



## SCA Public Issues Committee

### AGENDA

January 9, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Ed Prince, Renton, Chair 2 minutes
2. **Public Comment** – Ed Prince, Renton, Chair 10 minutes
3. [Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2018 Meeting](#) 2 minutes  
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4. **Chair’s Report** – Ed Prince, Renton, Chair 5 minutes
5. **Executive Director’s Report** – Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director 10 minutes
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10. [Regional Transit and Road Maintenance Planning](#) 15 minutes  
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**15. Upcoming Events**

- a. SCA Networking Dinner – Wednesday, January 30, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Renton Pavillion and Event Center
- b. There will not be an SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 due to a conflict with the Association of Washington Cities’ City Action Days. If necessary, an emergency PIC meeting may be held on February 6, 2019 at SeaTac City Hall (prior to the SCA regional board and committee appointees orientation)
- c. SCA regional board and committee appointees orientation – Wednesday, February 6, 2019 – 6:00 PM – SeaTac City Hall

**16. For the Good of the Order**

**17. Adjourn**

**Did you know?**

The SCA Board is comprised of 13 directors, consisting of ten caucus representative directors, the Chair of the Public Issues Committee, the Immediate Past President, and one member representative from a member city in good standing to the King County City Managers and Administrators Group. The 2019 SCA Board members are:

*South Valley Caucus:*

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific

*Snoqualmie Valley Caucus:*

Mayor Amy Ockerlander, Duvall

*North Caucus:*

Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park

Councilmember Bruce Bassett, Mercer Island

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond

*South Caucus:*

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn

Mayor Jeff Wagner, Covington

Mayor Jim Ferrell, Federal Way

Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent

*PIC Chair:*

Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton

*Past President*

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore

*City Manager/Administrator:*

Snoqualmie City Administrator Bob Larson

2019 Officers will be elected at the first Board meeting of 2019, on January 16, 2019.

The Board represents all 38 of our member cities, so please feel free to reach out to them with any concerns or issues your city may have!

# Sound Cities Association

## **Mission**

To provide leadership through advocacy, education, mutual support and networking to cities in King County as they act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities.

## **Vision**

To be the most influential advocate for cities, effectively collaborating to create regional solutions.

## **Values**

SCA aspires to create an environment that fosters mutual support, respect, trust, fairness and integrity for the greater good of the association and its membership.

SCA operates in a consistent, inclusive, and transparent manner that respects the diversity of our members and encourages open discussion and risk-taking.



## SCA Public Issues Committee MINUTES

December 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM  
Renton City Hall  
1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Council President Ed Prince, Renton, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 31 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included Councilmember Pam Fernald (PIC Alternate), SeaTac; Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah; Council President Angela Birney, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Ryan McIrvine, Renton; Councilmember Susan Boundy-Sanders, Woodinville; Joyce Nichols, Bellevue Staff; and Alex Herzog, Woodinville Staff.

### 2. Public Comment

Chair Prince asked if any member of the public would like to provide public comment. Seeing none, Chair Prince closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

### 3. Approval of the October 10, 2018 PIC Minutes

Chair Prince asked if there were any amendments to the November 14, 2018 PIC minutes. **Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 4. Chair's Report

Chair Prince reported that he has been participating in discussions with King County, the City of Seattle, business and philanthropic leaders, and a consultant team about the region's homelessness governance system. He said details of reforms that will be proposed are forthcoming and that he has been advocating for an increased role for SCA cities in the governance system.

### 5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported on the ongoing effort to reform the region's homelessness governance. She said formal recommendations from the consultant team assisting with the effort are expected next week. These are expected to include a recommendation to merge the response systems of King County and the City of Seattle with oversight from a newly established board. She said that Chair Prince, Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, and Mayor John Chelminiak, Bellevue, are participating in these discussions and have raised concerns that the draft proposals do not include sufficient representation from SCA cities.

Dawson reported that the 2019 SCA budget and member assessments were approved at the Annual Meeting on December 5.

Dawson reported on SCA Board of Director elections held prior to the PIC meeting. Councilmember Bruce Bassett, Mercer Island, and Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell, were elected to represent the North Caucus; and Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, and Mayor Jeff Wagner, Covington, were elected to represent the South Caucus.

Dawson reported that SCA is working with members of the King County Council to ensure cities are included in the development of the renewal of the King County Parks Levy and that additional information on those efforts is forthcoming.

Dawson encouraged members to participate in [A Conference on Advancing Racial Equity](#) scheduled for Friday, December 14.

## **6. Election of 2019 PIC Chair and Vice Chair**

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson and SCA Nominating Committee Chair Ross Loudonback reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on November 15, 2018 to consider nominees to serve as PIC Chair and Vice Chair in 2019. The committee received one nomination each for PIC Chair and Vice Chair. Current PIC Chair Council President Ed Prince of Renton was nominated to serve a second term as PIC Chair, and current PIC Vice Chair Christie Malchow of Sammamish was nominated to serve a second term as PIC Vice Chair. The PIC Nominating Committee recommends that Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, be elected 2019 PIC Chair and Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, be elected 2019 PIC Vice Chair.

**Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, moved, seconded by Councilmember John Stokes, Bellevue, that Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, be elected 2019 PIC Chair and Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, be elected 2019 PIC Vice Chair by acclamation. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **7. Regional Board and Committee Appointments**

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson and SCA Nominating Committee Chair Ross Loudonback reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on November 15, 2018 to make recommendations to PIC on appointments to regional boards and committees for 2019. The PIC Nominating Committee is chaired by Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, representing the Snoqualmie Valley Caucus, and includes Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, representing the South Valley Caucus; Council President Ed Prince, Renton, representing the South Caucus; and, Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, representing the North Caucus.

The PIC Nominating Committee recommended a slate of appointments for consideration by the PIC ([Attachment B](#)).

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, said the PIC Nominating Committee carefully considered the many great candidates who applied to represent SCA on regional boards and committees. He said they strove for regional balance consistent with the SCA bylaws.

**Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors approval of the 2019 Regional Board and Committee appointments as shown in [Attachment B](#). There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **8. Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Action Plan**

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on the [Five-Year Action Plan](#) developed by the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force. In November, the PIC voted to have SCA staff bring back a policy statement in support of the plan. Details of the work of the Task Force can be found in the [November 14, 2018 PIC packet](#).

Parry said the Task Force held its final meeting on December 7, 2018 at which point they considered final amendments to the draft Action Plan and made modest changes from that version reviewed by PIC in November. These include calling out support for the recently formed South King Housing and Homelessness Partnership (SKHHP); clarifying the plan supports efforts to increase the supply affordable housing in suburban communities; and clarifying information related to historical capital expenditures for affordable housing.

As directed by PIC, SCA staff drafted a proposed policy statement for PIC to consider recommending to the SCA Board of Directors for final approval that states:

- *The Sound Cities Association (SCA) supports the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five-Year Action Plan and recommends approval by the King County Council;*
- *Given the differing housing challenges across the region, SCA supports the approach taken by the Task Force to recommend a menu of options for cities to address their areas of greatest need; and,*
- *SCA is committed to partnering regionally through the proposed new committee of the Growth Management Planning Council to promote affordable housing preservation and production.*

Parry said that if a policy recommendation was approved by the PIC it would be provided to the SCA Board of Directors for their consideration at their meeting on December 19. In addition, the County Council is expected to consider a motion in support of the Action Plan in the next several weeks.

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson noted that she had spoken with PIC member Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, who was unable to be at the meeting but said his city council considered the Action Plan and was supportive of the recommended policy statement.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, asked if Parry could provide additional information on any changes to the Action Plan since it was last reviewed by PIC in November. Parry reviewed the changes referenced above that were recommended by PIC, and noted that there were several text clarifications and corrections that did not alter the substance of the plan.

Councilmember John Stokes, Bellevue, one of SCA's four representatives on the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force, said he was pleased with the process, that it brought a wide range of interested parties together, and that SCA had a lot of influence over the direction of the final recommendations. He said there is a lot of work ahead to implement the recommendations and address the region's affordable housing crisis and that SCA would play an important role in this work.

Chair Prince expressed his appreciation for the work of Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, as co-chair of the Task Force. Baker thanked SCA Policy Director Brian Parry for his work throughout the development of the Action Plan. Baker expressed his appreciation for Parry's work.

**Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, moved, seconded by Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors the policy statement as provided by SCA staff.**

Chair Prince asked if there was further discussion.

Marts said that the King County Growth Management Planning Council recently received a briefing on the Action Plan from King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci who served as co-chair of the Task Force. He said he appreciated hearing her perspective on the aspirational nature of the housing goals described in the plan and that it is important not to lose sight of the full magnitude of need. He said additional questions were answered for him that made him confident in supporting the Action Plan.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, noted discussion in November about what the policy statement should say and that SCA staff did an excellent job in drafting their recommendation.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that he hopes to see significant progress addressing the region's affordable housing need in the five years described in the Action Plan. He said the plan provided a roadmap to make progress and that it will take working together to achieve results.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, said that it will be important to continually monitor the region's progress in addressing the affordable housing need.

Chair Prince noted that Councilmember Ryan McIrvine, Renton, who also represented SCA on the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force was in attendance at PIC and thanked him for his efforts.

**There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **9. 2019 Priorities**

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson said the purpose of the 2019 Priorities agenda item is to for PIC members to share priority issues for their cities and provide input on regional issues that are most important for PIC to become engaged in the coming year. She said topics

identified by PIC could be the basis for future discussion items or pre-PIC workshops in 2019, and noted that the SCA Board would discuss the ideas generated by PIC at their 2019 retreat to help prioritize areas of focus. Based on ongoing regional discussions and previous feedback from SCA members, staff identified a series of issues for PIC members to consider, including:

- Homelessness and governance of the region's response system
- Affordable housing and implementation of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five-Year Action Plan
- Countywide Parks Levy renewal
- Charter review and the role of regional committees in setting countywide policy
- King Conservation District workplan and rates
- Transportation, mobility, and preparing for emerging transportation technologies
- Regional airport capacity and the impacts of future expansion of SeaTac Airport on surrounding communities
- Managing growth and the update to VISION 2050
- Economic development and expanding opportunity for prosperity
- Solid waste and the future of recycling
- Preparing for the 2020 US Census
- Emergency management coordination
- Addressing toxic social media, increasing civility in public discourse, and finding opportunities for collaborative problem solving

PIC members concurred with the list of issues identified by SCA staff and added additional priorities, including:

- The Governor's proposed community-based mental health centers
- Solid waste and the future of recycling
- Apprenticeships and workforce development
- Emergency preparedness training and the regional response system
- Workforce housing
- Addressing rising public safety costs
- Increasing transportation funding
- Improving regional coordination and streamlining decision-making processes
- Climate change and environmental sustainability
- Smart cities, small cell technology, and equitable access to service
- Parks and open space
- Equity and inclusion

## **10. Upcoming Events**

Chair Prince said the SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM (6:00 Pre-PIC *tentative*) at Renton City Hall.

SCA will host a Networking Dinner on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at the Renton Pavilion and Event Center. The keynote speaker will be King County Executive Dow Constantine.

Councilmember Toby Nixon noted that the Association of Washington Cities' City Action Days conflict with the February 13, 2019 PIC meeting. Executive Director Deanna Dawson said she would work with the PIC chair to determine whether to reschedule or cancel the February PIC meeting.

**11. For the Good of the Order**

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, expressed her condolences for the tragic passing of Councilmember Amina Ahmed, SeaTac. Mayor Erin Sitterley, SeaTac, spoke of the loss to the community and her sadness at the passing of Ahmed. The PIC held a moment of silence in honor of Ahmed.

**12. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting  
December 12, 2018**

<b>City</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Algona	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
<b>Auburn</b>	Nancy Backus	John Holman
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Aletha Howes
<b>Bellevue</b>	John Stokes	Janice Zahn
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
<b>Bothell</b>	James McNeal	Davina Duerr
<b>Burien</b>	Austin Bell	Nancy Tosta
<b>Carnation</b>	Dustin Green	Kim Lisk
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin
<b>Covington</b>	Fran Hollums	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.
<b>Des Moines</b>	Traci Buxton	Matt Mahoney
<b>Duvall</b>	Michelle Hogg	Jennifer Knaplund
Enumclaw	Anthony Wright	Mike Sando
<b>Federal Way</b>	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Martin Moore
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Chris Reh
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
<b>Kent</b>	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
<b>Kirkland</b>	Toby Nixon	Jay Arnold
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Sean Kelly	Linda Johnson
<b>Medina</b>	Sheree Wen	Alex Morcos
<b>Mercer Island</b>	Benson Wong	Tom Acker
Milton	Shanna Styron Sherrell	Mary Tompkins
<b>Newcastle</b>	Allen Dauterman	Carol Simpson
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Jonathan Chicquette
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing
<b>Pacific</b>	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
<b>Redmond</b>	Hank Margeson	Angela Birney
<b>Renton</b>	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
<b>Sammamish</b>	Christie Malchow	Pam Stuart
<b>SeaTac</b>	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
<b>Shoreline</b>	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
<b>Skykomish</b>	Henry Sladek	
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Katherine Ross	Matt Larson
<b>Tukwila</b>	Kate Kruller	Zac Idan
<b>Woodinville</b>	James Evans	Elaine Cook
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	
SCA	Deanna Dawson Brian Parry	Christa Valles Cynthia Foley

Voting members are highlighted. Cities represented are **bolded**.

# Recommended 2019 SCA Regional Board & Committee Appointments

## Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services (ADS Advisory Council)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	David Baker	Kenmore	N
Member	Marli Larimer	Kent	S

## All Home Coordinating Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Keith Scully	Shoreline	N

## Board of Health (BOH)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Angela Birney	Redmond	N
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Alt	David Baker	Kenmore	N
Alt	Krystal Marx	Burien	S

## Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Bill Boyce	Kent	S
Member	Elaine Cook	Woodinville	N

## Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Traci Buxton	Des Moines	S
Member	Christie Malchow	Sammamish	N
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Anthony Wright	Enumclaw	SV
Alt	Tanika Padhye	Redmond	N
Alt	Dana Parnello	Maple Valley	S
Alt	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Alt	Jennifer Robertson	Bellevue	N

## Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Marianne Klaas	Clyde Hill	N
Member	Bob Baggett	Auburn	S
Member	Wendy Weiker	Mercer Island	N
Alt	Toby Nixon	Kirkland	N
Alt	Linda Olson	Maple Valley	S
Alt	David Carson	Redmond	N

### Key:

- = New appointment
- = Moving from alternate to member
- = Unexpired term
- = Moving from member to alternate
- = Term limit reached, recommend finding of "exceptional circumstances" to reappoint
- = New Seat
- No color = Returning member

## Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Debbie Bertlin	Mercer Island	N
Member	Leanne Guier	Pacific	SV
Member	Matt Larson	Snoqualmie	SNO
Member	Tola Marts	Issaquah	N
Member	Thomas McLeod	Tukwila	S
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Alt	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Alt	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Alt	Pam Stuart	Sammamish	N
Alt	Fran Hollums	Covington	S

## HealthierHere Governing Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Erin Sitterley	SeaTac	S
Alt	Semra Riddle	Lake Forest Park	N

## Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ken Hearing	North Bend	SNO
Member	Clyde Hill	SeaTac	S
Member	De'Sean Quinn	Tukwila	S
Member	Chris Ross	Sammamish	N

## King Conservation District Advisory Committee (KCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S
Member	Mark Phillips	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	Wendy Weiker	Mercer Island	N
Alt	Amy McHenry	Duval	SNO
Alt	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Alt	Victoria Hunt	Issaquah	N

## King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Leanne Guier	Pacific	SV
Member	Henry Sladek	Skykomish	SNO
Member	Marla Mhoon	Covington	S
Member	Michelle Hogg	Duval	SNO
Alt	Anthony Wright	Enumclaw	SV
Alt	Karen Moran	Sammamish	N
Alt	Linda Johnson	Maple Valley	S
Alt	Salim Nice	Mercer Island	N

## King County Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 1 (LEOFF1) Disability Retirement Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Verna Seal	Tukwila	N

# Recommended 2019 SCA Regional Board & Committee Appointments

## Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (MCC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Hank Myers	Redmond	N

## Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MI DD) Oversight Committee King County

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dave Asher	Kirkland	N
Alt	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S

## PSRC Economic Development District Board (EDDB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Mariah Bettise	Issaquah	N
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Alt	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Alt	Sheree Wen	Medina	N

## PSRC Executive Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Ockerlander	Duvall	SNO
Member	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Member	Catherine Stanford	Lake Forest Park	N
Alt	Bruce Bassett	Mercer Island	N
Alt	Christie Malchow	Sammamish	N
Alt	Allan Ekberg	Tukwila	S
2nd Alt	Dave Hill	Algona	SV
2nd Alt	David Baker	Kenmore	N

## PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Member	John Holman	Auburn	S
Member	Hank Margeson	Redmond	N
Alt	Paul Winterstein	Issaquah	N
Alt	Nancy Tosta	Burien	S
Alt	Traci Buxton	Des Moines	S

## PSRC Operations Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Alt	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N

## PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Kate Kruller	Tukwila	S
Member	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Member	Davina Duer	Bothell	N
Alt	Mary Lou Pauly	Issaquah	N
Alt	Peter Kwon	SeaTac	S
Alt	Debbie Bertlin	Mercer Island	N

## Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Krystal Marx	Burien	S
Member	James McNeal	Bothell	N
Member	Jon Pascal	Kirkland	N
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Toni Troutner	Kent	S
Member	Ramiro Valderrama-Aramayo	Sammamish	N
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Member	Luisa Bangs	Des Moines	S

## Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Advisory Council

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S

## Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Angela Birney	Redmond	N
Member	Bill Peloza	Auburn	S
Member	John Stokes	Bellevue	N
Member	Austin Bell	Burien	S
Alt	Dave Hill	Algona	SV
Alt	James McNeal	Bothell	N

## Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dave Asher	Kirkland	N
Member	Bruce Bassett	Mercer Island	N
Member	Claude DaCorsi	Auburn	S
Member	Leanne Guier	Pacific	SV
Member	Kathy Hougardy	Tukwila	S
Member	Hank Margeson	Redmond	N
Member	Amy Ockerlander	Duvall	SNO
Member	John Wright	Lake Forest Park	N
Alt	John Chelminiak	Bellevue	N
Alt	Dennis Higgins	Kent	S
Alt	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Alt	Susan Chang	Shoreline	N

## Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Leanne Guier	Pacific	SV
Member	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N
Member	Benson Wong	Mercer Island	N
Member	John Wright	Lake Forest Park	N
Alt	Conrad Lee	Bellevue	N
Alt	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Phillippa Kassover	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N

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January 9, 2019  
SCA PIC Meeting

**Item 6:**  
2019 PIC Meeting Schedule  
***ACTION ITEM***

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**Potential Action**

Approval of Resolution 2019-1, Setting the Public Issues Committee’s 2019 Meeting Schedule

Pursuant to SCA Bylaw 4.17.6, the Public Issues Committee (PIC) “shall review and evaluate policy positions and recommend to the Board what, if any, action should be taken on such policy positions.” These meetings are open to the public, and agendas are available on the SCA website. Pursuant to SCA Bylaw 4.17.7c, regular meetings of the PIC “shall be held monthly or as deemed necessary.”

In the interest of openness, accountability, and transparency, the PIC will adopt a meeting schedule by resolution at its first meeting of the year. This will enable all SCA members and the public to be aware of meeting dates and locations.

The PIC typically meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at Renton City Hall. SCA also typically holds a pre-PIC workshop at 6 PM in advance of those meetings.

There will not be an SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 due to a conflict with the Association of Washington Cities’ City Action Days. If necessary, an emergency PIC meeting may be held on February 6, 2019 at SeaTac City Hall (prior to the SCA regional board and committee appointees orientation)

A resolution establishing the PIC meeting schedule for 2019 is attached.

**Attachment**

- A. [Resolution 2019-1, Setting the PIC’s 2019 Meeting Schedule](#)

**Sound Cities Association  
Resolution 2019-1  
2019 Public Issues Committee Schedule**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Issues Committee (PIC) of the Sound Cities Association meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM to conduct the regular business of the Committee, except as noted below; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Issues Committee holds a Pre-PIC workshop monthly at 6:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month for informational, educational or other PIC-related purposes, unless otherwise stated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Issues Committee holds the majority of its meetings at Renton City Hall;

**NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE OF THE SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:**

The Public Issues Committee sets the following schedule for 2019 PIC meetings:

- January 9
- March 13
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

**SECTION 2:**

Public Issues Committee meetings will typically be held at Renton City Hall. Alternate meeting locations may be determined by the membership.

PASSED BY THE PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE OF THE SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

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Ed Prince, 2019 PIC Chair Date

Attest:

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Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director Date



January 9, 2019  
SCA PIC Meeting

**Item 07:**  
King Conservation District Appointment  
***ACTION ITEM***

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**SCA Staff Contact**

Brian Parry, SCA Policy Director, [brian@soundcities.org](mailto:brian@soundcities.org), (206) 499-4159

**Potential Action**

The PIC Nominating Committee will meet in advance of the January 9, 2019 PIC meeting to make a recommendation on appointment to fill a vacancy on the King Conservation District Advisory Committee.

**King Conservation District**

The King Conservation District (KCD) was established in 1949 by the Washington Conservation Commission to provide landowners with assistance to protect and enhance natural resources. KCD serves 35 jurisdictions (34 cities and King County) with a combined population of 1.8 million. The District's mission is "to promote the sustainable uses of natural resources through responsible stewardship."

In 2014, KCD convened a new Advisory Committee as part of its implementation of its Task Force/Conservation Panel recommendations. In December 2015, the King County Council approved a five-year system of rates and charges to fund the King Conservation District near the legislative ceiling of \$10.00 per parcel. With increased emphasis on serving the needs of urban constituents, the new work plan and budget will enable KCD to respond to increased demands for local food, healthy forests, and clean water.

SCA has appointing authority on the Advisory Committee for three representatives and three alternates. Only cities that are members of the KCD are eligible for appointment. Enumclaw, Federal Way, Milton, Pacific, and Skykomish are not members of the KCD.

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**Item 08:**  
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Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, Chair; Mayor David Baker, Kenmore; Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent; Mayor Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park

**Discussion**

The 2019 Washington State Legislative Session begins January 14 for an up to 105-day regular session. To prepare, cities have identified a number of priorities through individually adopted legislative agendas as well as shared agendas, including those recommended by PIC and the Association of Washington Cities. The SCA 2019 PIC-recommended Legislative Agenda ([Attachment A](#)) focuses on legislative requests in three priority issue areas: Address the Affordable Housing Crisis; Invest in Transportation Infrastructure and Mobility; and, Provide Tools for Cities to Address Other Critical Local Priorities. SCA contracted with a consultant, Briahna Murray, Vice President of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs, to provide monthly updates to PIC members on key legislative priorities. The information contained in this memo was provided by Briahna Murray.

**Background**

The 2019 legislative session begins on Monday, January 14. Legislators have already begun pre-filing legislative proposals for the upcoming session. In addition to proposals that have been formally pre-filed, there are dozens of bill drafts circulating for comment. Below is an outline of pre-filed bills and bill drafts related to Sound Cities Association's legislative priorities.

**Address the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Crisis**

We anticipate that the Legislature will consider dozens of proposals to address affordable housing. These proposals will likely fall into three categories: 1) increasing funding to construct affordable housing; 2) financial incentives for the private market to construct more affordable housing; 3) changes to land use/growth management to affect the housing market. Below are brief summaries of legislative proposals that have either been formally pre-filed or bill drafts are informally being circulated for feedback:

- **Credit Against the State Sales Tax to Fund Affordable Housing:** Rep. Nicole Macri (D-Seattle) convened stakeholder meetings for the past three months to receive feedback on her proposal to provide cities and counties with the authority to impose a credit

against the state sales tax to fund affordable housing projects that serve the 0-50% adjusted median income population. A credit against the state sales tax is not an increase in the state sales tax, but rather redirects sales tax revenue from the state general fund to the city or county. Cities and counties would each be authorized to impose a .015% credit against the state sales tax (e.g. the city of Kenmore would receive a .015% credit against the state sales tax; King County would also receive a .015% credit against the state sales tax). The bill is likely to have a significant fiscal note.

- **Maintain REET 2 Flexibility for Affordable Housing Beyond 2019:** The City of Kirkland is spearheading a legislative proposal that continues to allow cities to use up to \$1 million in REET 2 revenues if the City has identified funding for its capital facilities plan for the next two years. Cities have this authority under current law; but the authority is scheduled to sunset in June 2019. Sen. Patty Kuderer (D-Bellevue) and Rep. Amy Walen (D-Kirkland) are the likely Senate and House sponsors of the legislation.
- **Proposals for Additional REET Authority:** In previous legislative sessions, there have been proposals to allow cities the ability to impose a third quarter of a percent Real Estate Excise Tax (commonly referred to as REET III). We anticipate that this proposal will once again be introduced. Additionally, authority to impose a fourth quarter of a percent Real Estate Excise Tax with voter approval was authorized for San Juan County only. We anticipate a legislative proposal will be brought forward that expands this authority to all cities and counties.
- **Tax Credits for Low-Income Housing:** Former Rep. Joan McBride (D-Kirkland) introduced House Bill 2913 last session. Proponents of the bill are in the process of redrafting and reintroducing the bill for the 2019 legislative session. The bill would allow the Housing Finance Commission to issue tax credits against public utility taxes and insurance premium taxes for low-income housing development. Low-income housing developers would then be able to allocate the tax credits among partners, shareholders, etc. to generate the necessary capital to allow the development to proceed forward. \$7 million in credits would be available each year for six years. The bill is modeled after and is written to work complementary to the federal tax program. The State of Colorado also has a similar program. The Association of Washington Cities was supportive of the bill when it was introduced last session.
- **Condominium Liability Act Reform Legislation:** Sen. Jamie Pedersen (D-Seattle) intends to sponsor legislation making reforms to the Condominium Liability Act. Specifically, the proposal will narrow the definition of actionable damages in condominium construction defect litigation from potential/prospective damage to actual damage, modify statutory condominium construction warranties to mirror warranties for single-family homes and apartments, protect volunteer members of condominium associations if they decline to file construction defect litigation, and increase notice requirements to builders and provide a timely opportunity to cure/consult. A bill draft with specific language is not yet available.

- **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Legislation:** Rep. Mia Gregerson (D-SeaTac) is seeking feedback on a bill draft that requires city ordinances and development regulations to meet a series of minimum requirements around accessory dwelling units. Local regulations must: 1) allow for a minimum of two ADUs per single-family lot; 2) not require for off-street parking for ADUs; 3) not require new or separate utility connections for attached ADUs; 4) not require a minimum lot size; 5) not require a minimum square footage greater than 70 square feet, a maximum square footage that is less than 1,000 square feet, or a height limitation that below 24 feet.
- **Minimum Density Requirements:** Sen. Guy Palumbo (D-Maltby) and Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon (D-Burien) have each circulated bill draft proposals that preempt city zoning authority and require minimum densities in certain areas near transit routes/stops. Cities have provided significant feedback on both proposals expressing strong concerns and the need for local control. As the policy discussion around affordable housing continues throughout the legislative session, the discussion around mandatory minimum density is anticipated to continue.

In addition to considering proposals around affordable housing, the state is considering proposals to reform the state mental health system. Proposals reforming the system will likely be tied to the budget. The Governor has proposed moving away from state psychiatric hospitals to a community-based treatment. [Click here to view the details of his proposal around the state's mental health system.](#)

### **Invest in Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility**

The 2019-21 Transportation Budget is anticipated to have limited revenue available for new projects. However, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, Sen. Steve Hobbs (D-Lake Stevens) has indicated that he intends to introduce a gas and carbon tax proposal to make a new round of transportation investments. He indicated that he intends to get feedback from stakeholders between now and the beginning of the legislative session. Early in the legislative session, he will hold a hearing on a draft bill and make further amendments to the bill draft prior to formally introducing it. Concepts for the transportation package include:

Increasing revenue through:

- \$15 flat rate carbon fee
- 6-cent gas tax increase
- A statewide transportation impact fee (\$2.50/square foot for commercial buildings; \$1/square foot for residential and manufacturing).
- Sales tax increase on auto part sales
- Sales tax increase on bicycles
- Sales tax increase on rental cars
- Increase in the electric vehicle fee
- Variety of additional fee increases

These revenue mechanisms raise \$14 billion over 10 years. Of the \$14 billion, \$1 billion would be spent on operations and maintenance. Other investments would potentially include:

- \$3.1 billion to replace state-owned culverts, with an additional \$200 million for local culverts, to be administered on a watershed-basis via the Fish Barrier Removal Board. This fully responds to the Supreme Court decision that requires the state to replace culverts.
- Funding for five new ferries, and the electrification of ferries
- \$20 million to improve electrical grids to support electric vehicle infrastructure
- \$50 million for the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
- \$70 million for the Transportation Improvement Board
- \$70 million for the County Road Administration Board
- **\$375 million directly distributed to cities and counties for local needs** (this is the same amount of funding that was allocated to cities/counties in the Connecting Washington transportation package).
- Funding for bicycle and pedestrian grants, regional mobility grants, safe routes to schools, vanpools, transit, etc.

Additionally, there will be some dialogue around the low carbon fuel standard, which reduces the carbon intensity of certain transportation fuel types.

In addition to discussions around a transportation revenue package, the Legislature will consider legislation that authorizes tolling on I-405, SR 167 HOT lanes, and the SR 509/SR 167 Puget Sound Gateway Project. Whether to bond toll revenue to fund additional projects will be discussed as part of this tolling proposal.

Meanwhile, of great importance to Sound Cities Association members is increased transportation revenue to meet city transportation needs. The Joint Transportation Committee is mid-way through a study to assess the current state of city transportation funding, identify emerging issues, and recommend funding sources to meet current and future needs. WSDOT and the Association of Washington Cities will provide technical support to the study. A final report is due on June 30, 2019. It's hoped that this study will provide the basis for a proposal to increase local transportation revenue in future sessions.

### **Provide the Tools for Cities to Address Other Critical Local Priorities**

The 2019 Legislature will likely consider several proposals to provide additional tools to cities; however, no bills have been pre-filed. In addition to proposals to provide new tools, while developing the state budget, the state is asked to fully fund state-shared revenues. Below is the status of some of the key programs.

- *Basic Law Enforcement Academy Funding* – Sound Cities Association joins others in advocating for increased funding for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The Governor's budget proposal includes funding for nine additional Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) classes in each fiscal year. This is the funding level the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) indicated would be necessary to decrease the waitlist for BLEA classes. With this additional funding, the CJTC would be able to run a total of 19 classes per fiscal year.

- *Public Works Assistance Account* – The Association of Washington Cities will be advocating to restore funding to the Public Works Assistance Account. Meanwhile, the Governor’s proposed budget takes a unique approach to funding the Public Works Assistance Account. He proposes to sweep the cash funds into the Education Legacy Account, but fully appropriates \$140 million to the account. He proposes to “over-appropriate” the cash that is projected to actually be available in an account in any given biennium, making two assumptions: that less than 100% of the appropriation will be expended (“burn rate”) in that single biennium and that revenues will continue to consistently flow into the account in future biennia at a level that will cover the over-appropriation. This same budget move was used for the Model Toxics Control Account prior to the recession. However, because revenues into the account did not consistently flow in, it caused a shortfall.

### **Next Steps**

Please share this information with your city. Questions may be directed to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at [brian@soundcities.org](mailto:brian@soundcities.org) or 206-499-4159.

### **Attachments**

- A. [SCA 2019 PIC Recommended Legislative Agenda](#)
- B. [Association of Washington Cities 2019 Legislative Priorities](#)

To provide leadership through advocacy, education, mutual support and networking to cities in King County as they act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities.

## **SCA PIC Recommended 2019 Legislative Agenda**

### **Address the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Crisis**

The state and cities must partner to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing as, well as address behavioral health needs and other root causes of homelessness. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- *Take steps to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing, including:*
  - *Continued investment and expansion of the Housing Trust Fund*
  - *Expand pathways to homeownership, including reforming condominium liability law*
  - *Allow cities to create and preserve affordable housing through optional local tools*
- *Address other underlying causes of homelessness by providing support to cities to implement innovative local solutions and increasing investments in our state's behavioral health system*

### **Invest in Transportation Infrastructure and Mobility**

The economic vitality of our state demands that we invest in our existing transportation infrastructure and prioritize new investments that improve the movement of people and goods across the transportation system in an integrated, efficient, and reliable manner. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- *Create stable, long-term funding available to cities to address maintenance and preservation of existing infrastructure*
- *Support improving mobility along significant urban, regional, and state corridors by managing them as an integrated system that supports motor vehicle, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian travel*

### **Provide the Tools for Cities to Address Other Critical Local Priorities**

City revenue streams are limited and are not structured to sustainably keep-up with rising costs. Cities need flexible local funding tools, fewer unfunded mandates, and continued support from the state for shared responsibilities. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- *Give cities funding tools to sustainably address local priorities, such as:*
  - *Replacing the arbitrary annual 1% cap on property tax increases with a limit tied to inflation plus population growth*
  - *Increasing flexibility for REET and other existing revenues*
  - *Continuing streamlined sales tax mitigation to affected cities*
- *Maintain the state's responsibility to cities by:*
  - *Fully and equitably funding critical public safety and correctional facility investments including the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and Corrections Officers Academy*
  - *Continuing smart investments in cost-effective programs including MRSC and the Public Works Assistance Account*
  - *Meeting the state's commitment to share revenues with cities in order to provide vital services to our shared constituents*

# 2019 Legislative Priorities

Strong cities make a great state. Cities house 65 percent of the state's residents, drive its economy, and provide the most accessible government. The continued success of cities depends on adequate resources and community-based decision-making to best meet the needs of our residents. Preserving local decision-making continues to be one of our core principles.



### Support economic development tools to encourage job creation and economic growth

Washington's cities need additional economic development tools that assist in maintaining, expanding, and modernizing local infrastructure to help spur local private sector investment. By supporting value capture financing, the Legislature can partner with cities and towns to advance our shared goals of building a robust and diverse economy for communities around the state.



### Keep the Public Works Trust Fund in working order

Cities support ongoing investment in the various infrastructure funding programs sponsored by the state. In particular, the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) is a crucial funding partner in our efforts to provide the necessary infrastructure for our communities. We seek full funding for the Public Works Board's \$217 million budget, funded from the current stream of loan repayments and the 2 percent of REET dedicated to the account. Additionally, we look to strengthen the program by ending REET fund diversions from the account now instead of waiting until 2023.



### Invest in affordable housing

Communities around the state are facing a housing affordability crisis. Cities support an ongoing \$200 million capital budget investment in the Housing Trust Fund, a \$20 million per year local government revenue sharing proposal, and \$1.5 million per year for reinvestment of the sales tax from the construction of multifamily development. In addition, cities support proposals that remove barriers to affordable housing, including voluntary density and infill development solutions, opportunities for creating shared housing, and addressing condominium liability to expand housing choices.



### Fund a systems approach to correct fish-blocking culverts

AWC and state agency partners are focused on developing and funding a comprehensive statewide approach to fix salmon-blocking culverts. In order to achieve meaningful salmon and orca recovery, cities need ongoing and significant funding to upgrade city culverts. This critical investment will support fish passage by maximizing collaboration with the state's legal obligation to upgrade its culverts, while also addressing other critical needs like stormwater and water quality. Cities support creating a permanent framework to fund systemwide corrections that begins with fully funding the Fish Barrier Removal Board this biennium, including capacity for a grant program in the second half of the biennium. An effective framework also includes a commitment to future investment.



### Provide responsive funding for the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC)

Cities need a responsive funding model for the CJTC to ensure that newly-hired law enforcement officers and corrections officers have timely access to basic training. Cities seek funding for at least 19 Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) classes per year and at least seven Corrections Officer Academy classes per year in order to meet our public safety needs.



### Address a failing behavioral health system

Cities are experiencing the ramifications of an overwhelmed mental health and drug abuse response system. The state needs to make investments sufficient to improve access to these systems and their success across the state. Cities will work with the state to pursue enhancements and reforms to the behavioral health delivery systems including engaging with mental health transformation proposals, the *Trueblood* settlement, making permanent the mental health co-responder program, and supporting comprehensive opioid response legislation.

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January 9, 2019  
SCA PIC Meeting

**Item 09:**  
Homelessness Response System Recommendations  
***DISCUSSION ITEM***

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Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Mayor John Chelminiak, Bellevue; Council President Ed Prince, Renton

With the goal of making homelessness rare, brief and one-time, government, philanthropy, business, and people with lived experience are working towards improved coordination among funders and stakeholders. Efforts are underway to examine and possibly consolidate the current homelessness response governance structure, assess existing investments, and develop an implementation plan. During the January 9 PIC meeting, members will have an opportunity to discuss the recent consultant recommendations related to governance and consolidation, the response to these recommendations from key stakeholders and associated implementation work that is planned for 2019.

**Background**

On May 1, 2018, the King County Auditor released a [report](#) finding the region’s efforts to better align its homeless response were falling short.<sup>1</sup> The Auditor observed that a fragmented governance structure was “too weak to drive change”:

*Local funders—the City of Seattle, King County, and United Way of King County—have worked to increase system consistency, but diffuse authority still hinders regional homeless response... The City and County separately manage their funding and contracting processes, presenting administrative and operational burdens for homeless housing providers. Having many large organizations working independently also reduces the ability of the region to respond collectively to community needs, and creates roadblocks to change...Despite its role as a coordinating body, All Home lacks the authority to unify local funders into an efficient and nimble crisis response system.*

On May 3, 2018, the Mayor of Seattle and King County Executive signed an [MOU](#) committing Seattle and King County to immediately coordinate all Request for Proposals for homeless services, including joint contract language and monitoring, and to improve data collection, analysis, and evaluation efforts related to homeless investments. Prompted in part by the King

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<sup>1</sup> A 2016 [Barb Poppe and associates report](#) commissioned by Seattle’s Human Service Department also noted several problems stemming from a lack of regional coordination and investment alignment.

County audit findings, the MOU also called for recommendations to revise the region’s homeless governance structure. To that end, Seattle, King County, All Home, and certain philanthropic and business partners retained several consultants to assist with the work identified in the MOU.

SCA staff were invited to participate in on-going weekly meetings with Seattle and King County staff while an Executive Leadership Group (ELG) has met three times since October 2018 to receive progress reports and provide feedback. The ELG is comprised of the Seattle Mayor, King County Executive, SCA representatives (Bellevue Mayor John Chelminiak, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, and Renton City Council President Ed Prince), and representatives from business, philanthropy, and people with lived experience.

SCA staff provided updates on this work and related One Table efforts<sup>2</sup> to PIC at the [May 9](#), [July 11](#), [September 12](#), and [November 14](#) meetings. This memo also contains several attachments for additional background, including:

- A. The most recent point-in-time count completed in January 2018
- B. King County Auditor’s Office visual of the current system
- C. An infographic by the Seattle Times showing Seattle, King County, and philanthropic revenues and expenditures in 2017 dedicated to homelessness and affordable housing
- D. An overview of City of Seattle homeless investments from 2017 Adopted – 2019 Proposed

## Update

### *Recommendations from Future Laboratories*

On December 14, 2018, the consulting firm Future Laboratories released a [multi-media website](#) identifying actions to improve the regions’ response to the homeless crisis. While Future Laboratories acknowledges the region has insufficient resources to address the root causes of homelessness, it also found that current “resource deployment is sub-optimal”. This is consistent with findings in the [Focus Strategies](#) and [Barbe Poppe](#) reports issued in 2016, i.e., better use of current resources could yield improved outcomes for people experiencing homelessness.

Future Laboratories is recommending the region create a more coherent *system* of supports and services focused on exiting people from homelessness. The current status quo largely consists of a variety of disconnected programs and providers who are not necessarily working under a shared set of goals, making it difficult for people experiencing homelessness to access appropriate services. To create a more effective and efficient system, Future Laboratories believes it is necessary to consolidate Seattle and King County’s efforts, investments, and

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<sup>2</sup> “One Table” members were charged with identifying “community action steps to confront the root causes of homelessness”. A final set of [recommendations](#) was issued on August 3, 2018.

governance into a unified entity. Future Laboratories primary recommendations include the following:

- Create a joint powers authority between Seattle and King County, consolidating homeless investments, staffing, and oversight. Keep governance board membership small with clear decision-making structures and real expertise of the issues.
- Redesign intake processes to better connect clients to all available services and supports, addressing individual needs while eliminating duplication, redundancy, and the service navigation maze
- Improve client connections to jobs and other economic supports
- Develop new behavioral and physical support services for people experiencing chronic homelessness
- Create a system where actions, outcomes and funding decisions are accountable to people living with homelessness, which entails, in part, creating an ombudsman function and a continuous quality improvement system centered on “customer” accountability<sup>3</sup>
- Form a funders collaborative to align investments and outcomes across public and private sectors
- Increase alignment with other sectors, including Seattle, Renton and King County Housing Authorities, and increase access to housing for 0-30% AMI

Future Laboratories’ recommendation to consolidate the region’s homeless efforts and investments into a single agency also recognizes the need to create sub-regional plans:

*Sub-regional coordination is a particularly critical function of a new regional authority...there is often a substantial distance between service points and each municipality has a different level of resources to support customers. There are also demographic differences across sub-regions. The new regional authority should identify mechanisms...that enable sub-regional areas to identify their own priorities and plans and funding streams around homelessness in alignment with system-wide policies and goals.*

Future Laboratories recommends that members of the governing board have the necessary technical expertise, decision-making authority, and resource control to execute quickly. The governance board should be relatively small, but also representative of a range of stakeholders, including members from the Offices of the Mayor of Seattle and King County Executive, the King County and Seattle City Councils, Sound Cities Association, the Continuum of Care (All Home), people with lived experience, health care providers, public housing authorities, and the philanthropic and business communities. The exact composition of this board has yet to be determined.

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<sup>3</sup> “customer” is in reference to people with lived experience” or “people experiencing homelessness”.

### *Stakeholder Response to Future Laboratories recommendations*

At a December 2019 [press briefing](#), Mayor Durkan and Executive Constantine, along with business and philanthropic partners, endorsed Future Laboratories' recommended actions. Executive Constantine noted in a related [press release](#) that he and Mayor Durkan “support a new entity that is unified, independent, and regional”.

While the specific legal structure of this entity has not yet been determined, Mayor Durkan and Executive Constantine envision it will oversee the following bodies of work:

- Prevention and emergency services, including shelter, outreach, and diversion
- Permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing
- Policy, contract management, performance management, and technical assistance
- Continuum of Care funding and functions<sup>4</sup>
- Metrics and milestones for measuring success and accountability

Mayor Durkan and Executive Constantine acknowledge that a consolidated entity will not address the root causes of homelessness- lack of affordable housing and behavioral health support, criminal justice and child welfare issues, unemployment and poverty- but they believe a consolidated agency with a new governance structure is a “critical first step” and “necessary pre-condition” to improve the accountability and efficacy of current investments.

SCA representatives on the ELG (Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Mayor John Chelminiak, Bellevue; Council President Ed Prince, Renton) have communicated to the ELG that SCA will require more detailed information about any new governance structure and consolidated agency before SCA can endorse the governance recommendations. SCA ELG representatives have also advocated for SCA to have equal representation with Seattle and King County on any potential governance board. While the SCA ELG representatives did not attend the press event on December 19, Renton City Council President and PIC Chair, Ed Prince, provided the following statement on behalf of the SCA ELG members:

*While we have not had opportunity to vet this plan with our membership, we are committed to working collaboratively with King County, Seattle, and the business and philanthropic communities to address this regional homelessness crisis. We appreciate that the report recognizes that there are different needs in our communities, and we look forward to working with our partners to craft a governance structure that will give voice to our communities.*

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<sup>4</sup> Required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive federal funding

### *2019 Planning Work*

In the coming year, Seattle and King County intend to develop an implementation timeline and action plan to support the creation of a unified entity, including:

- Develop a regional action plan with costs and measurable goals to reduce homelessness through crisis and prevention efforts
- Work with the All Home board to define its specific role within a consolidated entity and adopt an updated Continuum of Care governance charter that meets HUD requirements
- Engage community stakeholders, providers, employees, and clients to shape a unifying implementation plan and ensure mutual accountability
- Begin co-locating key staff and integrating processes across organizations and jurisdictions
- Work with Seattle and King County Councils to adopt an interlocal agreement
- Develop a process to allocate City and County resources to the new entity

Another set of consultant recommendations, due in March 2019 by Focus Strategies, will likely feed into and influence some of the above decisions. The Focus Strategies team is collecting information from Seattle, King County and SCA member cities, reviewing current investments, and crunching HMIS data to assess system efficacy and develop additional recommendations.

### *Outstanding Policy Issues*

Significant policy issues remain, including the type of legal entity the consolidated agency will assume, the number of seats to be allocated to stakeholder groups represented on the new governing board, numerous operational details about the governance board's oversight authority and decision-making powers, staffing and labor issues, and what specific funding streams will be appropriated and how. In addition, SCA member cities will be especially interested in the following:

- How will stakeholders ensure a unified entity produces the systems change needed and sought-- providing a consistent, positive experience for people experiencing homelessness and effectively increasing connections to permanent housing?
- What powers and authority will the new entity have and how will it be governed to maximize data-driven and evidenced-based decision-making that leads to a reduction in the region's homeless population?
- What representation and voting authority will SCA member cities have on the governance board?
- How will a consolidated entity balance the need to create more uniform standards and results while addressing the unique needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and allowing for local differences?
- How will sub-regional plans be developed and feed into the broader system?

Each of the Future Laboratory recommendations represents a significant body of work. Change and disruption is inevitable, and likely necessary to achieve the desired results, but implementation will not be easy. Barb Poppe, who has been consulting with Seattle and King

County and is the previous director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, [recently observed](#) the following in a Seattle Times interview:

*There's no entity responsible for implementation...it's implementation by committee without any clarity as to who's the leader...So in your community you struggle both at the governance decision-making table, but also at the implementation of the actions that need to get undertaken.*

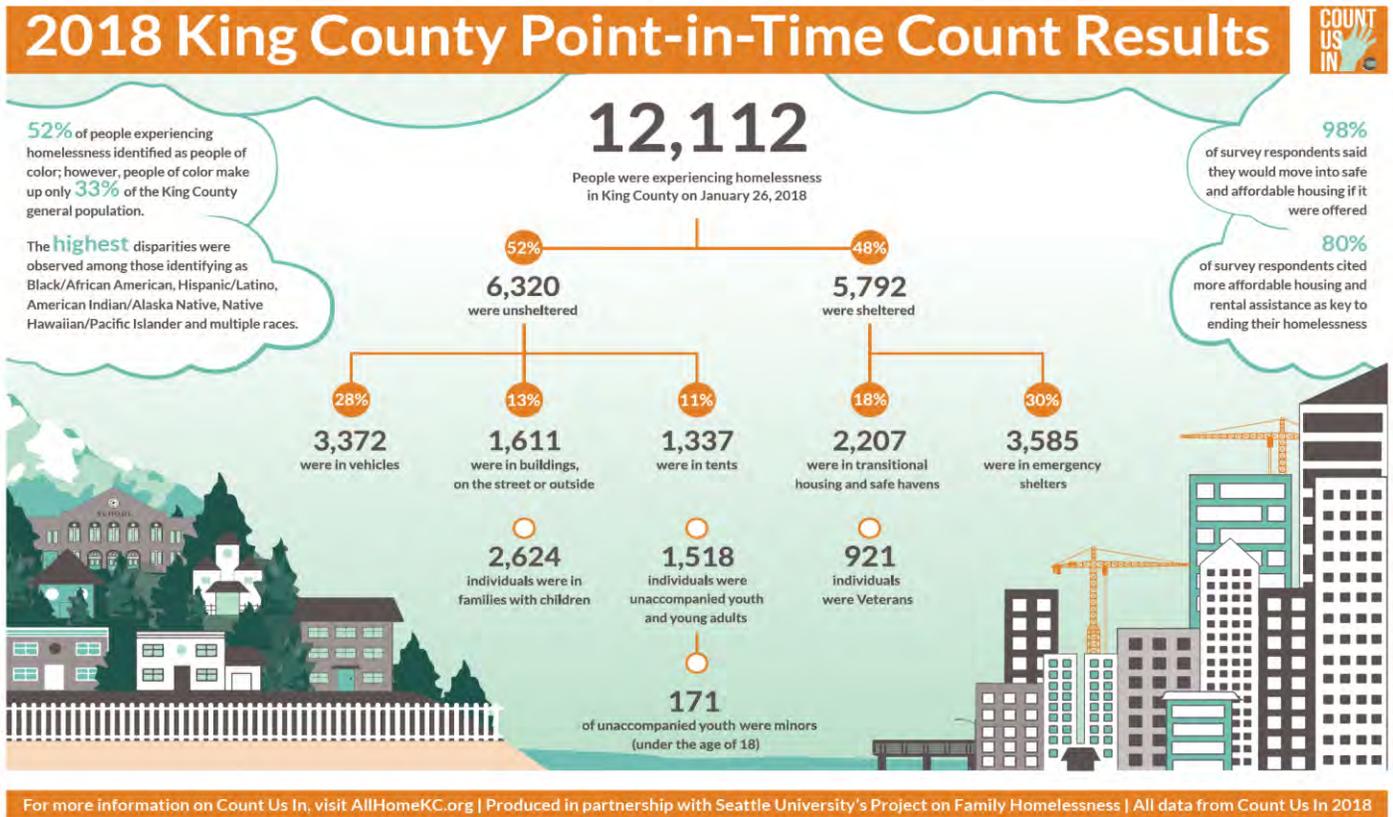
The implicit assumption embedded in Future Laboratories' recommendations is that the governing board of a newly consolidated homeless agency will oversee much of this work, and it will become more feasible to accomplish under the guidance of a consolidated entity. Going forward, it will be important to ensure a newly consolidated agency is not only more efficient in allocating resources, but also more effective in implementing the work that needs to get done to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.

### **Next Steps**

While the ELG agreed to continue to meet periodically in 2019, it is not yet clear whether the staff working group as currently constituted, which includes SCA, Seattle, and King County staff, will continue to meet weekly in 2019. King County and Seattle staff have scheduled an all-day planning meeting for the work group in early January to develop an implementation "road map" that will identify the various legal issues, policy decisions, and mechanics to be addressed over the coming months. There is also a desire to identify how and when stakeholder engagement will occur, and which stakeholders will ultimately be responsible for making certain decisions vs. stakeholders who will play an advisory role. In general, this will likely vary by issue. In addition to this work, the consulting group Focus Strategies will continue to collect and analyze available performance and investment information with recommendations anticipated in March 2019.

SCA staff will continue to update PIC members in 2019 as the process unfolds and additional information becomes available.

Questions or feedback can be provided to SCA Senior Policy Analyst Christa Valles at [christa@soundcities.org](mailto:christa@soundcities.org) or 206-495-5238.



Since Seattle and King County declared a homeless state of emergency in 2015, the number of people who are homeless in King County has continued to increase. The number of people experiencing homelessness during the 2018 Point-in-Time count increased 4% overall from 2017. A few points to note:

- 52% of homeless were unsheltered (vs 47% in 2017)
- 71% of the unsheltered population was in Seattle
- The total number of people in the system over the course of year is greater than the point-in-time-count, and, according to All Home, “can easily be two to three times the single point-in-time estimate”

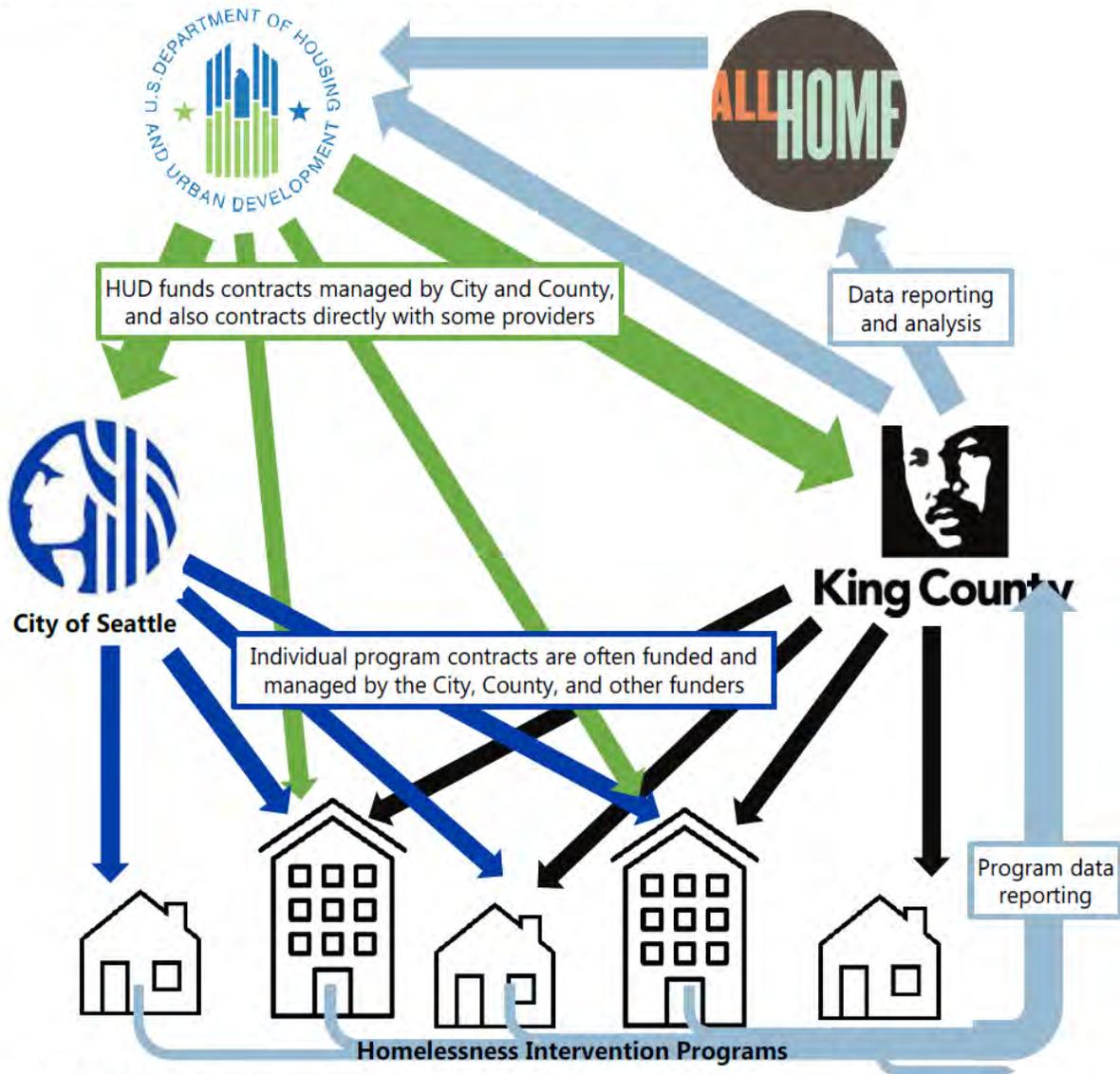
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East County	6%	319	6%	393
North County	1%	58	4%	251
Northeast County	2%	84	2%	137
Seattle	70%	3,841	71%	4,488
Southwest County	20%	1,113	15%	974
Southeast County	1%	70	1%	77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,485</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,320</b>

**Who is counted in the Point-in-time count?**

For the purposes of Count Us In, the HUD definition of homelessness was used, which is: individuals and families who: 1) Are living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and safe havens) designated to provide temporary living arrangements, or 2) Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a vehicle, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground (including any sanctioned or unsanctioned encampment location).

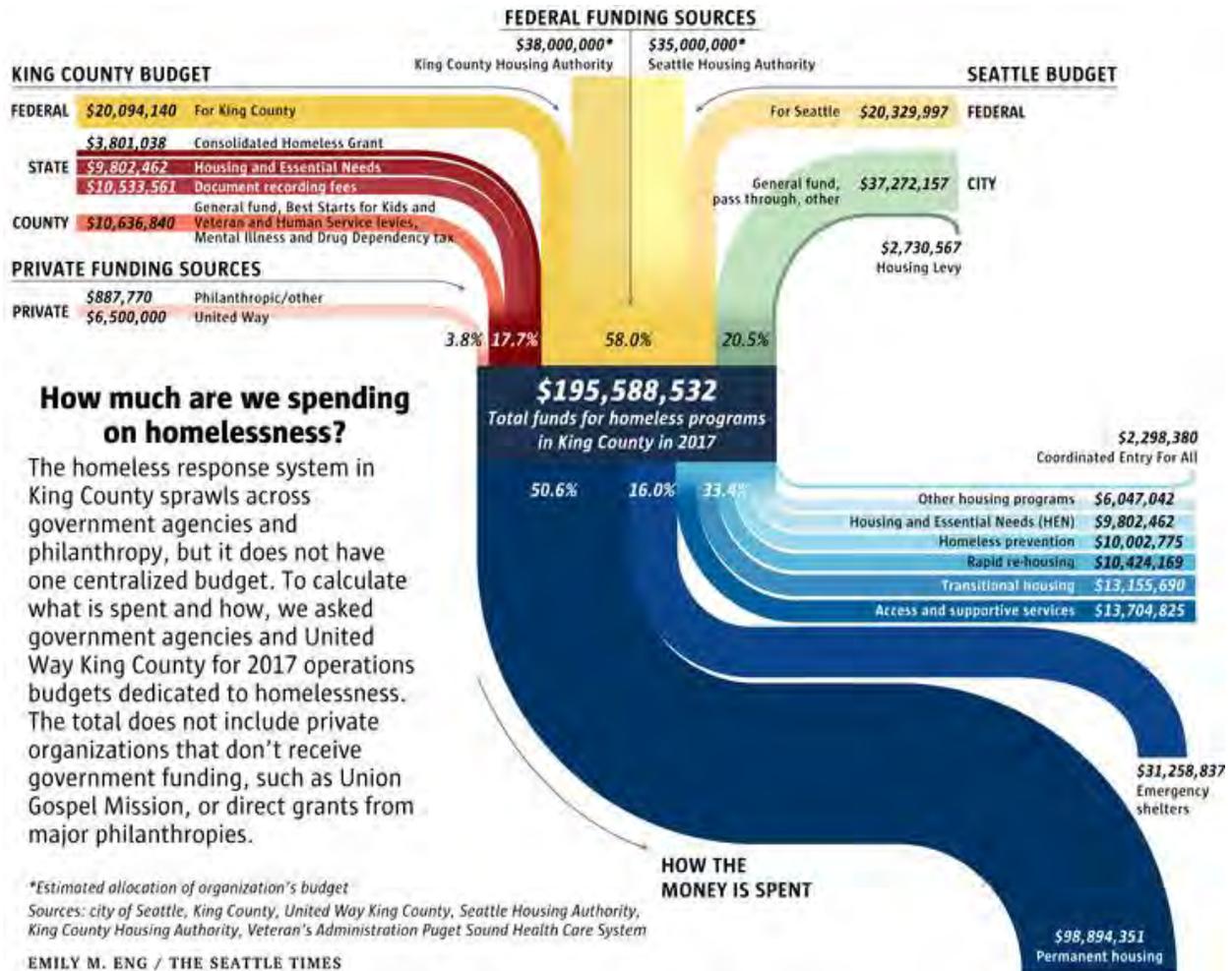
This definition excludes persons and families who are “doubled up” with friends or other families in private homes, hotels, motels, or other arrangements.

Regional homeless programs funded and overseen by multiple funders



Source: King County Auditor's Office

This graphic is from a King County Audit report, [\*"Homeless Crisis Demands Unified, Accountable, Dynamic Regional Response."\*](#) The report found the region's homeless system fragmented and consequently, "too weak to drive change."



This graphic is from a November 8, 2017 [Seattle Times article](#). While funding has increased since then, this provides a good summary of the different funding streams and investment categories.

## Citywide Homelessness Response Spending



Note: 2019 Proposed Budget recategorizes \$2.6M in Access to Services, shifting costs to other program areas in HSD

The majority of Seattle’s homeless funding is contracted out to various service providers. Seattle City employees who oversee homeless programming are responsible for managing the various provider contracts and reporting on performance outcomes, conducting research and policy analysis, staying abreast of best practices, assessing overall system performance, and recommending and implementing changes where appropriate. Seattle is also allocating funds and staff for clean-up activities and outreach oversight (often referred to as the “navigation team”, which includes police officers and privately contracted outreach workers).

In response to recommendations in the 2016 Barb Poppe report, Seattle has since introduced a more competitive funding process, instituted performance-based contracting for providers, and begun shifting funding from shelters that provide limited hours and services to those that focus more intently on finding people permanent housing options and offer 24/7 access. The Seattle Times recently interviewed Poppe about [Seattle’s progress](#). (Note: Poppe’s comment about the prioritization process is likely referencing All Home’s Coordinated Entry system, which is not run by Seattle).

This graphic was originally included in an article by SCC Insight on October 14, 2018 and later run on the [Seattle Business](#) website. The Seattle City Council added several million to Mayor Durkan’s 2019 Proposed Budget for additional homeless services and increases for provider salaries, so the 2019 Adopted Budget will be higher than the 2019 Proposed Budget shown here.



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**Item 10:**  
Regional Transit and Road Maintenance Planning  
***DISCUSSION***

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**SCA Regional Transit Committee (RTC) Members**

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**Discussion**

During the 2019/2020 biennial budget process, the King County Council passed [Motion 15252](#) directing the King County Executive to initiate a regional planning effort during 2019 to address the implementation of King County Metro's long-range transit service and capital plan ([Metro Connects](#)) as well as the ongoing maintenance needs of King County's transportation infrastructure.

Motion 15252 further directs the County Executive to update cost estimates for implementation of Metro Connects and convene regional leaders in the first half of 2019 to develop a regional funding plan, including consultation with Sound Cities Association (SCA).

The region last pursued a countywide funding proposal to support transit service and road maintenance in 2014. The proposed Transportation Benefit District, which would have included a \$60 car tab fee and a 0.1 percent sales tax increase, was rejected by voters in April 2014. In response to the failure of the countywide TBD, Seattle leaders proposed transit funding package utilizing the same funding sources. In November 2014 the Seattle-only transit funding package was approved with an expiration of 2020.

The process outlined in Motion 15252, along with the expiration of Seattle's 2014 transit levy, provide the opportunity to consider long-term roads and transit funding in King County and addressing the needs of cities in any such proposal.

The Regional Transit Committee (RTC) will be briefed on the plan to implement Motion 15252 at its meeting on January 16. The first report on the status of this effort is to be delivered to the King County Council by May 31.

## Background

During the King County 2019/2020 biennial budget process, the King County Council passed Motion 15252 directing the executive to update transit plans, and initiate discussions with regional leaders to develop a new regional transportation funding strategy in 2019<sup>1</sup>.

[Metro Connects](#), King County's long-range transit plan, envisioned a large expansion in transit service. However, a large portion of the planned service and supporting capital investments had no identified funding source. When it was approved, it was estimated that \$7.8 billion dollars in new capital investment would be needed by 2040, as well as funding for 1.2 million new service hours. King County have noted that the 2016 cost estimate is likely lower than what will be needed to implement the plan due the rising cost of construction and increased traffic congestion.

In early 2016, the Bridges and Roads Taskforce [recommended](#) that a new revenue tool be developed for funding stranded or orphaned road infrastructure within cities and in unincorporated King County. In addition, in 2017 SCA participated in discussions on road and infrastructure needs in a forum called the [Regional Transportation System Initiative](#) (RTSI). The RTSI estimated that there is \$7.5 billion dollars of unmet roads needs in the regional roads system through 2040.

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## New Transportation Planning and Funding Legislation

King County Council [Motion 15252](#) directs the Executive to update regional transit plans and work with regional leaders to develop a new regional transit funding strategy in 2019.

Transit planning elements of Motion 15252 include:

- Initiating a regional planning effort to implement Metro Connects and plan for the ongoing maintenance needs of King County's transportation infrastructure; and
- Updating Metro Connects to reflect increased population growth, increasing regional congestion, inflation and construction costs, regional mobility needs and innovations in transportation.

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<sup>1</sup> The Seattle Times recently published a useful diagram describing transportation revenues and spending in King County, which is included here as [Attachment A](#).

Motion 15252 directs the Executive to plan to consult with regional leaders to develop a regional transportation funding strategy. The Motion states that initial outreach should include:

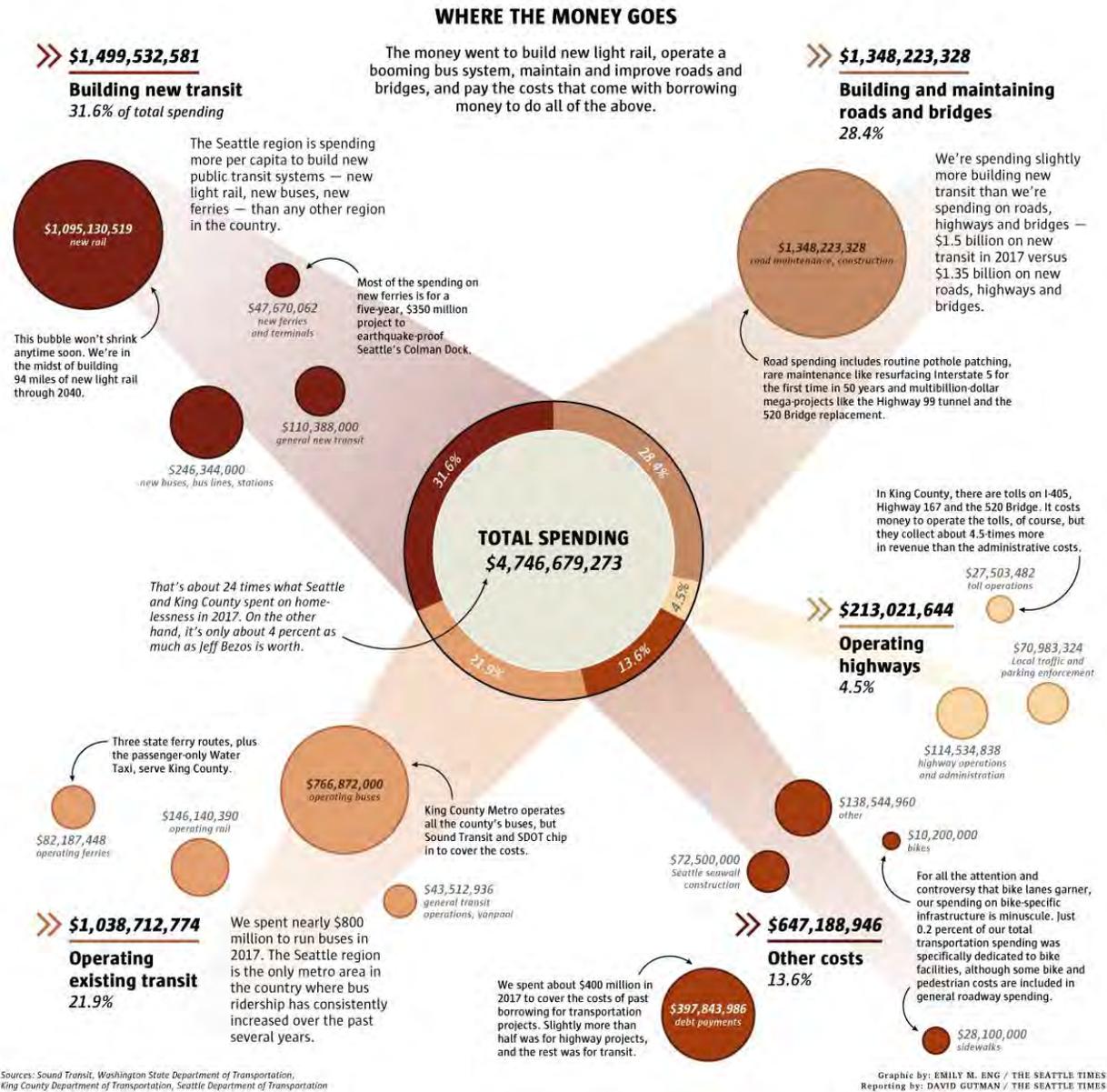
- A committee of three King County Councilmembers, including the Chairs of the Regional Transit and the Mobility Committees, and an additional Councilmember; and
- Consultation with “representatives from communities historically lacking in access to or underserved by transit, the Sound Cities Association, the city of Seattle, the former roads and bridges task force, King County’s regional transportation boards and any other organization necessary to ensure that a broad representation of regional leaders is convened.”

The SCA caucus of RTC was given an initial briefing on the motion on December 19, 2018. Members noted that planning for new regional transit investments should be sufficiently detailed to provide assurance that any new investments would be delivered according to defined and realistic timelines. If a funding measure is proposed, members were interested in maintaining openness to the idea of separating road and transit funding proposals.

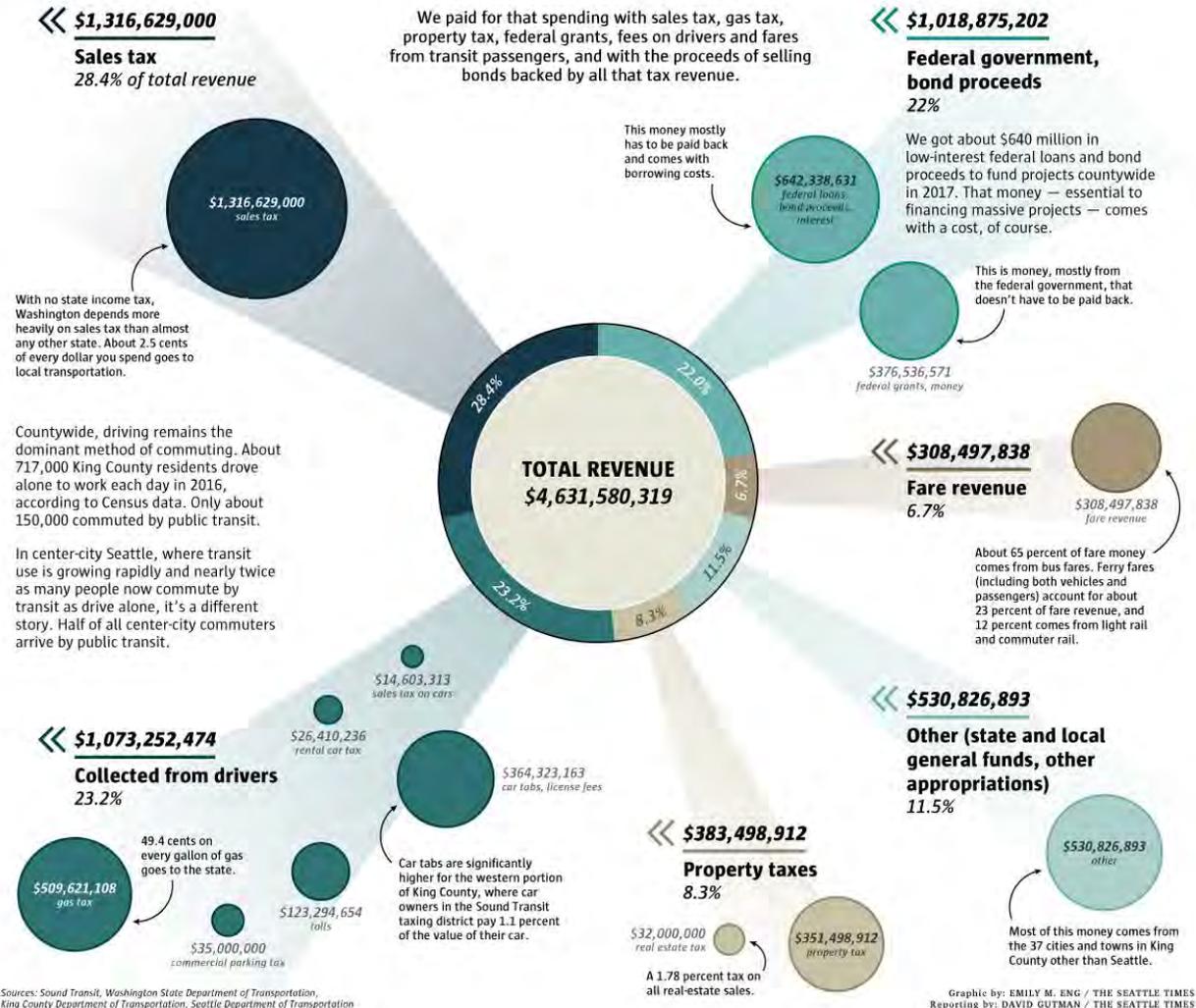
### **Next Steps**

This Motion 15252 will be presented to the RTC on January 16, 2019. Planning for outreach to the King County Council and regional leaders will take place in the first two quarters of 2019. The first report on the status of this effort is to be delivered to the King County Council by May 31, 2019. Questions and comments can be directed to SCA Policy Analyst Cynthia Foley at [cynthia@soundcities.org](mailto:cynthia@soundcities.org).

The [Seattle Times](#) published the diagrams below on December 28, 2018. This is a snapshot of transportation spending and revenues in King County. The data is from 2016 and 2017 and was drawn from multiple sources.



### WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



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**Item 11:**  
King County Parks Levy Renewal  
***DISCUSSION***

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**Discussion**

The King County Parks Levy funds operations and maintenance of King County's more than 200 parks, regional trails, and open spaces, as well as providing support for the Woodland Park Zoo and city park projects.

The Levy was approved by voters in 2013 and will expire at the end of 2019 unless renewed. The King County Executive is developing a proposal to renew the Parks Levy and is expected to transmit his recommendation to the County Council in February with the goal of placing a measure on the ballot in August 2019. The County Council would need to approve the final ballot proposal in May for a measure to be placed before voters in August.

The Parks Levy was originally approved at a rate of 18.77 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. King County staff have provided a presentation to cities and stakeholders ([Attachment A](#)) indicating the County Executive is considering a "status quo" levy with additional "enhancement options" that would amount to a total proposed levy rate of 18.05 cents per \$1,000. The enhancement options would provide funding for the Seattle Aquarium, and increase funding from the levy for regional trails, park infrastructure, and land conservation. Under this proposal, approximately \$6 million per year would be distributed directly to cities in King County for local park projects.

SCA staff have met with King County staff and members of the King County Council to begin discussing the proposed levy renewal and ensuring city priorities are reflected in the ballot measure. PIC members are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed levy and city priorities to inform these ongoing discussions.

**Discussion**

The King County Parks was approved in August of 2013 to provide an average of nearly \$70 million per year to support King County Parks, local parks and trails in cities, and the Woodland Park Zoo. The levy will expire at the end of 2019 unless renewed by voters.

The levy currently funds approximately \$6-\$7 million per year in open space and natural lands acquisition, and \$1 million for stewardship of acquired lands. Cities in King County receive approximately \$5 million per year for local parks system projects or 7% of the levy proceeds.

These funds are allocated to cities via formula based 50% on population and 50% on assessed value. An historical breakdown of levy expenditures through 2016, including amounts allocated directly to cities, is included here as [Attachment B](#). In addition, the levy funds approximately 80% of the King County Parks operating budget and provides approximately \$5 million per year to support the Woodland Park Zoo.

The Parks Levy was originally approved at a rate of 18.77 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Due to rising assessed values, in 2018 the levy was collected at a rate of 13.9 cents per \$1,000.

King County staff have provided a presentation to cities and stakeholders ([Attachment A](#)) indicating the County Executive is considering a “status quo” levy of 13.10 cents per \$1,000 with additional “enhancement options” that would increase from the status quo by 4.95 cents for a total proposed levy rate of 18.05 cents per \$1,000. The enhancement options would provide funding for the Seattle Aquarium, and increase funding for regional trails, park infrastructure, and land conservation.

Cities have expressed that they highly value the funds that are made available through the Parks Levy, in particular because of the flexibility these funds to support a range of activities including property acquisition, adding amenities to existing parks, and major maintenance. Some have suggested that any proposed increase to the levy should do so with flexible funds that can be allocated by cities to provide the type of active or passive recreation most needed.

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks staff have been meeting with cities, various community organizations, and stakeholders to solicit feedback on the levy and “enhancement options” under consideration.

The King County Executive is developing a proposal to renew the Parks Levy and is expected to transmit his recommendation to the County Council in February with the goal of placing a measure on the ballot in August 2019. The County Council would need to approve the final ballot proposal in May for a measure to be placed before voters in August.

### **Levy Proposal**

The “status quo” Parks Levy under consideration would provide for approximately \$559 million over six years distributed as follows:

- Operations and maintenance of King County regional parks - \$275 million
- Infrastructure repair, including play areas, bridges, and trailhead access - \$25 million
- Regional trail connections and crossings - \$117 million
- Land conservation - \$63 million
- City parks funding - \$36 million
- Woodland Park Zoo - \$36 million
- Community partnership grants to enhance public recreation facilities on King County-owned lands - \$6 million

In addition, the County Executive is considering several “enhancement options” that he may recommend be included in the levy renewal. These expenditures could total as much as \$211 million over six years as follows:

- Increase land conservation expenditures consistent with the proposed Land Conservation Initiative - \$130 million. A Land Conservation Advisory Group produced a [Final Report](#) in December 2017 recommending increasing the Conservation Futures Levy by 2-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for land acquisition and increasing the Parks Levy by 1-cent for operations and maintenance of those lands. This proposal would add approximately 3-cents to the Parks Levy to fund a first phase of the Initiative. Additional information on the Land Conservation Initiative can be found in the [June 13, 2018 PIC Packet](#). Under current county code, any funding added to the levy tied to land conservation would be administered by the Conservation Futures Citizen Oversight Committee.
- Expanded infrastructure repair and replacement - \$30 million. This funding would repair or replace 11 turf ballfields, rehabilitate trails, parking lots and restroom facilities
- Additional regional trail connections and crossings - \$43 million
- Capital construction support for the Seattle Aquarium’s Ocean Pavilion project - \$8 million

Altogether, approximately 70% of the levy proceeds are expended in parks located within urban areas in King County, including all funding allocated to King County regional trails, which are located within cities.

### **Next Steps**

SCA staff have met with King County staff and members of the King County Council to begin discussing the proposed levy renewal and ensuring city priorities are reflected in the ballot measure. PIC members are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed levy and city priorities to inform these ongoing discussions. SCA staff will report to PIC members as more information is made available about the process for developing the renewal of the King County Parks Levy. Questions or feedback can be provided to SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry at [brian@soundcities.org](mailto:brian@soundcities.org) or 206-499-4159.



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# 2020-2025 Funding Development



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2002: Parks  
Business  
Transition Plan

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2004: KC O&M  
levy

2008: KC O&M  
renewal AND  
OS/Trails/Zoo  
levies

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2014: KC  
replacement levy  
(combines 2  
levies)

2020: Renewal  
levy +  
enhancements?

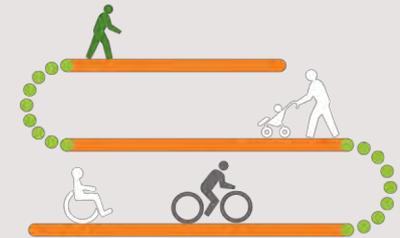
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# King County Parks & Recreation Vision and Mission

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Vision: Parks, trails and natural lands for all; sustained with the cooperative efforts of our community.



Mission: We steward, enhance and acquire parks to inspire a healthy community.

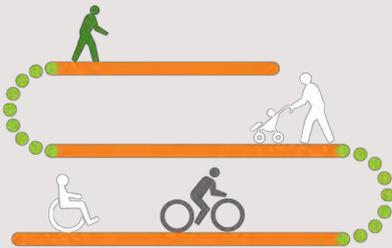


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### Goal 1

## Take care of King County's existing system of parks and trails



### Goal 2

## Improve regional trails and mobility



### Goal 3

## Grow and connect regional open space



### Goal 4

## Make parks and recreation more accessible

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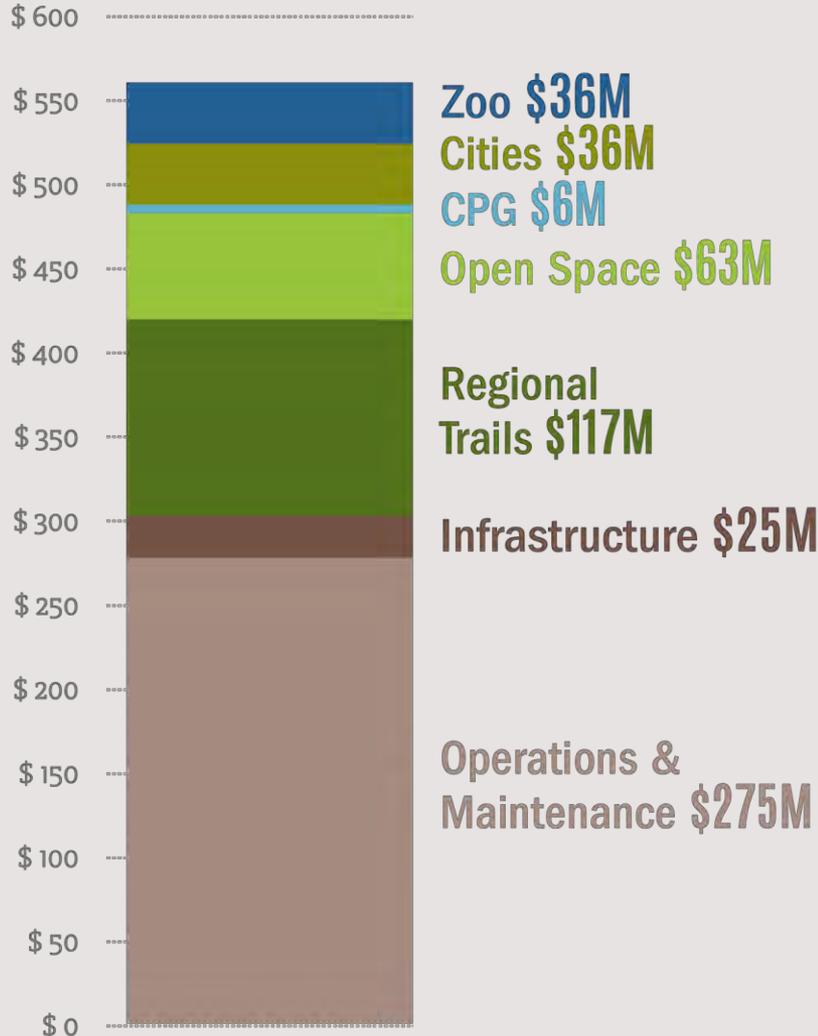
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We're planning for population growth, the increasing cost of land and a growing & aging parks system

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# STATUS QUO



# ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS





## Goal 1

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# Take care of King County's existing system of parks and trails

KING COUNTY PARKS OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	
Cost	What you get
<b>STATUS QUO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6.45¢</li><li>• \$275M over 6 years</li></ul>	<p>Operate and maintain the King County Parks system of parks and trails with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 200 parks</li><li>• 175 of regional trails</li><li>• 215 miles of backcountry trails</li><li>• 30,000 acres of parks and open space</li></ul>



# Goal 1

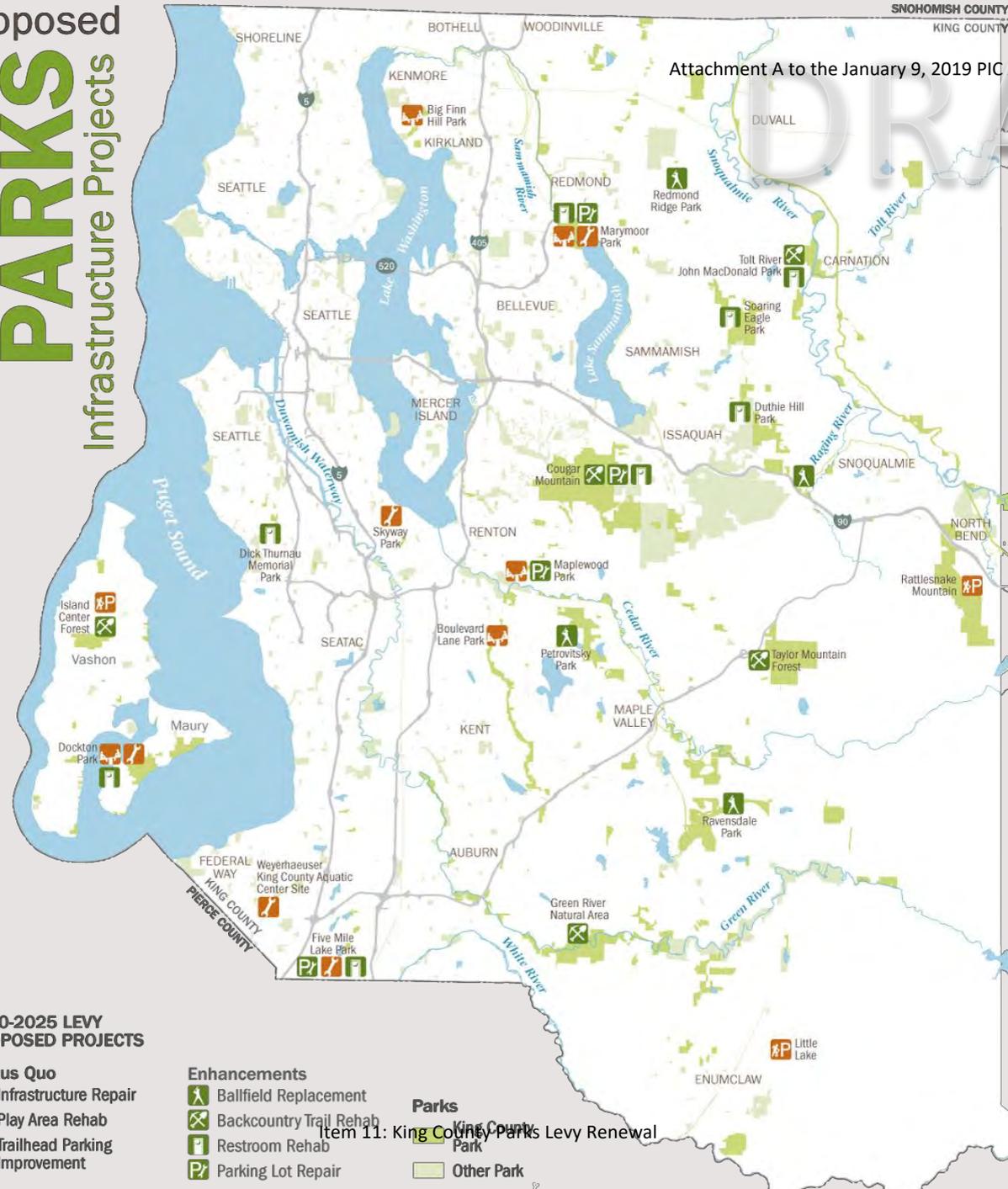
# Take care of King County's existing system of parks and trails

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR		
	Cost	What you get
<b>STATUS QUO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.58¢</li> <li>• \$25M over 6 years</li> </ul>	Critical infrastructure repairs & replacements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 play areas rehabilitation</li> <li>• 10 bridge repairs and replacements</li> <li>• 3 trailhead access improvements</li> <li>• Infrastructure repairs at least at 5 sites</li> </ul>
<b>ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +0.70¢</li> <li>• \$30M over 6 years</li> </ul>	Additional critical infrastructure repairs & replacements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 turf ballfields replacements</li> <li>• Backcountry trail rehabilitations for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian uses</li> <li>• Rehabilitation and repair of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking lots at 4 sites</li> <li>• Restrooms at 7 sites</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Proposed  
2020-2025  
**PARKS**  
Infrastructure Projects

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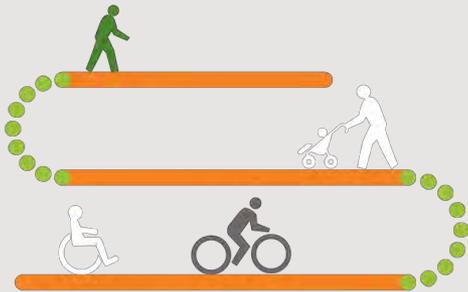
**2020-2025 LEVY PROPOSED PROJECTS**

- Status Quo**
- Infrastructure Repair
  - Play Area Rehab
  - Trailhead Parking Improvement

- Enhancements**
- Ballfield Replacement
  - Backcountry Trail Rehab
  - Restroom Rehab
  - Parking Lot Repair

- Parks**
- King County Park
  - Other Park

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## Goal 2

# Improve regional trails and mobility

REGIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM		
	Cost	What you get
STATUS QUO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.74¢</li> <li>• \$117M over 6 years</li> </ul>	Connecting segments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 designed, constructed &amp; completed</li> </ul> Critical crossings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 designed, constructed &amp; completed</li> </ul> Mobility connections, pavement resurfacing, ADA, safety
ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +1.00¢</li> <li>• \$43M over 6 years</li> </ul>	Additional connecting segments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 designed, constructed and completed</li> </ul> Additional critical crossings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 designed, constructed &amp; completed</li> </ul>



Wilburton Trestle



Foothills: Boise Creek to White River

Proposed  
2020-2025  
**TRAIL**  
Projects

2020-2025 LEVY  
PROPOSED PROJECTS

Status Quo

-  Regional Trail Connection
-  Critical Crossing
-  Bridge Repair

Enhancements

-  Regional Trail Connection
-  Critical Crossing

King County Trails

-  Existing Regional Trail
-  On-street Trail Connection
-  Future Regional Trail

Parks

-  King County Park
-  Other Park



Attachment A to the January 9, 2019 PIC Agenda Item 11

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# Goal 3 Grow and connect regional open space

OPEN SPACE AQUISITION		
	Cost	What you get
<b>STATUS QUO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.48¢</li> <li>• \$63M over 6 years</li> </ul>	Acquire up to 2,000 acres of King County land conservation priorities.
<b>ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS</b>	<p>Land Conservation Initiative (LCI) acquisitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +2.00¢</li> </ul> <p>O&amp;M of LCI acquisitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +0.91¢</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$124M over 6 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerates conservation of up to 9,200 acres</li> <li>• Provides funding of O&amp;M for LCI acquisitions</li> </ul>

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# Goal 4

# Make parks and recreation more accessible

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS (CPG)		
	Cost	What you get
STATUS QUO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.15¢</li> <li>• \$6M over 6 years</li> </ul>	Partnerships to design, build or program new/enhanced public recreation facilities on KC-owned lands
ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +0.15¢</li> <li>• \$6M over 6 years</li> </ul>	Equity-focused grants to increase access to and use of public recreation facilities in communities that have no or little access

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# Goal 4

# Make parks and recreation more accessible

CITIES		
	Cost	What you get
STATUS QUO	King County Cities • 0.85¢	Continued flexible funding and support towards city parks and the zoo
	Woodland Park Zoo • 0.85¢  \$72M over 6 years	
ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS	Seattle Aquarium • + 0.19¢  \$8M over 6 years	Capital construction support for the aquarium Ocean Pavilion

# Summary of Enhancement Options

+4.95¢ | +\$211M over 6 years

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Land Conservation Initiative: accelerates land conservation acquisitions including O&M  
(+ 2.91¢ | \$124M)

Infrastructure: infrastructure repair and replacement  
(+0.70¢ | \$30M)

Regional Trails System: accelerates progress on legacy projects and begins new trails  
(+1.00¢ | \$43M)

Equity Grants: increase parks access/use in underserved communities  
(+0.15¢ | \$6M)

Seattle Aquarium: capital construction support for the Ocean Pavilion  
(+0.19¢ | \$8M)

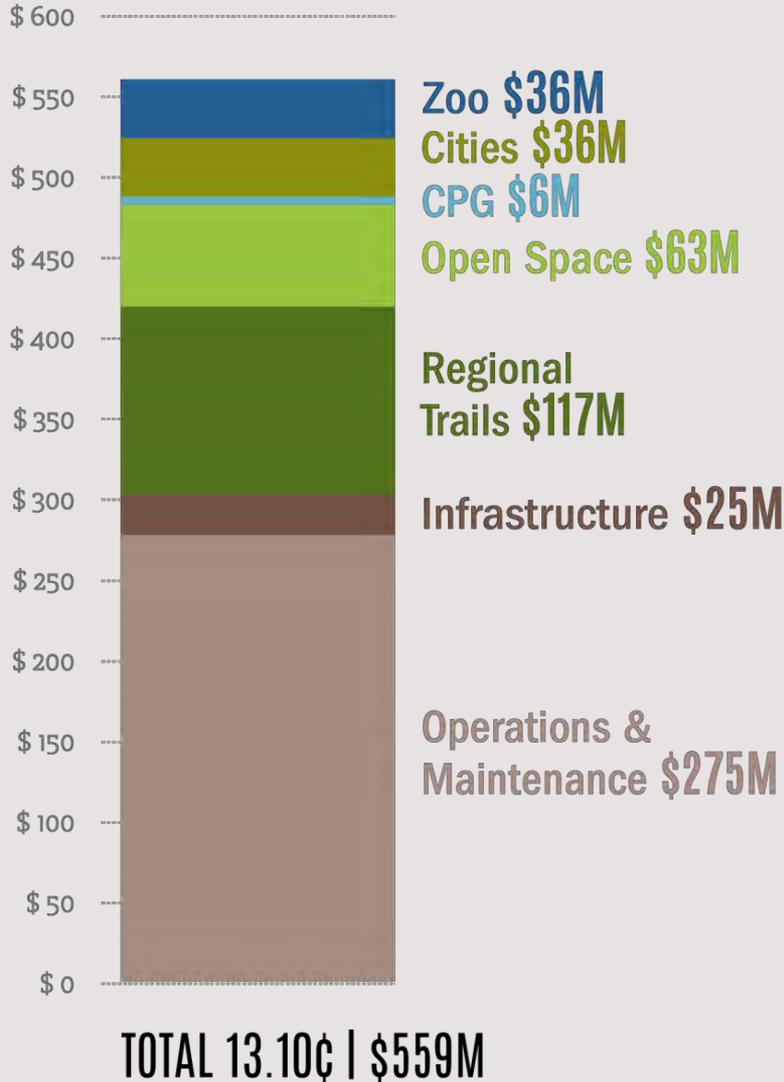
**STATUS QUO: 13.10 ¢ | \$559M OVER 6 YEARS**

# 6-year parks levy renewal (up to 18.05¢ | \$770M)

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## STATUS QUO



## ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS

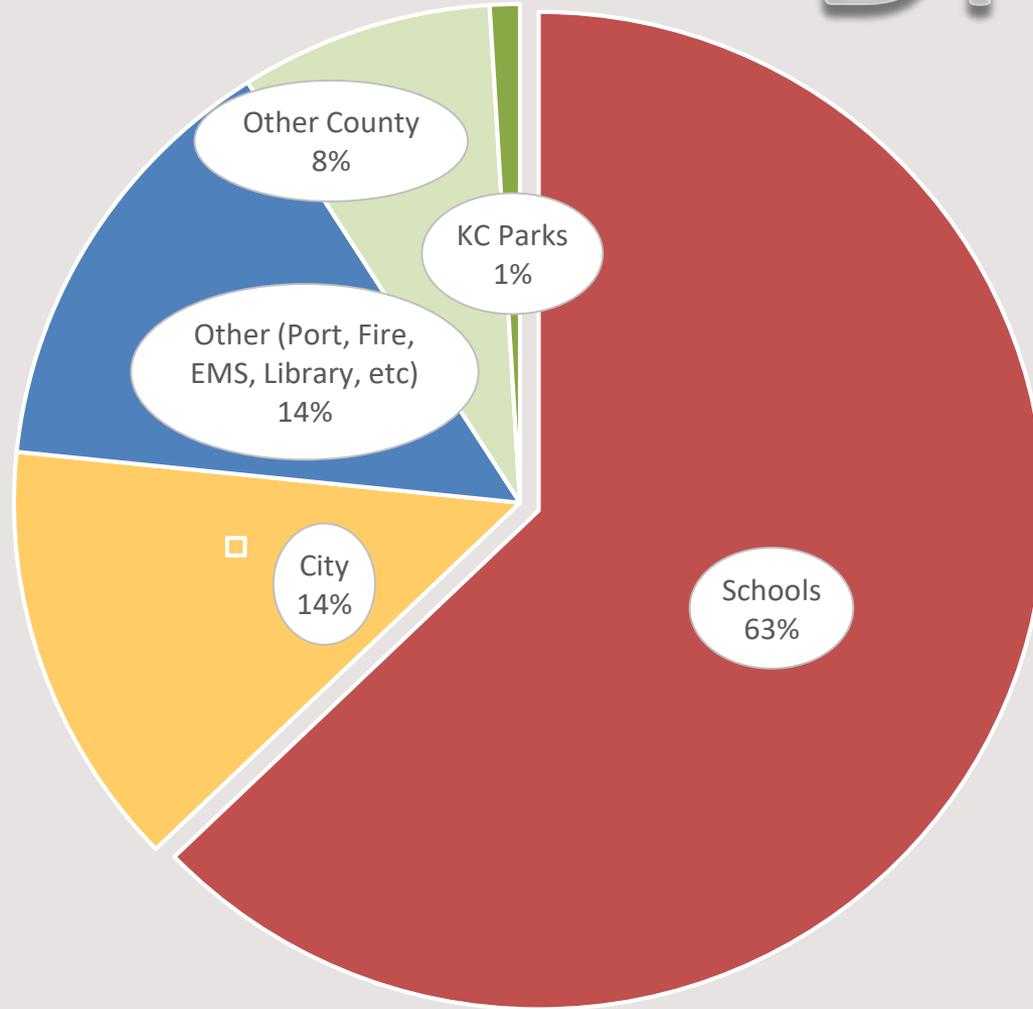


Estimated annual impact on a \$500K valued home: **\$66 - \$92**

# What % of property tax bill would support KC Parks system?

Attachment A to the January 9, 2019 PIC Agenda Item 11

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Estimated for property with AV \$500,000 (rate = 18.05¢/\$1,000AV or \$92/year)

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## Timeline



**\* Schedule for an August ballot which has not yet been decided**

# ANY QUESTIONS?

# Feedback (handout)



1. Please rate the status quo components in the 2020-2025 Parks Levy renewal.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Operations & Maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Infrastructure Repair/Asset Management
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Trails
- \_\_\_\_\_ Open Space Acquisition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Partnerships & Grants
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cities Allocations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Woodland Park Zoo

2. Please rate the proposed enhancement options in the 2020-2025 Park Levy renewal.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Land Conservation Initiative (Acquisition & O&M)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Infrastructure Repair/Asset Management
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Trails
- \_\_\_\_\_ Equity Grant Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seattle Aquarium

3. Is there anything missing from your perspective?

4. Do you have any other comments, questions or concerns?



# PARKS

## Your Big Backyard

Thank you

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For more information about the Parks Levy:  
[kingcounty.gov/parks/levy](http://kingcounty.gov/parks/levy)



**Handout: King County Parks Levy – Land Conservation Advisory Group**

Prepared by King County Staff, document dated November 1, 2016

**King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy (2013 Proposition 1)**

King County Ordinance #17568, effective 2014-2019

King County 47%	King County 39%	Cities within King County 7%	Woodland Park Zoo 7%
<p>For <b>maintenance and operation</b> of the parks system, of which no more than 1.3% was allocated to the <b>recreation grant program</b></p>	<p>For:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition/conservation/stewardship of <b>open space, natural areas</b>, resource or ecological lands</li> <li>• Acquisition and development of rights of ways for <b>regional trails</b></li> <li>• <b>Major maintenance</b>, repair, replacement, improvement of parks system infrastructure</li> <li>• Development of <b>trailhead facilities</b> to increase access to parks &amp; trails</li> </ul> <p>Reasonable retainage by County for administration of funds (1%)</p>	<p>For <b>local parks system projects</b></p> <p><i>Allocated per contract with each city, based on formula:</i></p> <p>50% on population 50% on assessed value</p> <p>Reasonable retainage by County for administration of funds (1%)</p>	<p>For:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental education, emphasis on accessibility to traditionally underserved populations throughout the county</li> <li>• Horticulture and maintenance of buildings and grounds</li> <li>• Conservation and animal care for rare, threatened or endangered Pacific Northwest species</li> <li>• Board approved capital projects/campaigns in existence as of December 31, 2012.</li> </ul> <p>Reasonable retainage by County for administration of funds (0.5%)</p>
<b>Annual Average Allocation</b>			
\$32.43 million	<p>\$26.6 million</p> <p><i>(of which \$6 million - \$7 million allocated annually for open space and natural land acquisitions and \$1 million for stewardship of the acquired lands)</i></p>	\$4.83 million	\$4.83 million

- This is the third levy for Parks following the Parks Business Transition Plan and the County’s transition of Parks off the General Fund.
- The current levy is a 6-year property tax lid lift (2014-2019). Rate of growth is indexed to CPI growth (inflation) and new construction.
- Provides 80% of the Parks operating budget.
- King County Parks manages ~28,000 acres (plus ~144,000 acres in easement), 200 parks, 175 miles of regional trails, 215 miles of backcountry trails.

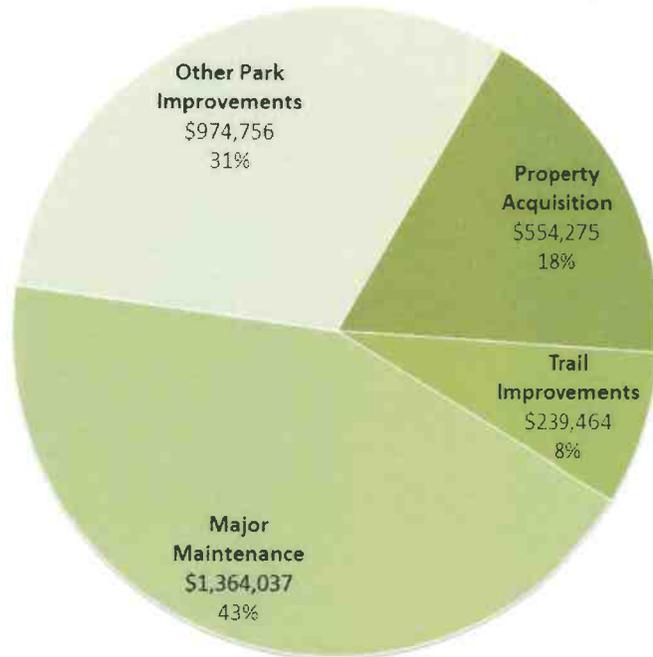
Cities within King County receive 7% of total levy proceeds for local parks system projects. Proceeds are allocated based on formula: 50% is allocated based on population and 50% is allocated based on assessed value.

	Avg. 2014-2015 ANNUAL ALLOCATION
Algona	\$6,600
Auburn	\$138,000
Beaux Arts Village	\$1,300
Bellevue	\$457,000
Black Diamond	\$9,700
Bothell	\$64,000
Burien	\$97,000
Carnation	\$3,700
Clyde Hill	\$17,000
Covington	\$37,000
Des Moines	\$58,000
Duvall	\$16,000
Enumclaw	\$22,000
Federal Way	\$177,000
Hunts Point	\$6,500
Issaquah	\$95,000
Kenmore	\$51,000
Kent	\$258,000
Kirkland	\$238,000
Lake Forest Park	\$32,000
Maple Valley	\$52,000
Medina	\$25,000
Mercer Island	\$99,000
Milton	\$2,000
Newcastle	\$30,000
Normandy Park	\$17,000
North Bend	\$15,000
Pacific	\$12,000
Redmond	\$187,000
Renton	\$218,000
Sammamish	\$152,000
SeaTac	\$68,000
Seattle	\$1,905,000
Shoreline	\$124,000
Skykomish	\$400
Snoqualmie	\$34,000
Tukwila	\$59,000
Woodinville	\$35,000
Yarrow Point	\$7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,826,700</b>

Cities report levy expenditures annually to the Parks Levy Citizen Oversight Board. Expenditures have been reported so far on 2014 and 2015 allocations.

Cities spent \$3,132,532 (35%) of a cumulative levy allocation of \$8,886,260. The remaining \$5,753,728 (65%) is being accumulated to spend on future projects.

Of the \$3,132,532 reported from cities, funds were reported as spent in the following categories:



**Park improvements** include new facilities or amenities added to a park such as a synthetic turf replacement or new restrooms.

**Property acquisition** includes purchasing parcels for the purpose of passive recreation or future park and trail development.

**Trail improvements** include pedestrian access improvements to local trails or installation of regional trail amenities (e.g. benches).

**Major maintenance** includes repairs or renovations to existing park assets including roof repairs and repainting.

Cities have expressed appreciation for the pass-through from the King County Parks Levies as it is a predictable and stable funding source for parks-related projects.

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**Item 12:**  
King County Charter Review Commission  
***DISCUSSION ITEM***

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**Discussion**

In July, King County formed a Charter Review Commission to consider potential recommendations to amend the [King County Charter](#). Initial solicitation of input from the general public, community organizations, and governmental organizations including SCA cities is ongoing. The Commission has begun compiling an initial set of proposals to amend the King County Charter, which can be found in the [December 19, 2018 Commission meeting materials](#). The Commission is expected to narrow their list of potential recommendations over the next two months before seeking feedback on those proposals in March of 2019.

In addition to guiding the roles and responsibilities of the branches of King County government and decision-making processes, the King County Charter also affects cities by guiding how regional policy decisions are made. This includes the roles and responsibilities of the charter-established King County regional committees upon which SCA members serve (Regional Policy Committee, Regional Water Quality Committee, and Regional Transit Committee).

At the January PIC, members are encouraged to identify areas where the King County Charter can be amended to improve regional decision-making and the role of cities, and how SCA can best provide input into the charter review process.

**Background**

The [King County Charter](#) provides that at least every ten years the County Executive appoint a citizen commission to review the Charter and present to the county a council a report recommending amendments, if any. The County Council may then elect to place recommended Charter amendments on the next general election ballot.

The Charter defines the powers of the executive and legislative branches of King County government, establishes financial procedures, sets qualifications and procedures for elections, defines the role of regional committees, and other important policies that provide for the governance of King County and regional policymaking.

The Charter Review Commission will be soliciting feedback and recommendations for potential amendments to the Charter. Initial outreach to the general public, community organizations,

and governmental entities including SCA cities is ongoing. The Commission will review initial proposals in January and February before seeking additional public feedback in March of 2019. The current Commission timeline calls for presenting a final report with recommended amendments to the Charter to the King County Council in May 2019, so that final proposals may be placed on the November general election ballot.

The County Council has final authority to determine which amendment proposals, if any, are sent to the voters.

### **Potential Amendments**

The Commission has begun compiling an initial set of proposals to amend the King County Charter, which can be found in the [December 19, 2018 Commission meeting materials](#).

The initial proposals include amendments that could:

- Affect how the King County budget is approved and managed;
- Expand or contract the role of charter regional committees, including the role of regional committees in developing countywide levies;
- Change the membership of charter regional committees; and,
- Change how elections are conducted, including timelines and signature requirements for initiatives and referenda as well as the number of, and procedures for, electing members of the King County Council.

The Commission is continuing to develop the range of potential amendments it may recommend to the County Council. The Commission is expected to narrow their list of potential recommendations over the next two months before seeking feedback on those proposals in March of 2019.

### **Next Steps**

Questions or feedback can be provided to SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry at [brian@soundcities.org](mailto:brian@soundcities.org) or 206-499-4159.



January 9, 2019  
SCA PIC Meeting

**Item 13:**  
Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County  
**UPDATE**

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**Discussion**

This is a monthly item on the PIC agenda to share information on recent and upcoming local levies and ballot measures in King County. Items identified as “potential future ballot measures” are under consideration or reflect potential renewal of an existing levy but have not been approved to be placed on the ballot and may not ultimately move forward.

Potential Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2020		Kirkland	Fire Services and Capital Levy

Future Ballot Measures – Other Cities, Schools and Special Purpose Districts			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2019	February	Seattle School District	Operations Levy
2019	February	Seattle School District	Capital Levy
2020		King County Library System	Levy Lid Lift

Potential Future Ballot Measures – Other Cities			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2019		Seattle	Library Levy (renewal)
2020		Seattle	Transportation Benefit District (renewal)

Potential Future Ballot Measures – Countywide			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2019	Aug/Nov	King County	Medic One/EMS Levy (renewal). Proposed levy rate of \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning in 2020.
2019	Aug/Nov	King County	Regional Parks Levy (renewal)
2021		King County	Best Starts for Kids (renewal)
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**Next Steps**

Please share this information with your city and provide information on upcoming elections in your city to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at [brian@soundcities.org](mailto:brian@soundcities.org) or 206-499-4159.

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**Item 14:**  
Potential Upcoming SCA Issues  
**UPDATE**

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**Update**

This is an ongoing, monthly PIC item noting issues that SCA members have asked to be brought to the PIC.

**Potential Issues**

Throughout the year, issues brought forward by SCA members are tracked in this ongoing, monthly agenda item and may be taken up by the PIC through workshops, briefings and discussion items, and as action items.

Per direction of the PIC, staff are putting together a workshop on Emergency Management at the Local Level for January.

At the December PIC meeting, members held a roundtable discussion of priority regional issues the PIC would like to engage with in 2019. Based on ongoing regional discussions and feedback from SCA members, the following issues were identified for the SCA board to consider, including:

- Homelessness and governance of the region's response system
- Affordable housing and implementation of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five-Year Action Plan
- Countywide Parks Levy renewal
- Charter review and the role of regional committees in setting countywide policy
- King Conservation District workplan and rates
- Transportation, mobility, and preparing for emerging transportation technologies
- Regional airport capacity and the impacts of future expansion of SeaTac Airport on surrounding communities
- Managing growth and the update to VISION 2050
- Economic development and expanding opportunity for prosperity
- Solid waste and the future of recycling
- Preparing for the 2020 US Census
- Emergency management coordination
- Addressing toxic social media, increasing civility in public discourse, and finding opportunities for collaborative problem solving
- The Governor's proposed community-based mental health centers
- Solid waste and the future of recycling

- Apprenticeships and workforce development
- Emergency preparedness training and the regional response system
- Workforce housing
- Addressing rising public safety costs
- Increasing transportation funding
- Improving regional coordination and streamlining decision-making processes
- Climate change and environmental sustainability
- Smart cities, small cell technology, and equitable access to service
- Parks and open space
- Equity and inclusion

If you or your city has additional items to be added to the list of potential upcoming SCA issues, or items to suggest for future trainings or workshops, please contact SCA Policy Director Brian Parry, [brian@soundcities.org](mailto:brian@soundcities.org) or 206-499-4159.