

2025 Circular Economy Example Contract KPIs to include in Public Transport Contracts

This document provides example contract measures to capture circular economy efforts based on experience across UK and the Middle East. Please note that while this document is intended to guide you in structuring effective agreements, I am not a contract lawyer and this should not be considered legal advice. Any questions or queries please email me on rachel@surbonconsulting.com.

Contract KPI	Further Detail	Effort	Most applicable	Observations
Percentage of Recycled Content Used:	Proportion of recycled or upcycled materials in new vehicle, infrastructure, or asset procurement.	L	Rolling stock/Vehicle manufactures	In 2025 this is becoming more standardised so can be obtained easily.
Waste recycling/reuse	Percentage of construction, maintenance, or operational waste diverted from landfill (through recycling, reuse, or composting).	L	Public transport operations/Station Projects	In 2025 this is becoming more standardised so can be obtained easily.
Battery/Electrical Component Repurposing Rate:	Proportion of spent batteries or critical components repurposed for secondary uses, such as stationary energy storage.	L	Depending on the contract operators and or/ Rolling stock or Asset owners	Vehicles with electric batteries
Number of Supplier Contracts with Circular Economy Criteria/Clauses	Count or percentage of supplier agreements incorporating circular economy criteria or targets.	M	Public transport operations contracts	This can be flowed down the supply but difficult to engage SME's and needs procurement support to chase data.
Staff Training on Circular Economy Principles:	Percentage of employees or public officials in procurement and operations who have completed circular economy training.	M	Public transport operations contracts	Focus is procurement, engineering and operations.
Money/ Carbon Emissions Saved Through Circular Practices:	(e.g. material reuse, asset refurbishment, avoided landfill).	H	Public transport operations contract/ Rolling Stock/Asset contracts	Great summary but this can be challenging to quantify without clear guidance.
Innovation Adoption Rate:	Number of circular infrastructure projects (e.g. recycled plastic cycle paths, modular bus shelters) delivered within the contract period.	H	Public transport operations contract/ Rolling Stock/Asset contracts	Relies on training and companywide communications to capture this information.
Stakeholder Satisfaction with Circular Initiatives:	Survey score or feedback from passengers and community regarding the visibility and impact of circular economy projects.	H	Public transport operations contract/ Rolling Stock/Asset contracts	Useful to obtain feedback from stakeholders.