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Date: April 25th, 2024
To: The Helena City Commission
From: The Helena Citizens' Council
Title: Recommendation regarding the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

Greetings Mayor and Helena City Commissioners:

The Helena Citizens' Council, at its regular full board meeting on April 24th, 2024, passed the following recommendations regarding the proposed Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

To help the City of Helena meet its waste diversion goals of 35% reduced waste by 2030 and 50% by 2040, the HCC supports the following:

1. Universal single-stream curbside collection for the City of Helena with funds for public education regarding recycling.
2. A subscription-based yard waste collection for the City of Helena
3. The ISWMP model Billings' *voluntary* Pay-As-You-Throw program, where residents can trade in their 96-gallon container for a 64-gallon container and save \$4 a month.

The HCC *conceptually* agrees with the following Transfer station upgrades but requests detailed information on the actual costs before issuing a full recommendation. We request information on the costs of these upgrades promptly, to enable us to respond before the May 30th deadline for public comments.

4. Make the following upgrades to the Transfer Station
 - Increase throughput with additional scales.
 - Reduce traffic congestion by increasing queuing lengths the public wanted better traffic control
 - Additional drop-off areas for convenience – Z-walls
 - Upgrade yard waste area
 - Recycling consolidation building
 - Truck storage to reduce mileage on collection trucks

Efficiencies – HCC Supports these activities:

- Evaluation of waste disposal per capita
- Evaluation of permit system
- Evaluation of the collection system
- Landfill efficiencies

- Request customer base information from private companies in the Scratch Gravel District for waste tracking
- Continue to increase public education and outreach for waste diversion
- Implement a method for residents to track their allotted permit amount used

This recommendation was approved by HCC members, with 17 voting for and 2 opposed. Thank you for your consideration.

Helena Citizens' Council Members



Ben Kuiper, HCC Chair