voted Present:
None

The following voted Abstained:
None

The following members were present in the meeting but did not cast a vote:
None

A total of 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

Item Number 1

Utility Coordination

The committee will discuss and the implementation of the Utility Coordination Ordinance Number 71943.

The Chair recognized Betherny Williams, Director of Streets, to provide an update on the implementation of the Utility Plan Development.

Ms. Williams provided a brief overview of the update and mentioned that she had speaker who would offer more information on sections of the presentation.

Mr. Kent Flake, the Commissioner of Streets, provided a breakdown of street pavement by ward.

Mr. Zach Fortune, the Program Manager, provided an update on the work completed through the 50/50 sidewalk program.

After no further comments from the presenter, the Chair open the meeting up to members of the committee

The committee members asked question and made suggestions.

Ms. Velazquez asked Mr. Flake if they could have a plan for street paving over the next two years.

Mr. Flake responded that he believed it would not be an issue to create a two-to-three-year plan.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

None

X. Adjournment

After having no additional business to discuss, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

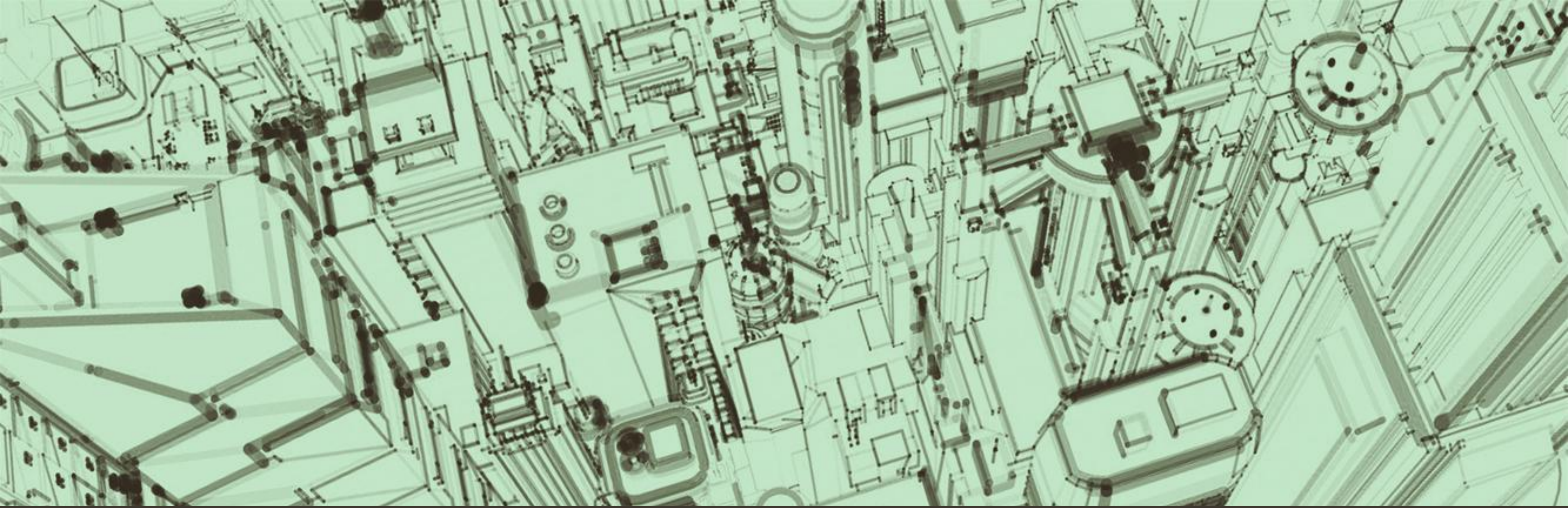
Mr. Velazquez moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Vollmer

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm

Minutes approved:



City of St. Louis Recycling Update

Ben Jonsson, Chief Operating Officer

Overview

- Current Situation
- Needed Changes
- Phased Implementation of Changes

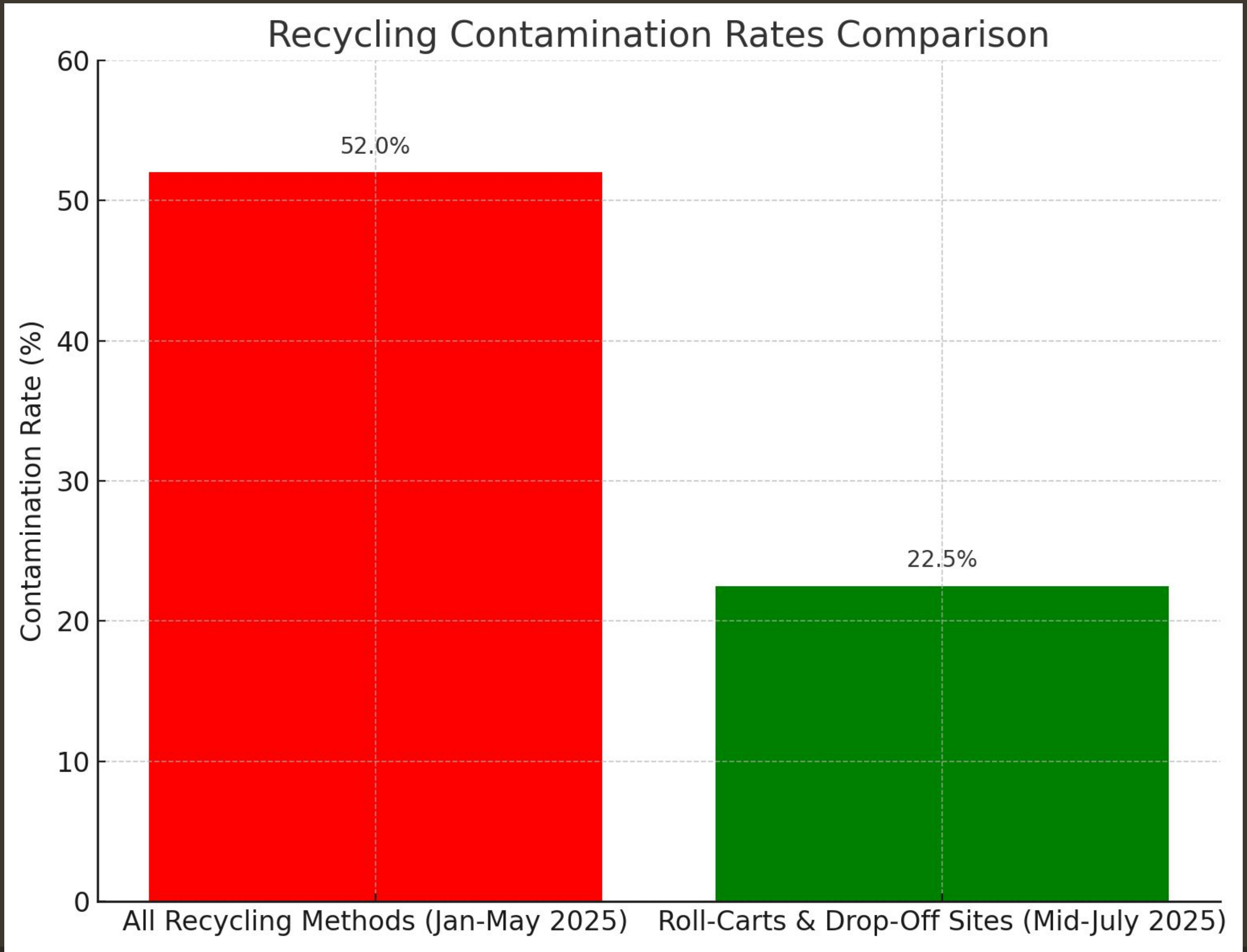
Current Situation

- Prior to 2011, the city recycling program was based primarily on drop-off sites and partnerships with community organizations.
- After 2011, the city expanded its recycling program with curbside service through the use of blue roll-carts and blue alley dumpsters. ~80% of residents have dumpsters; ~20% have roll-carts, not concentrated in any one area.
- On May 31, 2025, City Hall announced a temporary measure due to the May 16th tornado impact on city services; this pause remains in effect.
- City Residents with alley recycling dumpsters should use our 25 Drop-Off Recycling Locations.

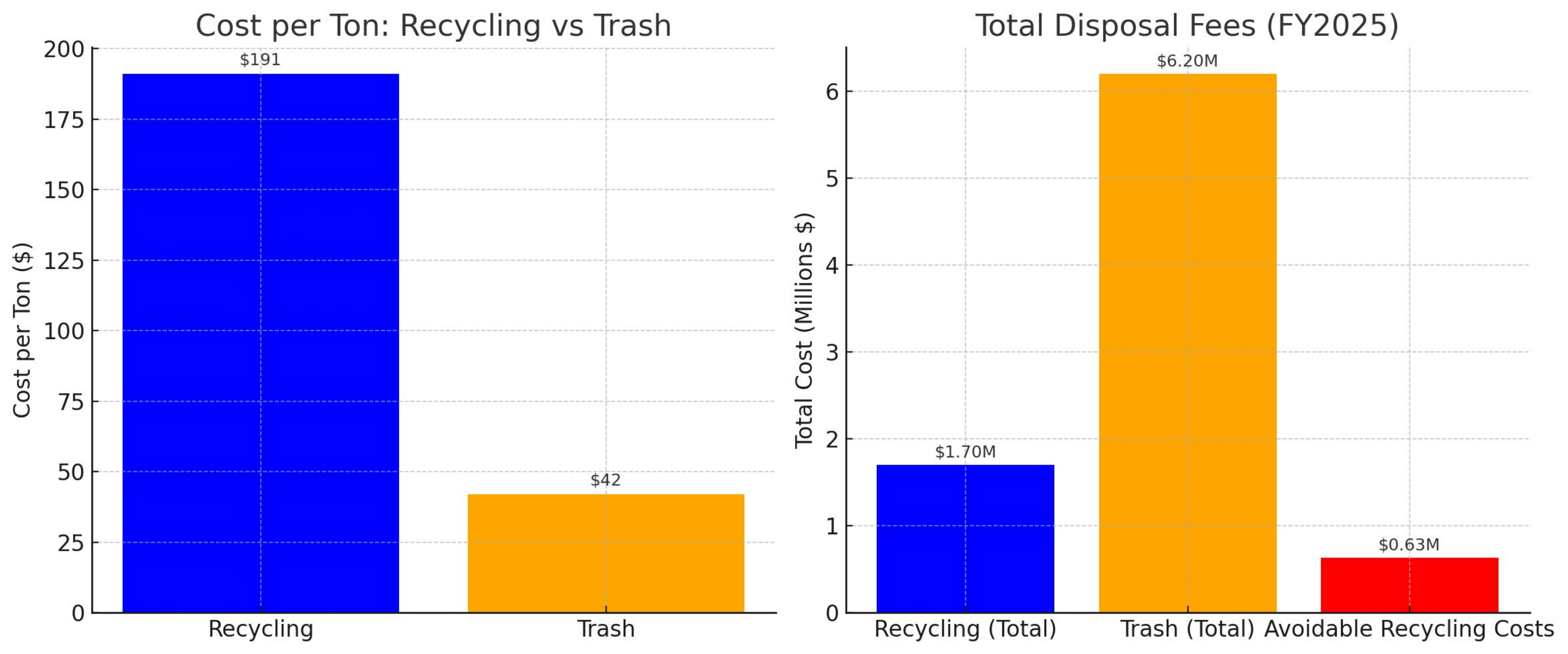
Needed Changes

- **52% of recycling collected between Jan - May 2025 was rejected** at the Republic Services recycling center due to contamination.
- Rejected materials are rerouted to the landfill, meaning **the city pays full recycling costs without receiving environmental or economic returns**.
- **Recycling costs the city almost 5 times more per ton than trash**. The cost of recycling is **$191/ton**, compared to **$42/ton** for trash.
- The costs of the Refuse Division in providing trash, recycling, yard waste, and bulk pick up services costs **$28M annually, while the revenues collected from billing is only $16.5M**. The gap is paid for through tax dollars.
- 20-25% of recycling collected from **only roll-carts and drop-off sites** the middle two weeks of July 2025 was rejected due to contamination, meaning roll-carts and drop-off site recycling remains far more effective than when combined with shared alley dumpsters.

Contamination Rates Comparison



FY2025 Trash and Recycling Disposal Fees



Next Steps: Phased Implementation of Changes

Phase 1 (Immediate - 90 Days):

- Constituents with alley recycling dumpsters should use our Drop-Off Recycling Locations. Drop-off recycling locations will be expanded by 50% in the next 90 days. Our goal is a drop-off site within 1 mile of every resident's home.
- Alley recycling dumpsters should be used as additional trash dumpsters, will be marked with signage, and will be picked up during the trash route pickup, providing 100% additional trash collection capacity to 80% of residents.
- The City will perform an audit of refuse collection and current accounts, to include commercial properties that do not pay collection fees.
- The City is working towards workforce changes to improve route completion rates.

Next Steps: Phased Implementation of Changes

Phase 2 (Mid-Nov, 2025 to Mar 1, 2026), the City and Refuse Division will:

- Conduct additional stakeholder engagement and examination of best practices across cities with similar characteristics.
- Incorporate feedback community partner organizations and the aforementioned refuse audit. Implement enhanced recycling options.
- Initiate grant-funded equipment modernization program in partnership with Washington University putting tablets in refuse vehicles to improve route effectiveness and efficiency.

Phase 3 (Mar 1st - Aug 1, 2026)

- Fully implement grant-funded modernization program; evaluate next steps.
- Refine and adjust implementation of recommended changes from Phase 1 and Phase 2.