



SCA Public Issues Committee

MINUTES

September 8, 2021 – 7:00 PM

TELEPHONIC

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 29 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)).

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of how the meeting would be facilitated using Zoom Webinar. He noted that any discussion in the chat logs would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes ([Attachment B](#)).

Guests present included: Councilmember Rick Schaffer, Duvall (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Corrie Koopman Frazier, Enumclaw (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Barbara de Michele, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Council President Toni Troutner, Kent (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Lorri Bodi, Lake Forest Park (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Ernest Thompson, Normandy Park (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Bellevue; Councilmember Thomas Sauvageau, Enumclaw; Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island; Lacey Jane Wolfe, Bellevue staff; Katie Halse, Bellevue staff; April Delchamps, Kent staff; Amy Arrington, Normandy Park staff; Doug Levy, Renton consultant; Diane Hart, Woodinville staff; Jenny Huston, King County staff; Olivia Robinson, King County staff; Sharman Herrin, King County staff; Hannah Smith, Seattle staff; Tania Santiago Pastrana, King County Staff; Kazia Mermel.

2. Public Comment

Chair Malchow asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment. Hearing none, the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

3. Approval of the July 14, 2021 PIC Minutes

Chair Malchow asked if there were any amendments to the July 14, 2021 PIC minutes. **Vice Chair Councilmember Bill Boyce, Kent, moved, seconded by Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, to approve the July 14, 2021 minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Chair's Report

Chair Malchow reported that there is a vacancy on the PIC Nominating Committee for a North Caucus member and encouraged interested PIC members to contact SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson. PIC members were asked to be sure to RSVP for PIC meetings to ensure that they receive their link to participate in the meeting. Malchow noted that SCA leadership would

be meeting with King County Executive Constantine the following day to discuss the county's proposed coronavirus vaccine mandate, and encouraged members to reach out to Dawson if they have questions or concerns they would like brought forward to that meeting.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson ...

6. Member Roundtable

Members held a roundtable discussion on city plans for meetings, events, and staffing in light of the most recent developments in the Covid-19 pandemic.

7. Metro Plan Updates and Guiding Principles

SCA Policy Director Bryan Parry reported on Metro plan updates and guiding principles. In July, PIC was briefed on ongoing updates to Metro plans and policies and guiding principles the SCA members on the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) developed to aide their effort to update those plans and policies.

King County Metro is currently updating three primary policy documents: the Strategic Plan for Transportation; the Service Guidelines; and Metro Connects. The SCA caucus on the Regional Transit Committee has been working on these important policy documents for roughly the last 18 months. More recently, in anticipation of draft plans being released by Metro, the caucus worked over several months to develop a set of guiding principles to assist in reviewing those plans.

The guiding principles developed by the Regional Transit Committee caucus were brought to PIC for discussion in July at the request of the caucus who want to ensure that they represent all of SCA, while at the same time we recognize everyone will have additional comments or unique needs that will also inform the work at RTC.

At the July PIC meeting, PIC voted to bring back the proposed guiding principles for potential action to recommend the SCA board adopt the guiding principles as an SCA policy position. Parry noted one change from the July meeting to add a specific call-out of the importance of first- and last- mile connections in response to feedback at the last PIC meeting.

Chair Malchow recognized Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Bellevue, who is the SCA Caucus Chair for RTC and asked if she would like to make any comments. Robertson thanked PIC members for their consideration of the guiding principles as well as fellow members of the SCA Caucus to RTC for their hard work over many months.

Chair Malchow recognized Council President Toni Troutner, Kent, who is the SCA Caucus Vice Chair for RTC and asked if she would like to make any comments. Troutner noted the SCA Caucus to RTC worked very hard on the guiding principles and thanked PIC members for their consideration.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, to recommend to the board adopt the Metro Plans and Policy Updates Guiding

Principles as shown in Attachment C. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Ecology Nutrient General Permit

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on the Washington State Department of Ecology's intent to develop a Nutrient General Permit regulating wastewater discharges into Puget Sound. The purpose of the regulations is to reduce the discharge of nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which can interfere with the health of the Puget Sound and its marine life when found in excess amounts. At the July PIC meeting, members were briefed on concerns related to the new rulemaking that have been raised by wastewater treatment plant operators in King County, including King County Wastewater Treatment Division who is responsible for processing wastewater collected in most urban areas of King County. The Department of Ecology held a public comment period on a draft rule that ended on August 2. Numerous SCA cities and other cities and dozens of local sewer agencies raising many of the same concerns that were briefed in July. The Department of Ecology is expected to respond to all of the comments in mid-November before moving forward to issue the permit.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, noted that he is an SCA representative on the King County Regional Water Quality Committee. He thanked member cities who submitted letters to the Department of Ecology.

Mayor Marianne Klaas, Clyde Hill, asked whether the general permit requirements would impact future wastewater rates. SCA Policy Director Brian Parry responded that if additional costs were incurred to upgrade wastewater treatment facilities, those would be passed on to ratepayers who are served by those facilities.

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, said that she supported a letter from the City of Redmond expressing concerns about the permit.

9. 2022 Regional Boards and Committee Appointments

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson ...

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, said that she likes the proposal to have applicants sign-on to an agreement acknowledging their role in representing SCA cities on regional committees.

Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, said that in his experience serving on the PIC Nominating Committee, important considerations for nominees include their attendance history and that there is always an effort to ensure geographically equitable representation on regional committees.

Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, said that she appreciates the work of the PIC Nominating Committee and asked for information on vacancies that are known to be upcoming to be shared with SCA members.

Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, said that he serves as Chair of the PIC Nominating Committee and he encouraged members to apply for seats they are interested in

so that the Nominating Committee is aware of their interest. He noted that there are often vacancies that occur mid-year and encouraged members to continue to apply.

10. Levies and Ballot Measures

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on ballot measure results in the August 2021 primary election as well as on future ballot measures. The Countywide Best Starts for Kids Levy was renewed and expanded with over 62% approval. Numerous fire districts also successfully passed levy renewals and benefit charges, including Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority; Fire District 2; Fire District 10; East Pierce Fire and Rescue; and Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue.

11. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on issues anticipated to come before PIC at future meetings and asked members to provide additional suggested topics.

12. Informational Items

Chair Malchow noted an informational item in the meeting packet concerning the SCA Equity Initiatives Inventory.

13. Upcoming Events

Upcoming SCA events include:

- a. *SCA Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 10:00 AM to Noon*
- b. *Lunch with the SCA Board Series – Christie Malchow and Mary Lou Pauly – Friday, September 17, 2021 – Noon to 1:00 PM*
- c. *Meet the King County Council – Rod Dembowski – Monday, September 27, 2021 – 10:00 AM to Noon*
- d. *SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

14. For the Good of the Order

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, said that he is interested in any additional information coming out of King County regarding coronavirus vaccine mandates. SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson noted that SCA would be hosting a briefing with King County on the topic later that week that is open to all SCA members.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, noted that the Board of Health would be meeting on September 16 and encouraged members to reach out to her or other SCA representatives on the Board of Health with any feedback about vaccine mandates.

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	
Auburn	Nancy Backus	James Jeyaraj
Beaux Arts Village	Athena Howes	Tom Stowe
Bellevue	Janice Zahn	Jeremy Barksdale
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	
Bothell	James McNeal	Tom Agnew
Burien	Krystal Marx	Nancy Tosta
Carnation	Dustin Green	Kim Lisk
Clyde Hill	Marianne Klaas	Kim Muromoto
Covington	Joseph Cimaomo	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Traci Buxton	
Duvall	Michelle Hogg	Rick Shaffer
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Corrie Koopman Frazier
Federal Way	Martin Moore	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	none
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Barbara de Michele
Kenmore	David Baker	Corina Pfeil
Kent	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	Toby Nixon
Lake Forest Park	Tom French	Lorri Bodi
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Les Burberry
Medina	Jennifer Garone	Jessica Rossman
Mercer Island	David Rosenbaum	Benson Wong
Milton	Jim Gillespie	Shanna Styron Sherrell
Newcastle	Linda Newing	
Normandy Park	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Ernest Thompson
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Heather Koellen
Pacific	Leanne Guier	
Redmond	Angela Birney	Vanessa Kritzer
Renton	Armondo Pavone	Ed Prince
Sammamish	Christie Malchow	Kent Treen
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Will Hall
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	none
Snoqualmie	Katherine Ross	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Zak Idan
Woodinville	Gary Harris	Rachel Best-Campbell
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	none

Cities present at the meeting are **bolded**. Voting representatives present are highlighted.

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Attachment B – Zoom Chat Log

From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to Hosts and panelists:

Kate Kruller is in attendance. Tukwila

From Henry Sladek, Skykomish Mayor to Everyone:

my internet is more terrible than usual tonight...I can't seem to stay connected through a full sentence so I'm going to try through my phone. But I'm not able to hear anyone consistently right now.. I'll try a different connection.

From Tom Agnew, Councilmember Bothell to Hosts and panelists:

I'm in now thanks

20:00:52 From Jennifer Robertson to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you all for your engagement and support! Have a wonderful evening!

20:01:25 From Toni Troutner, Council Member (Kent) to Everyone:

Thank you so much for your support!

20:15:52 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to Hosts and panelists:

Love this idea!

20:19:22 From Deanna Dawson, SCA to Everyone:

Guiding Principles

- Assume that others are acting with good intent
- No surprises!
- Have each other's backs
- Think about who is not at the table
- Be candid, but kind
- Once a decision is made, work together to make it work
- Show up to meetings prepared
- Be fully present and engaged during meetings
- Extend grace to others – cut them some slack
- Remain open-minded
- Respect differing views

20:20:36 From James Jeyaraj, Auburn to Hosts and panelists:

I love it