



# Municipality of Anchorage

2026 Solid Waste Rate Study Update

August 20, 2026



# Background: Scope

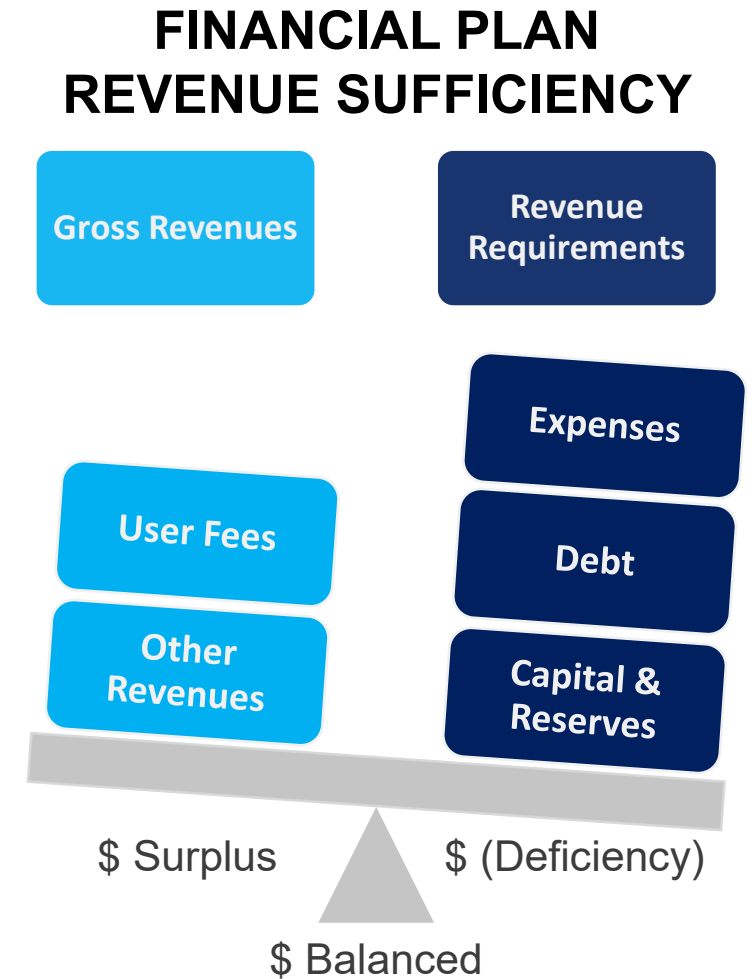
- Raftelis Tasked with performing a Solid Waste Disposal and Collection Rate Study to:
  - › Update the 10-year Forecasted Financial Models
  - › Ensure we capture full cost-of-service based on best available data
  - › Ensure operations are fiscally sustainable and achieve SWS and MOA financial objectives





# Background: Methodology

- Data Driven Process:
  - › Historical Billing and Operational Statistics
  - › Historical & Budgeted Financial Data
  - › Capital Improvement Plan
- Team Effort:
  - › Worked closely with staff in development of the forecast



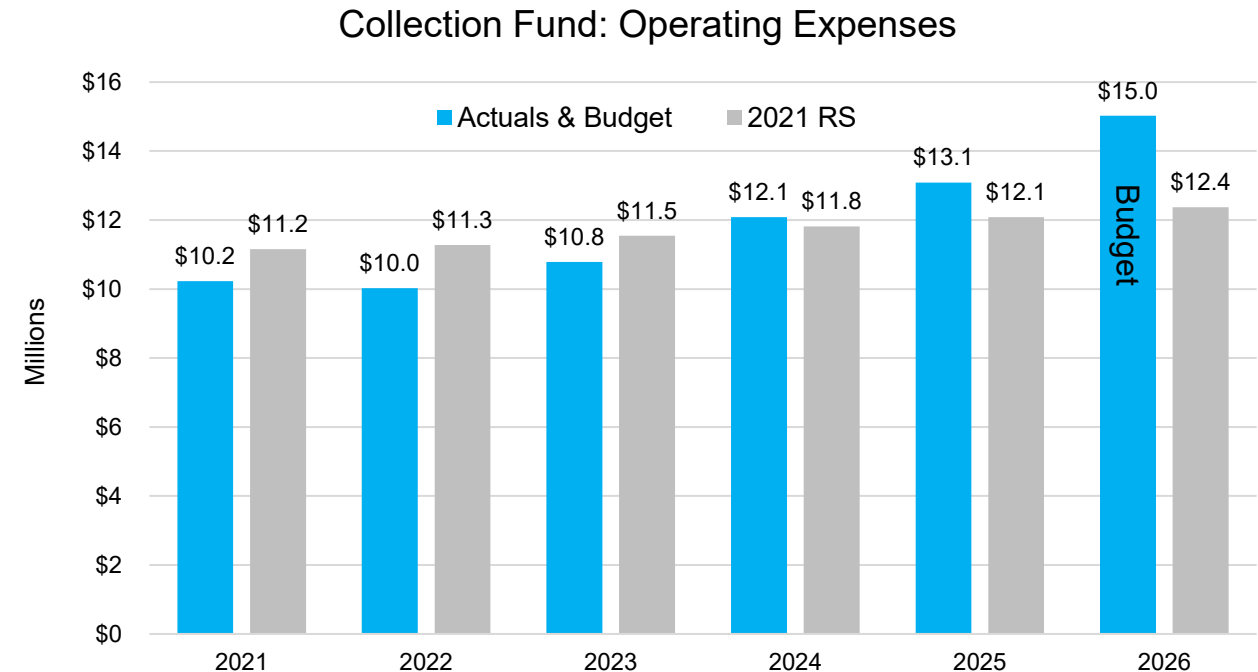
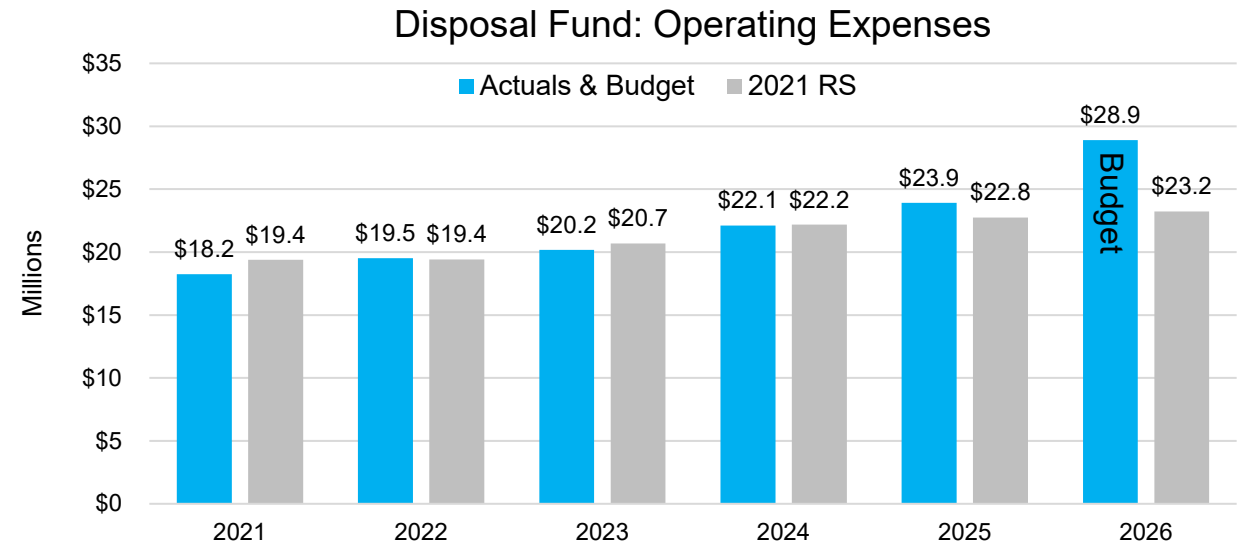
# Background: **Prior Study**

- MOA commissioned initial Rate Study with Raftelis in 2021 (“2021 Rate Study”)
- Developed detailed 10-year financial forecast of Collection and Disposal Fund
  - › Supported Transfer Station Funding Evaluation & Debt Issue
  - › Resulted in Multi-year Rate Recommendations
- MOA commissioned an update to the 2021 Rate Study (“2026 Rate Study”)



# Background: Changes Since Prior Study

- Disposal Fund Expenses Higher than Previously Forecasted
  - › \$5m shortfall
    - IGC - \$900K
    - Salaries / Labor - \$600K
    - Dividend / MUSA - \$1.3M
    - Prof. Services - \$3M
- Collection Fund Expenses Higher than Previously Forecasted
  - › \$2.6m shortfall
    - IGC - \$600K
    - SWS Disposal - \$1M
    - Dividend / MUSA - \$1M



Please note that expenses shown are inclusive of MUSA + Dividends

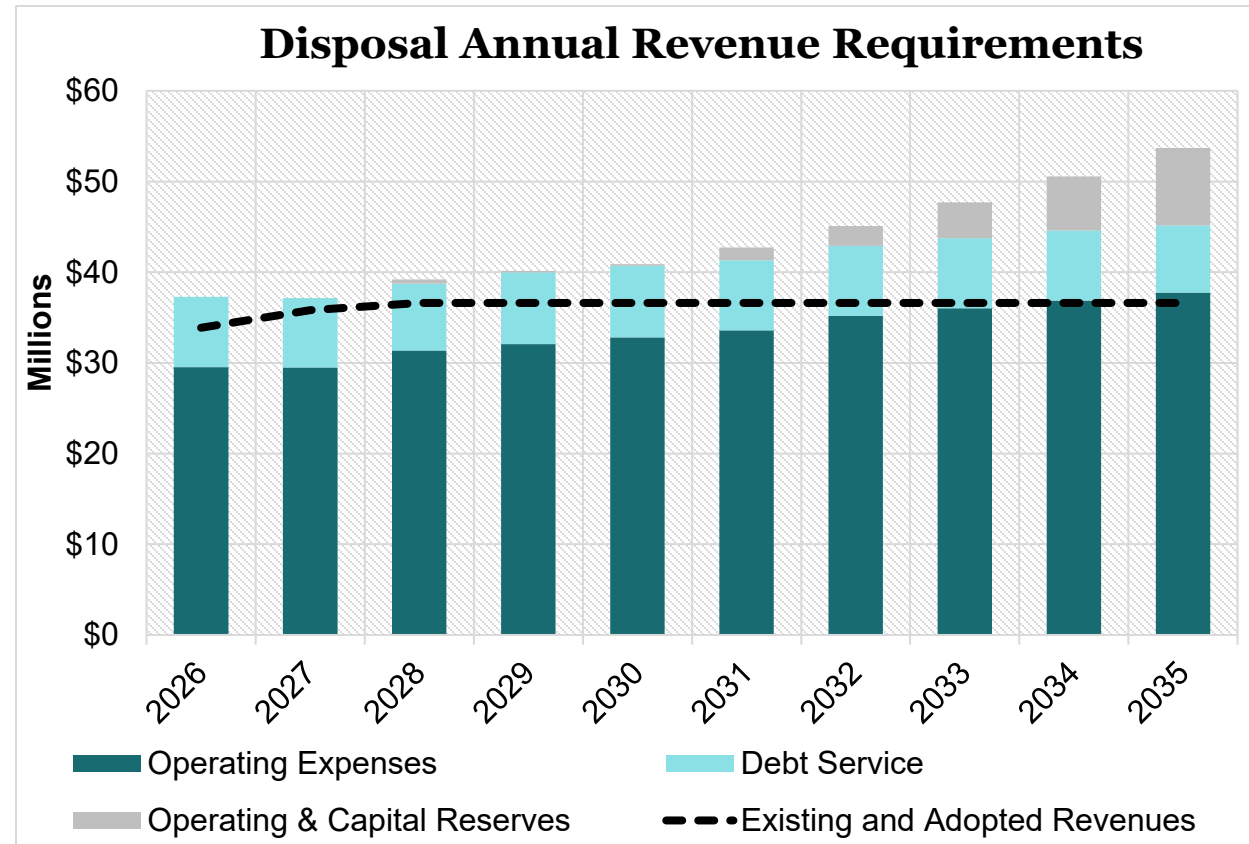
# Background: Changes Since Prior Study

- Disposal Fund Capital Expenses
  - › Merrill Field – \$2.5M
  - › Landfill Stormwater - \$3M
  - › Additional Equipment - \$6M



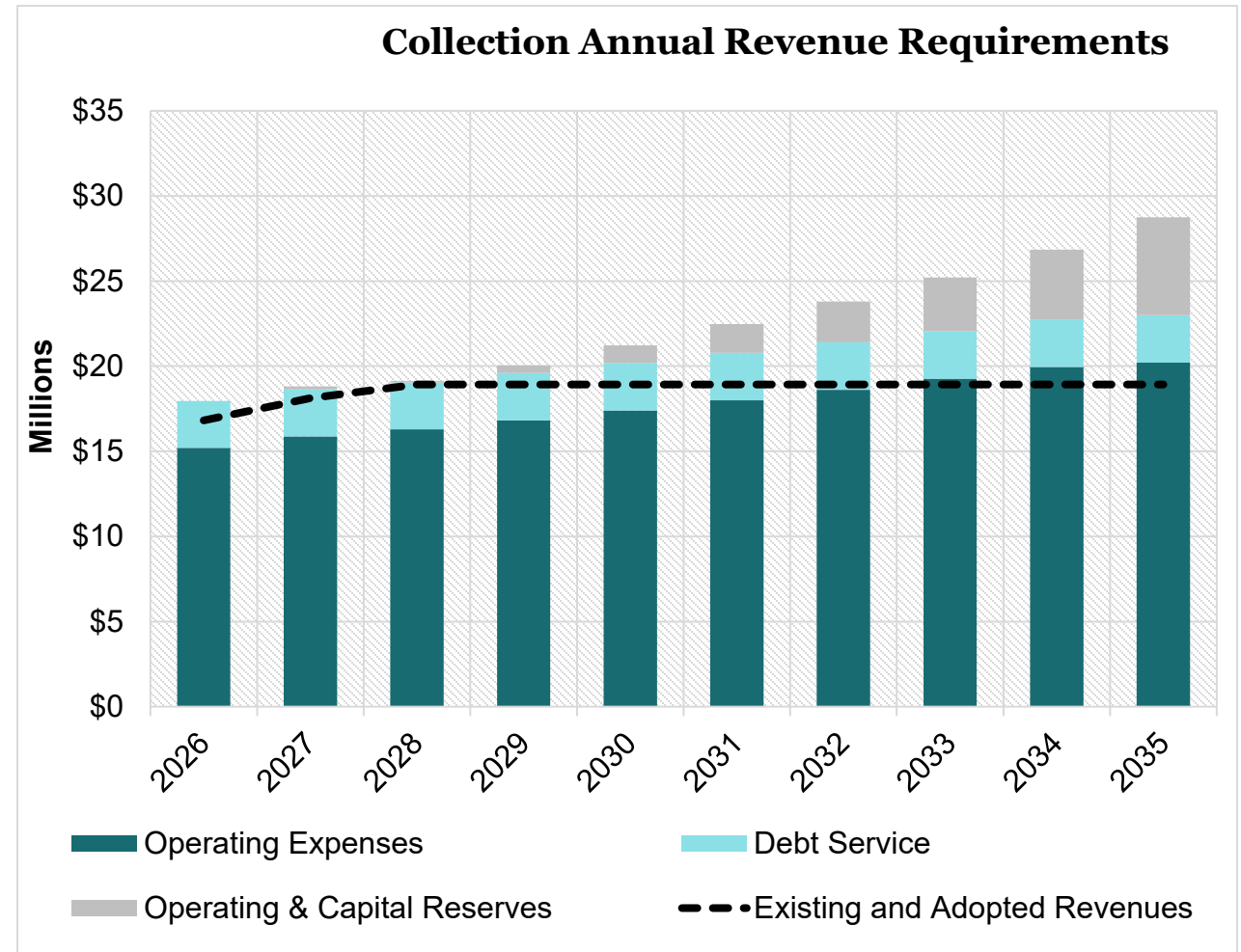
# Findings: Disposal Fund Preliminary Forecasts

- SWS has approximately \$50m in short term debt
  - › Once refinanced it will increase the Disposal Fund Debt Service
- Near Term Capital Needs
  - › Landfill Stormwater Diversion Project
  - › Landfill Gas Piping Improvements
  - › Landfill Leachate Evaporators
  - › Merrill Field Leachate Collection Improvements
- Disposal Fund likely requires additional increases



# Findings: Collection Fund Preliminary Forecasts

- Collection Fund is strong, likely can lower rate increases





# Recommendations:

## Reassess Rate Needs in 2027 & Consider Surcharge Change

- 2025 Audited Financials in Process
  - › Unsure of actual cash position
- SWS new reporting systems to provide better tonnage data necessary for revenue and expense forecasting
- Adj. recycling and healthy spaces surcharge to be more equitable to small volume residential customers

