



SCA Public Issues Committee AGENDA

March 6, 2013 – 7:00 PM
Renton City Hall
Council Chambers, 7th Floor
1055 S. Grady Way - Renton, WA 98057

Pre - PIC Workshop 6:00 PM King County Parks Levy

SCA will be joined by Kevin Brown, Director of the King County Parks and Recreation Division

1. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Deputy Mayor Mia Gregerson, SeaTac - Chair 3 minutes
2. **[Approval of minutes – February 6, 2013 meeting](#)** 3 minutes
3. **Chair’s Report** – Deputy Mayor Mia Gregerson, SeaTac 5 minutes
4. **Executive Director’s Report** – Deanna Dawson, SCA 10 minutes
5. **[Solid Waste Transfer Station](#)**
POTENTIAL FUTURE ACTION ITEM 15 minutes
Deanna Dawson, SCA
(3 minute update, 12 minute discussion)
6. **[Regional Tolling Impacts](#)**
POTENTIAL FUTURE ACTION ITEM 20 minutes
Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville
(5 minute update, 15 minute discussion)
7. **[Washington State Special Hotel/Motel Tax](#)**
POTENTIAL FUTURE ACTION ITEM 15 minutes
Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way
(5 minute update, 10 minute discussion)
8. **[King County Metro Strategic Plan Update](#)**
DISCUSSION 10 minutes
Monica Whitman, SCA
(3 minute update, 7 minute discussion)

9. Upcoming Events

- a) Next SCA Networking Dinner — Featuring King County Executive Dow Constantine
Wednesday, March 20, 2013 5:30 PM Tukwila Embassy Suites
- b) Next SCA Public Issues Committee meeting – Wednesday, April 10, 2013 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall

10. For the Good of the Order

11. Adjourn

Did You Know?

Life Expectancy Varies by Where You Live: Life expectancy within King County can vary by almost 10 years depending on residence, even though life expectancy in King County (81.9 years) exceeds nationwide life expectancy (78.6 years). [US and King County comparison data from 2010; King County neighborhood data from 2006-2010.]

The new Health and Human Services Transformation Panel is working in part to try and change this statistic.

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 DRAFT Minutes

February 6, 2013 – 7:00 PM
Renton City Hall Conferencing Center
1055 S. Grady Way - Renton, WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call and Introduction of Members

Mia Gregerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Twenty-eight cities had representation. See [Attachment A](#) to these minutes. Guests present were: Brock Deady; Mark Isaacson, King County Water and Land Resources Division Director; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office; Tim LaPorte, Kent Public Works Director; Mike Mactutis, Kent Environmental Engineering Manager; Kjris Lund, King County Flood Control District Executive Director.

2. Approval of the January 9, 2013 Minutes

Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, moved, seconded by Marlla Mhoon, Covington, to approve the January 9, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Gregerson reported that the SCA orientation was very well run and enjoyable and she liked the format of the meeting. The chair also shared with PIC members the opportunity to take an FBI – electeds citizens' academy class. As of February 15, the class was full; for information on future classes go to www.fbi.gov/seattle/news-and-outreach/in-your-community.

4. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, handed out an update on city actions regarding the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement (ILA), briefings and Statements of Intent, dated February 6, 2013. Many cities have approved the ILA, and several have said they anticipate approving it. ED Dawson reported that Bellevue is the only city that has conveyed that they have issues with the ILA.

ED Dawson distributed a letter many city mayors have signed regarding transportation funding options. She also handed out a brochure: [Moving Ahead Together](#). Sound Cities Association, City of Seattle, and King County have joined together request a new set of local transportation funding tools from the Washington State Legislature. It is important that we are all speaking from the same page in communicating the need to invest now in our local transportation infrastructure.

ED Dawson gave an update on the website; it will be live later this week and SCA will be providing a media release. The website will include a calendar of all meetings, information for all meetings and will include the ability to register and pay for dinners online. It will also have

a member's only portal that will include training materials. Remember to "Like SCA" on Facebook, and follow SCA on Twitter!

SCA's next Networking Dinner is on February 20th. King County Councilmember Jane Hague and the new District 1 Councilmember (Rod Dembowski) will be our speakers.

ED Dawson reported that she will be participating on a Health and Human Services Transformation Panel – how to ensure health and human services in King County are integrated. She will report back to the PIC on the Panel's recommendations.

5. Recommendation from the PIC Nominating Committee

Mayor Jim Haggerton, Tukwila moved, seconded by Hank Margeson, Redmond, to recommend that the SCA Board of Directors recommend to the King County Executive that Deputy Mayor Victoria Jonas, Maple Valley, and Councilmember Susan Honda, Federal Way, be appointed to the vacant alternate positions on the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

6. SCA Potential Position Regarding South County Transfer Station

Mayor Pete Lewis, Auburn, moved, seconded by Kingston Wall, Snoqualmie, to table as submitted. The motion passed. Redmond, Bothell, Duvall, Newcastle, Tukwila, Maple Valley, Kirkland, Shoreline voted no.

There was a discussion of the appropriateness of having had this specific siting issue on SCA's agenda for potential action. Hank Margeson of Redmond expressed concern that SCA was used as a wedge in this matter. Mayor Lewis noted a previous occasion when a city, Maple Valley, had a difficult time with King County; they brought their issue to the cities through SCA and because the cities were able to work together, Maple Valley gained assistance that was beneficial for their city. Mayor Lewis stated that this is one of the strengths of the Sound Cities Association; all cities standing together to help a city.

7. Report on Third Party Review of the Briscoe-Desimone Levee

Kjris Lund, Executive Director of the King County Flood Control District, presented on the decision process related to the Briscoe-Desimone Levee (108th to 200th Street along the Green River). Lund reviewed the two proposals to address the final design and the assumptions between two different design proposals (Kent Levee Setback with Wall and King County Long – Term Vision of Setback Levee). Lund gave an overview of the third party report analyzing the two proposals.

There were questions about insurance rates and the loss of developable land in Kent. There was also a question about overall flood protection; would these fixes protect the Valley from flooding? In response to a question about process, Kjris Lund said the draft third party report will be final on February 7, 2013 when it is presented to the King County Flood Control District Board.

There was a discussion as to why the proposals didn't go to the Flood Control District Advisory Committee ahead of going to the Board. Kjris Lund explained the Board decides what to send to the committee; budget items are the only items *required* to be vetted there. There was additional discussion about specific issues with the report and the intent of a \$7 million grant for the project.

After further discussion about the role of the Advisory Committee and the desire of the PIC members to have this item go back to the Advisory Committee for consideration, Kjris Lund stated she will carry the message back to the King County Flood Control District Board.

8. Regional Transit Committee Update to the Strategic Plan and Guidelines

Monica Whitman, Senior Policy Analyst, discussed work the Regional Transit Committee's SCA caucus is doing in preparation for an update to the strategic plan. SCA's RTC caucus held a meeting, analyzing twelve questions, and did a ranking process. The top 3 areas are: (1) How will Metro adequately address local jurisdictions exiting transit needs; (2) How are jurisdiction plans reflected in transit plans?; and (3) How can the methodology in the Guideline be easier to understand?

The RTC is structuring their February 20, 2013 workshop based on the SCA RTC Caucus's workshop held in Kirkland in January. Whitman will be working with King County staff to help with communication efforts. The timeline regarding the strategic plan update is as follows: it will be transmitted to the King County Council in April with a final vote anticipated in August.

Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way, suggested the next workshop be in South King County. Whitman noted the RTC caucus encourages all comments, suggestions, and questions from PIC members regarding the Strategic Plan Update.

9. Proposal for an Economic Development Subcommittee

Jamie Perry, Kent, discussed how the idea of an economic development subcommittee came about and asked members what they would like to see for this committee. The purpose is to add value to our members and we have heard that our members want more help in economic development.

There was discussion about what SCA could be doing to further economic development. A question was raised about whether the committee's work would be duplicative. ED Dawson assured the group that this is not intended to be duplicative; but rather, would be a complement to and in coordination with the efforts of other organizations. There was a discussion about the lack of existing substantive economic development positions at SCA and the potential need for additional positions. There was general interest in such a subcommittee to support SCA cities.

Members who expressed interest in participating on the subcommittee include: Deputy Mayor Mia Gregerson, SeaTac; Councilmember Tana Senn, Mercer Island; Councilmember Erin Weaver, Maple Valley; Mayor Becky Olness, Black Diamond; and Mayor Liz Reynolds, Enumclaw.

10. Potential Items Coming Before the PIC in 2013

Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reviewed a list of potential items coming before the PIC in 2013 and requested feedback from PIC members. Whitman encouraged members to contact her directly at monica@soundcities.org or 206-433-7169.

11. Information Item – Single Adult Shelter Task Force – CEH

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, provided a briefing on this item. Members engaged in a discussion of the need for homeless services in the suburbs and a need to look at data in

more detail. There was also reference made to a Brookings Institute study on the suburbanization of poverty, <http://ctod.info/assets/0330jobsprawlstollraphael.pdf>.

There was a discussion about homeless veterans and actions being taken to support veterans. King County Executive Constantine has a new initiative connecting veterans to services, <http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/news/release/2013/February/04veteransinitiative.aspx>. Auburn is working with the Veteran's Administration on a veterans and human services center. There was a discussion of the challenges of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness related to the need for mental health housing and transitional housing.

12. Upcoming Events

- a) Next SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – note change – 1st Wednesday in March March 6, 2013 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall
- b) SCA Networking Dinner – February 20, 2013, 5:30 PM at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila
- c) March SCA Networking Dinner – March 20, 2013, 5:30 PM at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila

For the Good of the Order

Councilmember Barre Seibert, Clyde Hill, provided an update on the Small Cities Subcommittee. Councilmember Seibert noted that the Pre-PIC meeting at 6PM was well attended and that there was a strong indication there is value to the small cities to get together on a regular basis. The group came up with a number of good suggestions for how to move forward in the future.

Andy Rheume, Bothell stated that it is important that PIC collaborates, however, in the case of the South County Transfer Station; the PIC never had an opportunity to discuss the issue, not once. He suggested the PIC adopt a policy; if an issue is on the agenda, the PIC should talk about it, not just keep tabling it.

There was a discussion regarding the siting of another facility in the near term as King County Solid Waste Division searches for a replacement for the Houghton Transfer Station in Kirkland. Members questioned, "Does the Transfer Station Plan continue to meet the needs of the county as a whole?" There was interest expressed in having something come to MSWAC, specifically more information about siting process for replacement of Houghton station.

Members had further discussion regarding the way in which the item regarding siting of the South Transfer Station had come before the PIC. Hank Margeson of Redmond expressed concerns that PIC was not given opportunity to debate the issue, or to take a broader policy position of the transfer station plan. Chris Roberts, Shoreline, noted that his council had directed him to abstain regarding the South County Transfer Station policy as Shoreline felt it was not appropriate to weigh in on one specific site in South King County; they didn't want to be put in a situation where they would have to choose between sites.

Pete Lewis, Auburn, agreed that the larger matter needs to be discussed.

Henry Sladek, Skykomish, mentioned that it is better to have a policy conversation earlier rather than to protect specific sites. Jim Haggerton, Tukwila, stated that when issues like this come up, we work through them and come out stronger as an organization. The PIC

expressed interest in having a broader policy position on reexamining the transfer station plan come before the PIC at the next meeting.

Jamie Perry, Kent, suggested that the PIC take a position on a new policy related to the way issues move through the Flood Control District Advisory Committee, versus the Executive Committee. There was a discussion as to whether such guidance should also apply to other committees such as the RPC. It was agreed that in March staff would bring back a proposed policy position that sets out how issues move through the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee and then to the King County Flood Control Board.

Pete Lewis, Auburn, said that he did not want boards to revert to acting as briefing boards. He suggested coming back with a position regarding how SCA's role on specific boards and committees, starting with Flood Control District Advisory Committee and then, how King County and Sound Cities Association will work together in the future.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**2013 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting
February 6, 2013**

City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
Algona	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
Auburn	Pete Lewis	Nancy Backus	Bill Peloza	
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider	Tom Stowe		
Black Diamond	Rebecca Olness		Carol Benson Tamie Deady	
Bothell	Andy Rheaume	Tom Agnew		
Burien	Jerry Robison	Bob Edgar		
Carnation	Jim Berger			
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto		
Des Moines	Matt Pina	Melissa Musser		
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
Enumclaw	Liz Reynolds			
Federal Way	Jeanne Burbidge			
Hunts Point	Fred McConkey			
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Paul Winterstein		
Kenmore	David Baker			
Kent	Jamie Perry	Dennis Higgins		
Kirkland	Toby Nixon	Amy Walen		
Lake Forest Park	Sandy Koppenol	Tom French		
Maple Valley	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
Mercer Island	Tana Senn	Bruce Bassett		
Milton	Jim Manley	Debra Perry		
Newcastle	Lisa Jensen	Rich Crispo		
Normandy Park	Shawn McEvoy	Susan West	Doug Osterman	
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
Pacific	Leanne Guier	John Jones		
Redmond	Hank Margeson	John Stilin		
Renton	Rich Zwicker	Ed Prince		
Sammamish	Tom Odell	Ramiro Valderrama	Don Gerend	
SeaTac	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
Skykomish	Henry Sladek			
Snoqualmie	Matt Larson	Kingston Wall		
Tukwila	Jim Haggerton	Kate Kruller		
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders		
SCA				Deanna Dawson Monica Whitman Doreen Booth

Electeds present are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.



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Item 5:

Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan Update

Potential Future Action Item

SCA Staff Contact

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Recommended Action

To recommend the following policy position to the SCA Board of Directors:

The Sound Cities Association requests that the Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWAC) and the King County Solid Waste Division review and recommend any appropriate updates to the 2006 *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan*.

Background

The 2006 Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan was approved by the King County Council in December 2007.

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/Planning/documents/Transfer-Waste-Export-Plan.pdf>

The Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan (Transfer Plan) provides for construction or reconstruction of five transfer facilities to support the capacity, service, and operational needs of the waste system into the future: Shoreline, Bow Lake, Factoria, Northeast, and South. Shoreline and Bow Lake have been built and are in operation and Factoria is scheduled to begin construction in mid-2014. The South Transfer Station is in the environmental review stage and the Northeast Station is in the beginning planning stages.

Over the past several years, tonnage in the King County solid waste system has declined significantly in part due to the economy. It has been seven years since the system alternatives were analyzed. Solid Waste Division's current tonnage forecast for year 2030 is about 600,000 tons lower than the former forecast. By the time the proposed stations reach the end of their expected useful lives, they will be utilizing approximately 42% of their total capacity.

Performance Audit of the Solid Waste Transfer Station Capital Projects

In September 2011, the King County Auditor's Office conducted a Performance Audit of the Solid Waste Transfer Station Capital projects. That document, *Performance Audit of Solid Waste Transfer Station Capital Projects (2011)* can be found at the following link,

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/auditor/Reports/Dept/DNRP.aspx>. The purposes of the audit were twofold, to assess whether the rate proposal submitted by King County's Solid Waste Division (SWD) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks would be feasible within a sustainable financial plan, and to evaluate the cost effectiveness of the transfer station capital improvement projects which directly influences disposal rates.

The Performance Audit dated September 7, 2011 has four recommendations. The Performance Audits states that the most important of these is that:

"The Solid Waste Division (SWD) should update transfer system and individual facility plans as they have indicated their intention to do. During this process, SWD should provide county policy-makers and regional partners systematic analysis of the incremental cost impacts of the number and capacities of the transfer stations, the functionalities of the stations, and an assessment of which project financing and delivery method is most likely to result in lower capital costs."

Performance Audit and Factoria Transfer Station

On February 5, 2013, a Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station Oversight Report was issued, <http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/auditor/Reports/Dept/DNRP.aspx>. In response to the 2011 Performance Audit, SWD agreed to look at the Factoria Transfer Station project. The Factoria Oversight Report found that in response to the performance audit, SWD:

- Reduced the waste forecast for 2030 from 800 to 700 tons per day;
- Reduced the size of the Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station by 23%; and
- Lowered the construction cost estimate by 14%.

According the report, there are additional opportunities to improve the cost effectiveness of the Factoria Transfer Station, including costs related to solar panels, administration building amenities, and LEED certification.

Performance Audit and Additional Time for Consideration of Transfer Station Decisions

While the Performance Audit of the Factoria Transfer Station resulted in changes to that transfer station's sizing and construction plans, a system-wide look at the transfer station system is still warranted. The Performance Audit states on page 12 that there may be additional time for consideration of transfer station decisions:

"Since 2007, with the adoption of the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan, SWD has taken actions to extend the useful life of the landfill. Cedar Hills is now estimated to be available to accept waste into year 2025, which means that King County now has 14 more years before the waste export plan starts to go into effect. This extension of the useful life of the landfill has been an economic benefit to SWD, partner local governments, and the rate payers by delaying the need to export waste from King County to a distant site. According to the latest timeline for the remaining transfer station projects, design and permitting for the Northeast and South stations will not take place until 2014-15, and construction will not take place until

2016-17. This time may afford the County and its partners the opportunity to revisit some of the decisions regarding the two transfer stations that have not been sited; and there may be a further possibility for review of Factoria, depending on when the permitting process is completed.”

It is clear based on the *Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station Project Oversight Report* that the SWD is reconsidering individual transfer station plans. It is also appropriate for the SWD and its partners to revisit and recommend updates to the *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan*.



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Item 6:

Impacts of Regional Tolling

Potential Future Action Item

SCA Staff Contact

Monica Whitman, Senior Policy Analyst, office 206-433-7169, monica@soundcities.org.

Recommended Action

This item was brought forward by the City of Kenmore. Woodinville Mayor Bernie Talmas will be presenting on a joint letter from North End Cities to Governor Inslee and Committee Chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committee regarding mitigation for SR 520 tolling and potential I-90 tolling.

The purpose of this presentation is to help determine if the PIC would like to take a future policy position regarding mitigation for communities affected by tolling. This item is scheduled as a 5 minute presentation with 15 minutes for feedback. This discussion/potential future action item is not intended to be in support or opposition of regional tolling. The intent is to support communities negatively impacted by tolling.

(Potential policy language) To recommend the following policy position to the SCA Board of Directors: That the Sound Cities Association support mitigation from the State of Washington to address impacts from the current regional tolling of SR 520; as well as, the potential regional tolling of I-90.

Background

WSDOT is currently considering a toll on the I-90 Bridge. In addition to the impacts already occurring from 520 tolling, a number of SCA member cities could be negatively affected by the potential tolling of I-90. Attached is a letter from five North End Cities requesting that any negative impacts from an I-90 Toll be mitigated through State funding of improvements along affected corridors in the five North End Cities.

Attachment

- a) [Letter from North End Cities Regarding Tolling Mitigation](#)

February 27, 2013

To: Governor Jay Inslee
Senator Curtis King, Transportation Committee Co-Chair
Senator Tracey Eide, Senate Transportation Committee Co-Chair
Representative Judy Clibborn, House Transportation Committee Chair

Re: Regional Tolling Impacts

As the State of Washington considers tolling on the I-90 Bridge across Lake Washington, we, the Mayors of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, and Woodinville, on behalf of our cities, respectfully request mitigation resources to address impacts from regional tolling.

Since tolling has been implemented on the SR 520 Bridge, our north end communities have experienced increased traffic volumes and congestion on SR 522 and other state and local highways and roads. Yet our cities have received little to no mitigation funding as a result of the SR 520 tolling impacts.

We believe it is important to highlight that there are four east-west corridors connecting the communities surrounding Lake Washington: SR 522, SR 520, I-90 and I-405. The impacts on all four of these corridors must be considered when evaluating and mitigating regional tolling.

Tolling of the I-90 Lake Washington Bridge will very likely result in additional traffic on SR 522 and other roads and transportation systems here at the north end of the Lake. We are concerned that the cumulative impacts of regional tolling on our north/south and east/west corridors will continue to go unaddressed.

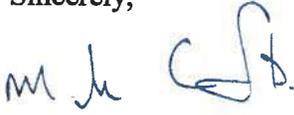
Therefore, we urge the State to review the additional impacts specific to our north end cities that would result from the cumulative consequences of regional tolling: traffic volumes and congestion, air pollution, noise pollution, transit, safety, and parking.

Furthermore, we anticipate mitigation resources from the State of Washington to address impacts from the current regional tolling as well as future regional tolling. Mitigation measures should include pedestrian and vehicle safety improvements, noise improvements, improved transit and transit access, as well as transportation capacity improvements, repairs, replacements, and retrofitting of affected transportation structures and systems.

Thank you for considering our communities as regional tolling policies are being evaluated.

We look forward to thoughtful discussions and evaluations that include our north end cities.

Sincerely,



Mayor Mark Lamb
City of Bothell



Mayor David Baker
City of Kenmore



Mayor Joan McBride
City of Kirkland



Mayor Mary Jane Goss
City of Lake Forest Park



Mayor Bernie Talmas
City of Woodinville

cc: Transportation Secretary Lynn Peterson
Senators and Representatives of the 1st, 32nd, 41st, 45th, 46th, and 48th Districts



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Item 7:

Washington State Special Hotel/Motel (Lodging) Tax

Potential Future Action Item

SCA Staff Contact

Monica Whitman, Senior Policy Analyst, office 206-433-7169, monica@soundcities.org.

Recommended Action

This item was brought forward by the City of Federal Way. Councilmember Burbidge will be providing an update on the current status of the Washington State Special Hotel/Motel Tax. The purpose of this update is to help determine if the PIC would like to take a future policy position on this item. This item is scheduled as a 5 minute presentation with 10 minutes for feedback.

(Potential policy language) To recommend the following policy position to the SCA Board of Directors: That the Sound Cities Association support the flexible use of lodging tax revenues by local jurisdictions for the operations and marketing of special events and festivals beyond June 30, 2013.

Background

The use of lodging tax revenues is dictated by State law (RCW 67.28.1816 and 67.28.080), whose sole purpose is to “promote tourism.” Each community that assesses the tax must have a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee that provides the governing legislative body with recommendations on the use of those revenues. In 2007, the State Legislature amended the law to clarify that lodging tax revenues could be used not only for the “marketing” of special events and festivals, but also for the “operations” of such events. Without action by the Legislature that provision will sunset on June 30, 2013, greatly restricting cities’ ability to support tourism with lodging tax funds.

The City of Federal Way supports HB 1253 (and companion bill SB 5262) that would end the sunset clause, and preserve this vital tool for local economies. Summary of Bill:

- Authorizes lodging tax revenues to continue to be used for the operation of special events or festivals.
- The June 30, 2013 expiration date is removed.
- Jurisdictions would no longer be required to provide to the department of commerce an annual report of the use of lodging tax revenues; however, an organization applying to a

local jurisdiction for use of lodging tax revenues would be required to include an estimate regarding benefits resulting from the use of such revenues.

Like many cities, the City of Federal Way relies on the flexibility provided by this amendment to support special events and community festivals that bring significant tourist dollars into the community. Each year, the City invests approximately \$190,000 in lodging tax revenues in advertising, promotion and production of special events, and various programs that promote tourism in Federal Way.

In 2012, the City's investment of \$140,000 for the 2012 US Olympics Dive Trials resulted in a very successful weeklong event that generated \$4.3 million of new spending in King County and \$1.64 million in Federal Way, according to the Seattle Sports Commission.

Other examples of City of Federal Way lodging tax grants and investments that would no longer be eligible if the sunset is allowed to occur:

- NCAA Mens Swimming and Diving events
- Blast-Off Soccer Tournament
- US Senior Softball Association Men's and Women's World Championship
- The Sudden Impact Girls' Fastpitch Tournament

These events, and others like them statewide, would not happen without the flexibility to use local lodging tax funds for more than just marketing.

Many large events require some level of financial support, as the US Olympics Team Dive Trials in Federal Way, did. Without that support, these events would not occur, and the huge economic impact that they provide, would be lost to those communities, and in many cases, to the state.

The investment decisions are guided locally by a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, comprised by an equal representation of local hoteliers and representatives of local tourism "attractions." These are locally-derived funds, for local use, as directed by local decision-making (per statute).



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Item 8:

Update to the Metro Strategic Plan and Guidelines

Discussion Item

SCA Staff Contact

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SCA Regional Transit Committee Members:

Committee Vice Chair Bob Sternoff, Kirkland Councilmember; SCA RTC Caucus Chair Kim Allen, Redmond Councilmember; SCA RTC Caucus Vice Chair Dennis Higgins, Kent Councilmember (alternate); Joan McGilton, Burien Councilmember; Fred Butler, Issaquah Councilmember; Chris Eggen, Shoreline Deputy Mayor; Marcie Palmer, Renton Councilmember; Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way Councilmember; Dave Hill, Algona Mayor; Wayne Osborne, Auburn Councilmember (alternate); Tom Vance, Sammamish Councilmember (alternate); John Wright, Lake Forest Park Councilmember (alternate).

This item was brought forward by the SCA Regional Transit Committee Caucus. Monica Whitman, SCA Staff, will be providing a brief update on recent developments regarding the update to the King County Metro Strategic Plan and Guidelines, specifically the creation of an additional service priority category. The caucus is seeking feedback on 5 possible approaches, to addressing a potential fifth service investment priority, as outlined below.

This item is scheduled as a 3 minute update with 7 minutes for feedback.

Background

The King County Metro Strategic Plan and Guidelines adopting Ord 17143, Section D requires a new category (investment priority) be added to the existing 4 categories identified in the Transit Strategic Plan. (These categories are the order in which new/additional service is added per the methodology of the adopted strategic plan and Guidelines.)

The current categories (investment priorities) are:

- Over-crowding
- On-Time Performance
- Corridors below Target Service Levels
- High Performing Routes.

Following discussions at recent SCA and King County RTC Workshops it has become apparent that the RTC may not be in a position to propose a fifth investment priority category prior to the April 30, 2013 deadline for the update to the Metro Strategic Plan and Guidelines.

Strategic Plan Adopting Ordinance (17143 (Section 8):

By April 30, 2013, and as part of the 2013 transmittal required in Section 6 of this ordinance, the executive shall transmit to the council an ordinance to update the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and the King County Metro Service Guidelines recognizing that the strategic plan and guidelines are based upon Metro's current network, which will require future changes to meet the 2010 regional transit task force recommendations. Additionally, by October 31, 2012 the executive shall transmit a preliminary results report produced through the collaborative process identified in Section 8.A. of this ordinance to the regional transit committee. At a minimum, the legislation and update should include refinements to the guidelines' methodology to:

- A. Incorporate input from local jurisdictions as generated through a collaborative process defined by the executive;
- B. Address the factors, methodology and prioritization of service additions in existing and new corridors consistent with Strategy 6.1.1;
- C. More closely align factors used to serve and connect centers in the development of the All-Day and Peak Network and resulting service level designations, including consideration of existing public transit services, with jurisdictions' growth decisions, such as zoning and transit-supportive design requirements, and actions associated with but not limited to permitting, transit operating enhancements, parking controls and pedestrian facilities; and
- D. Create a category of additional service priority, complementary to existing priorities for adding service contained within the King County Metro Service Guidelines, so that priorities include service enhancements to and from, between and within Vision 2040 regionally designated centers, and other centers where plans call for transit-supportive densities and jurisdictions have invested in capital facilities, made operational changes that improve the transit operating environment and access to transit, and implemented programs that incentivize transit use.

Possible Approaches:

- 1. Propose the creation of a category such as partnerships or supportive capital investments and make the fifth priority as part of the required update. One suggestion would be to postpone until a date certain. For example, the first quarter of 2014.
- 2. Amend Ordinance 17143, Section 8, sub-section D to require consideration of creating an additional category of additional service priority as a required element of implementing a long range plan. (This is contingent upon the anticipated update inclusion of a policy requiring a long range plan.)
- 3. Amend Ordinance 17143, Section 8 to delete sub-section D.
- 4. As part of the anticipated legislation and as part of a long range plan scoping/implementation section of the legislation, require the review of additional

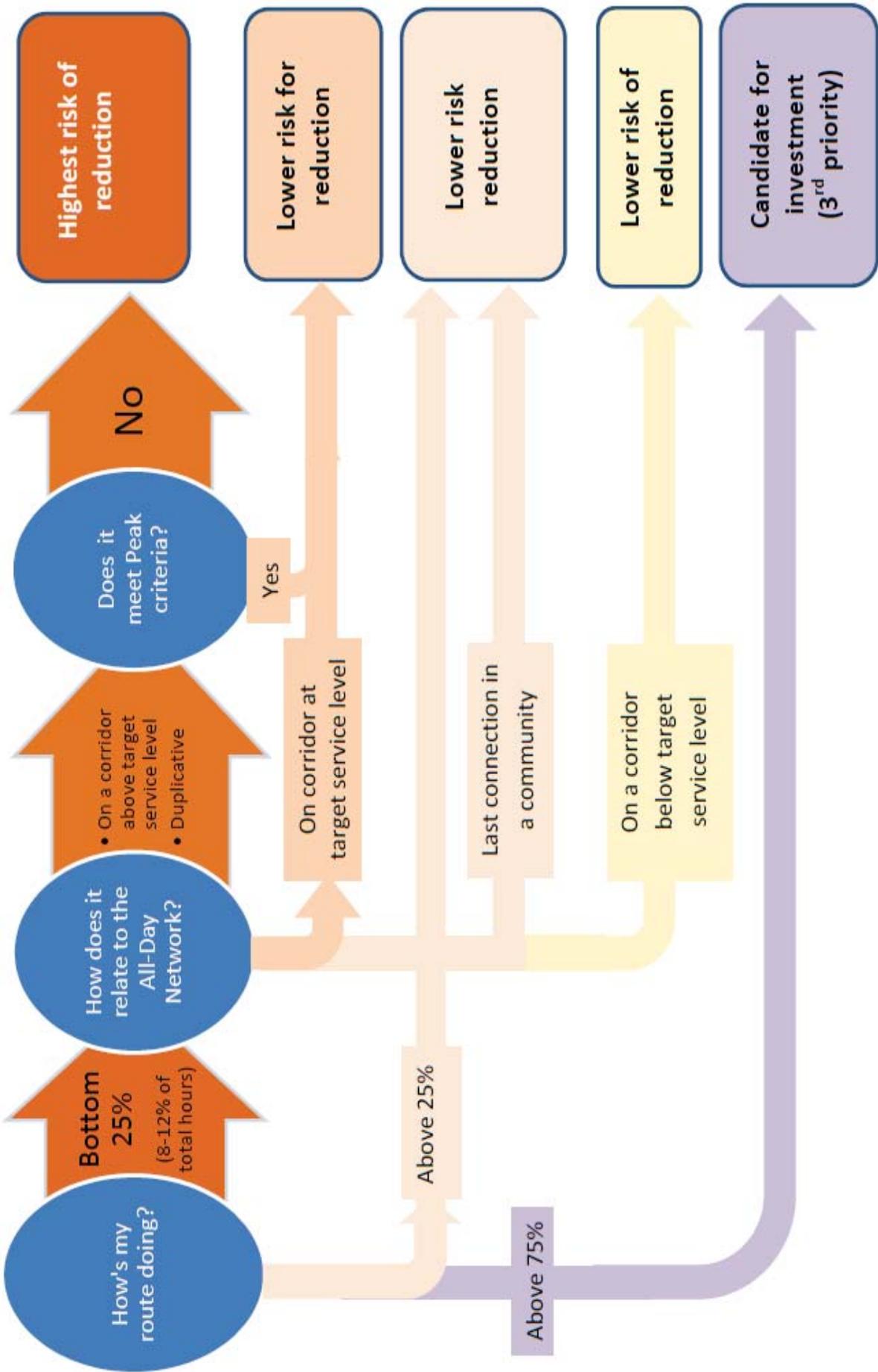
service priorities (adding service) for changes or additions reflecting existing conditions and demand, unmet needs and future operational and capital needs.

5. Are there other approaches that should be considered?

Attachment

- a) [Slide: What does the performance of my route currently mean?](#)

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What is the difference between the Strategic Plan, the Service Guidelines, and a Long Range Plan?

