

## Current Status of Solid Waste Transport in Mejayan District of Madiun

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### ABSTRACT

Relocation of the capital of Madiun to Mejayan District has caused most area of this district to become a part of the urban area. Being occupied by 45.761 inhabitants, the District of Mejayan will be developed as a center of municipal services. Therefore, it should be supported with sufficient infrastructure and sanitation facilities, solid waste (SW) management in particular. However, the existing municipal SW management service in this district covered only 4 sub-districts from a total 14. The objective of this research was to evaluate the technical performance of the SW transport system in Mejayan District. Data on SW transport generation rate, transport facilities and efficiencies were collected through direct measurement and interviewing the Municipal Cleansing and Landscaping Agency representative. Operation mode and efficiency of SW transport activities were observed by following daily activities of each vehicle. The SW transport efficiency of each truck was calculated according to the time durations for embarking and disembarking the garage, SW loading and unloading, and transport from the transfer stations to the landfill, off-site factor, and SW dumping in the landfill. Some recommendations were made for the improvement of the SW transport performance.

**KEYWORDS:** efficiency, management, solid waste, transfer station, transport

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### INTRODUCTION

The District of Mejayan was established as a new capital of Madiun City in 2010 under the Government Regulation No. 52/2010 concerning Madiun District's Capital Relocation from the City of Madiun to Mejayan District. According to the detailed Spatial Plan of Madiun Capital for 2012-2032, the Mejayan District will be developed rapidly as a center of urban services. Mejayan District consists of 14 sub-districts. With an area of 5,522 hectares, this district was occupied by 45.761 inhabitants in 2015 [1].

The solid waste (SW) management services were conducted by the Municipal Cleansing and Landscaping Agency (MCLA). However, only 4 sub-districts have been served by the municipality. The low coverage of municipal SW service is typical in cities in developing countries. This is generally due to the limitation of financial support and resources, the reluctance of the inhabitants to pay for municipal services [2], the lack of technical skills among the personnel in municipal agencies [3], and the inadequacy of SW transport infrastructure [4].

Two dump trucks and two armroll trucks were operated to transport the SW from 8 transfer stations (TS) in Mejayan District to the landfill. The SW transport efficiency of the dump trucks was only 1 trip / day, whereas that of the armroll truck was 2 trips/day. This study aimed to evaluate the SW transport efficiency and facilities in Mejayan District. Some strategies for the improvement of the SW transport will be recommended.

### METHODS

The study was begun by measuring the SW generation rate in the study area using load-count analysis method [5] for 8 consecutive days. All collection vehicles or hand carts, which entered the TS's were counted and the SW volume in each hand cart was measured. The SW density

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was calculated by dividing the weight of SW in the hand cart with its volume. The SW generation rate was the total volume or weight of the SW divided by the total number of people being served.

The daily SW transport activities of each vehicle were measured two times. Time durations which were required by each truck for daily operation (H), embarking ( $t_1$ ) and disembarking ( $t_2$ ) from and to the garage, SW loading ( $p_c$ ) and unloading ( $u_c$ ), travel between transfer stations (dbc), transport from the transfer station (TS) to the landfill ( $h_1$ ) and from the landfill to TS ( $h_2$ ), off-site factor (W), and SW dumping in the landfill (s) were recorded.

The SW pick up time (P), transport time (T), and transport efficiency ( $N_d$ ) were calculated according to hauled container system (HCS) method [5] as the following:

$$P_{HCS} = p_c + u_c + dbc \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$T_{HCS} = (P_{HCS} + s + h) \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$N_d = \frac{(H(1-w) - (t_1 + t_2))}{T_{HCS}} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Recommendations for the improvement of SW transport were made by considering the transport efficiency and the effective age of the vehicles, which was 5-8 years [6].

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The average SW generation rate was 3.52 L/person.day, and the average density in the hand cart was 152.63 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The SW density in the transport truck container is 235-350 kg/m<sup>3</sup> [7]. Using SW density value of 300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, a compaction ratio of 1.97 was obtained. This value was used for determining the SW volume which should be transported to landfill. The total amount of SW which should be transported to Kaliabulandfill was 57.13 m<sup>3</sup>/day, whereas the SW generation rate in Mejayandistrict was 162.56 m<sup>3</sup>/day. Therefore, the SW transport service coverage was only 35.14%.

The SW transport in Mejayandistrict applied hauled container system (HCS) method [5], which was facilitated with two armroll trucks and two dump trucks. These vehicles transported the SW from 8 TS's to the landfill (Figure 1). The routes were set up by the MCLA. The daily operation time was from 07:00 am to 01:00 pm, or 6 hours. Results of the measurement of the transport vehicle operation time are shown in Tables 1-4.

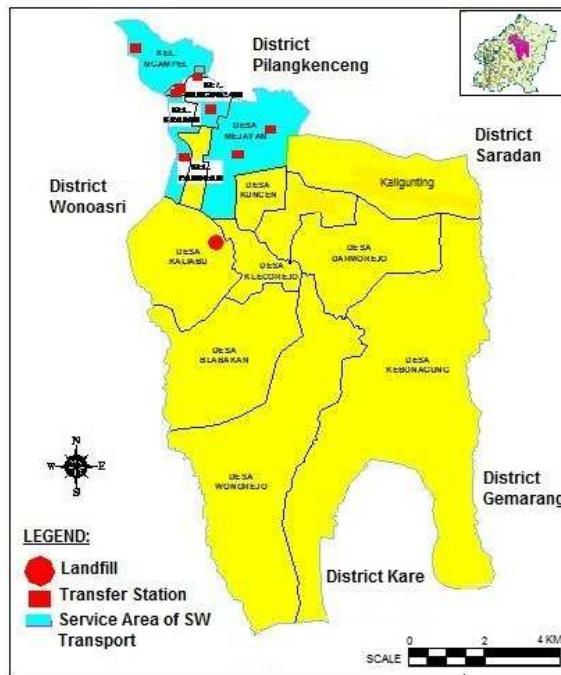


Figure 1. Orientation Map Service Area of SW Transport

**Table 1.** Results of service time measurements of the dump trucks

Vehicle number	Route	Distance (km)	Traveling time (hr)		Average traveling time (hr)	Speed (km/hr)
			1	2		
AE 8395 FP	Garage – TS	2.3	0.100	0.102	0.101	22.73
	TS– landfill	4.1	0.186	0.176	0.181	22.67
	Landfill – garage	5.8	0.193	0.203	0.198	29.29
AE 8036 EP	Garage– TS	4.6	0.188	0.205	0.196	23.17
	TS– landfill	6.9	0.291	0.298	0.294	23.44
	Landfill – garage	4.8	0.186	0.191	0.188	25.52

**Table 2.** Unit operation time of dump trucks

Vehicle number	p <sub>c</sub> (hrs)	u <sub>c</sub> (hrs)	dbc(hrs)	P <sub>HCS</sub> (hrs)	s (hrs)	h (hrs/trip)	T <sub>HCS</sub> (hrs/trip)
AE 8395 FP	1.315	-	-	1.315	0.08	0.36	1.76
AE 8036 EP	1.395	-	-	1.395	0.06	0.59	2.05

**Table 3.** Results of service time measurements of the armroll trucks

Vehicle number	Route	Distance (km)	Traveling time (hrs)		Average traveling time (hrs)	Speed (km/hrs)
			1	2		
AE 8016 EP	Garage – TS	2.5	0.09	0.17	0.13	19.11
	TS – landfill	3.3	0.14	0.14	0.14	24.31
	Landfill – TS	4.0	0.22	0.22	0.22	18.22
	Landfill – garage	4.8	0.19	0.19	0.19	25.46
AE 8576 FP	Garage – TS	2.5	0.09	0.09	0.09	27.08
	TS – landfill	4.2	0.20	0.20	0.20	20.86
	Landfill – TS	4.8	0.22	0.22	0.22	21.75
	Landfill – garage	4.8	0.19	0.19	0.19	25.22

**Table 4.** Unit operation time of armroll trucks

Vehicle number	p <sub>c</sub> (hrs)	u <sub>c</sub> (hrs)	dbc (hrs)	P <sub>HCS</sub> (hrs)	s (hrs)	h (hrs/trip)	T <sub>HCS</sub> (hrs/trip)
AE 8016 EP	0.021	0.031	-	0.052	0.06	0.36	0.47
AE 8576 FP	0.019	0.020	-	0.039	0.06	0.39	0.49

It was observed that the existing transport efficiency ( $N_d$ ) of the dump trucks ( $N_d$ ) was only 1 trip/day, and that of the armroll trucks was 2 trips/day. Using equation (3), which is shown in the Method Section, results of off route factor ( $W$ ) calculation of the dump trucks varied from 0.59 to 0.65, and that of the armroll trucks was 0.80 (Tables 5 and 6). These values were far exceeding the criteria which are widely applied in the SW transport operations of 0.10-0.15 [5].

**Table 5.** Results of off route factor ( $W$ ) calculation of dump trucks

Vehicle number	$N_d$ (trip/day)	H (hrs)	t <sub>1</sub> (hrs)	t <sub>2</sub> (hrs)	T <sub>HCS</sub> (hrs/trip)	W
AE 8395 FP	1	6	0.10	0.20	1.76	0.66
AE 8036 EP	1	6	0.20	0.19	2.05	0.59

**Table 6.** Results of off route factor (W) calculation of armroll trucks

Vehicle number	$N_d$ (trip/day)	H (hrs)	$t_1$ (hrs)	$t_2$ (hrs)	$T_{ucs}$ (hrs/trip)	W
AE 8016 EP	2	6	0.13	0.19	0.44	0.80
AE 8576 FP	2	6	0.09	0.19	0.47	0.80

The transport efficiency can be optimized by lowering the off route factor to a maximum 0.15 [5]. This means that the transport crew should reduce the unnecessary activities, such as excessive lunch time, taking unauthorized personal breaks, talking to friends, and the like. This working ineffectiveness occurred mainly because of the inavailability of clear SW transport planning and standard operation procedure. This situation reflects the weakness in organization structure and management, and the improper application of SW transport method [9].

Using off route factor value of 0.15, the dump truck transport efficiency could be increased to 2 trips/day, and that of the armroll truck became 10 trips/day (Tables 7 and 8).

**Table 7.** Transport efficiency values of dump trucks using  $W = 0.15$ .

Vehicle number	W (hrs)	H (hrs)	$t_1$ (hrs)	$t_2$ (hrs)	$T_{ucs}$ (hrs/trip)	$(1-W)*H$	$N_d$ (trip/day)
AE 8395 FP	0.15	6	0.10	0.20	1.76	5.10	2
AE 8036 EP	0.15	6	0.20	0.19	2.05	5.10	2

**Table 8.** Transport efficiency values of armroll trucks using  $W = 0.15$ 

Vehicle number	W (hrs)	H (hrs)	$t_1$ (hrs)	$t_2$ (hrs)	$T_{ucs}$ (hrs/trip)	$(1-W)*H$	$N_d$ (trip/day)
AE 8016 EP	0.15	6	0.13	0.19	0.44	5.10	10
AE 8576 FP	0.15	6	0.09	0.19	0.47	5.10	10

Based on the SW transport efficiencies of the trucks and the number of TS (8 units), one armroll truck with  $N_d = 10$  trips/day was considered to be sufficient for serving the SW transport in Mejalan District. The dump trucks can be used for serving other MCLA duties. An addition of one reserved armroll truck would be necessary in order to avoid the absence of SW transport activity when the operating truck do not work. In order to provide good operation of these armroll trucks, additional 3 containers of 6 m<sup>3</sup> capacity were required, as only 5 TS's were facilitated with SW containers.

The truck ages are shown in Table 9. Two of the truck ages (50%) exceeded the maximum lifetime of 8 years [6, 8]. These trucks, namely armroll truck AE 8016 EP (10 years of age) and dump truck AE 8036 EP (22 years of age) required replacements for better SW transport service. The aging problem of SW transport vehicles is typical in developing countries [10][11], and needs proper budgetary planning solution.

**Table 9.** Transport vehicle lifetime

Vehicle number	Type of vehicle	Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )	Procurement year	Age (year)	Lifetime criteria (year)
AE 8016 EP	Armroll truck	6	2006	10	8
AE 8576 FP	Armroll truck	6	2015	1	
AE 8395 FP	Dumptruck	7.5	2014	2	
AE 8036 EP	Dumptruck	7.5	1994	22	

Based on the above description on the SW transport condition in Mejayan District, the following recommendations were made for improving the operation performance:

1. Performing technical training for the SW transport crew for proper service implementation .
2. Improving the management performance of SW transport activity, and inclusion of regular monitoring and evaluation on the SW transport activities.
3. Replacement of one armroll truck of which lifetime has exceeded the criteria of 8 year operation.
4. Procurement of 3 containers of 6 m<sup>3</sup> capacity for 3 TS's, which have not been prepared for armroll truck operation.

### CONCLUSION

The SW transport in Mejayan District was operated with very limited efficiency. The transport efficiencies of the dump trucks and armroll trucks were only 1 trip/day for and 2 trips/day respectively. The low efficiencies were caused by the high values of off route factors. Optimization of the transport service which used off route factor of 0.15 resulted in the improvement of transport efficiency of the dump trucks to 2 trips/day, and those of the armroll trucks to 10 trips/day. Based on these results, only two armroll trucks were needed to serve 8 TS's. Three additional containers of 6 m<sup>3</sup> capacity were required to facilitate 3 TS's to support armroll truck operation. Recommendations for improving the SW transport activities were conducting technical training for the SW transport crew, improving the SW transport management performance, replacing the aging trucks, and providing 3 containers for armroll truck operation in 3 TS's.

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