



Waste Equity at the City of Portland

ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY, INCLUSION

Hello, Master Recyclers!



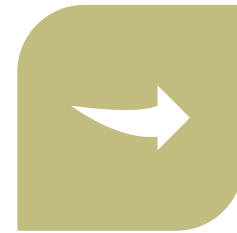
BACKGROUND



WEAG
PHASE 1



WEAG
PHASE 2

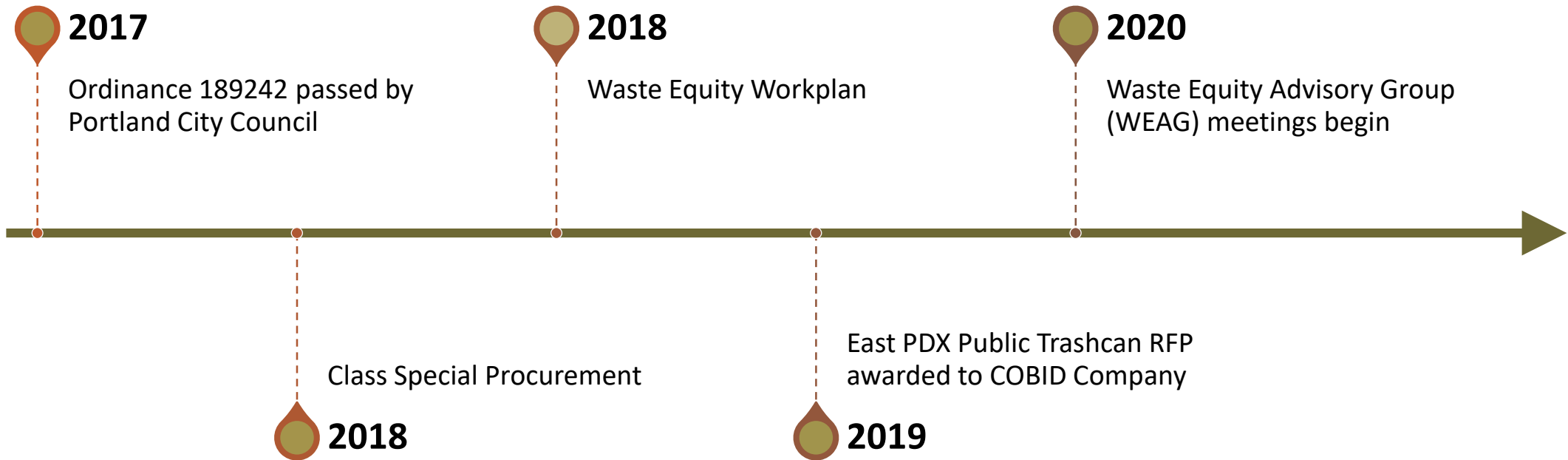


LOOKING
FORWARD



Q &A

Background



WEAG Phase I – Large Meeting Format

8 Advisory Committee Members & Support

Large and small haulers, community groups like TFP, paid equity consultants and facilitators.

Stated Goal

To provide oversight and accountability during the implementation of the Waste Equity Workplan, drawing on the members' knowledge and expertise to ensure that the projects and programs meet the workplan goals.

Six Meetings

Between February and June 2020, provided space for meaningful conversations and relationship building.

Challenges

Power imbalances, difficult to move beyond overarching conceptual themes into more detailed, action-oriented work.

Challenges and Opportunities

Switching Gears to Dedicated Workgroups

Allows for a more efficient and equity centered approach

Focused on key elements to drive future opportunities for increasing access and opportunity for COBID certified companies in the waste collection system

Also addressing other equity related topics that emerged through discussions during the first 6 meetings of the larger WEAG.

Recommendations and suggestions for next steps and implementation will be taken back to larger WEAG for further discussion.

WEAG Phase II – Small Workgroups

CAPITAL ACCESS, OPPORTUNITIES IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

INFORMAL SECTOR

PERFORMANCE METRICS

WASTE COLLECTION ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

CITY FACILITIES CONTRACTS

A Closer Look:



Looking Forward

Difficult Industry to Reform

- General resistance to change – system is working well for some
- Multiple stakeholders, often with competing priorities
- Current economic conditions further a scarcity mindset
- Lack of transparency
- Racist history

We Must Continue to Lead with Equity

- Opportunities for accountability
- Take advantage of current momentum on racial and economic justice

Thank
You!

Questions?

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