

**FY21 Budget Process
City Council Budget Questions
Group 4**

Solid Waste

22. How much could be saved if we change to biweekly recycling instead of weekly?

At the June 4th budget work session, staff presented a table of fee and service comparisons for solid waste services against four peer cities including Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh. Of those peers, Fayetteville is the only city providing weekly curbside recycling collections; others are on a bi-weekly collection schedule.

As discussed at the work session, staff plans to come to Council in late summer/early fall, to present and discuss a number of questions surrounding service level expectations for solid waste. Council interests to transition to biweekly recycling collection is certainly one of the topics we would expect to discuss.

The City's current contract for curbside recycling with Waste Management runs through June 30, 2022. Should Council desire to transition to biweekly recycling collection, staff can begin gathering information and preparing for such a transition. The plans will need to include a funding scenario to purchase, and likely finance, in excess of \$3 million for larger carts (likely 96 gallon as opposed to the current 35 gallon carts) for approximately 62,000 residential customers. For informational purposes, the fiscal year 2021 recommended budget includes approximately \$2.5 million for our current curbside recycling contract.

Staff would not be able to provide reliable estimates of savings at this time. It is likely that any savings from the first three to four years would be offset by the cost of the transition to larger carts.

Transit

23. Please provide an update on shelter and bench installation activities.

In FY20 so far, nine shelter/bench installations and six bench only installations have been completed. In addition, we have installed or upgraded 17 new accessible bus stops. We currently have 93 shelters and 40 bench only stops.

Currently, there are only two or three stop locations that are close to meeting the shelter thresholds and those are either very hard to meet ADA accessibility requirements or we cannot place due to neighborhood concerns. As discussed at the February CIP meeting, staff has been discussing lowering our service standard threshold on placement of benches and shelters with the FACT Committee.

The current service standards are:

- 10 or more average boardings per day – bench & trash can
- 20 or more average boardings per day – shelter package & trash can

Staff is reviewing lowering the standard to:

- 7 or more average boardings per day – bench and trash can
- 15 or more average boardings per day – shelter package and trash can

Transit’s CIP and grant budgets for FY21 include \$50,000 for shelters and \$90,000 for construction of accessible bus stops (bus pads and sidewalks). In the coming year, there are plans to add a shelter or bench to the following locations:

Proposed Locations

Murchison Rd & WT Brown (FSU)	Shelter
Methodist/BB&T	Shelter
Ramsey @ Housing Authority	Shelter
Bragg Blvd @ Sycamore Square	Shelter
Person & Broad (near Weiner Works)	Shelter
Bragg Blvd @ Habitat Restore	Bench
NB Hope Mills Rd near Lafayette Baptist	Shelter
Enterprise Ave & Toledo	Shelter
Glensford & Cliffdale	Shelter

The shelter package includes a shelter, bench and solar light kit. As the City Manager noted at the June 4th meeting, staff would ask that anyone who sees a light that is either not working or very dim to call, so that the light can be checked and either repaired or replaced. Several older light kits have been replaced over the past couple of years because newer light kits are much brighter.