



## SCA Public Issues Committee

### AGENDA

March 8, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, Chair 2 minutes
2. **Public Comment** – Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, Chair 10 minutes
3. [Approval of minutes – February 8, 2017 meeting](#) 2 minutes  
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4. **Chair’s Report** – Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, Chair 5 minutes
5. **Executive Director’s Report** – Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director 10 minutes
6. [MIDD Advisory Committee and King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee Appointments](#) 5 minutes  
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Leanne Guier, PIC Nominating Committee Chair  
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8. [Cultural Access Sales Tax](#) 15 minutes  
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(5 minute staff report, 5 minute Q and A)

10. [Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan](#)

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Doreen Booth, Policy Analyst

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Ellie Wilson-Jones, Senior Policy Analyst

(5 minute staff report, 10 minute Q and A)

12. [Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County](#)

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Brian Parry, Senior Policy Analyst

(2 minute staff report, 3 minute discussion)

13. [Potential Upcoming SCA Issues](#)

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Deanna Dawson, Executive Director

(2 minute staff report, 3 minute discussion)

14. **Upcoming Events**

- a. SCA Caucus Chair Training– Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 6:00 PM – Renton City Hall, Conferencing Center
- b. SCA Networking Dinner featuring Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson – Wednesday, March 29, 2017 – 5:30 PM – Inglewood Golf Club
- c. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM – Renton City Hall – ***(Subject to cancellation upon action of the PIC)***

15. **For the Good of the Order**

16. **Adjourn**

**Did You Know?**

[HistoryLink.org](http://HistoryLink.org) is a free online encyclopedia of Washington state history, with 7,423 essays available, including this passage on the [origins of Duvall](#): *On January 6, 1913, the town of Duvall incorporated. Some believe that the town was founded in order to open a saloon, for which city status was required. Whatever the reason, local citizens enjoyed their new status. Lon Brown, Duvall's first mayor, also played in Duvall's band. On occasion, the band would perform on top of the big rock located in the ravine of what is now Taylor Park. The locals would sit on logs and listen in the filtered sunlight below.*

# 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 8, 2017 – 7:00 PM**

**Renton City Hall**

**1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057**

#### **1. Welcome and Roll Call**

PIC Chair Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 26 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Councilmember Thomas McLeod, Tukwila; Lyman Howard, City of Sammamish staff; Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., Covington; AJ McClure, City of Bellevue staff; Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island; Edie Gilliss, City of Seattle staff; Diane Carlson, King County Executive Office staff; Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond; Councilmember John Holman, Auburn; Councilmember Carol Simpson, Newcastle; Mike Huddleston, King County Council staff; Mayor Don Gerend, Sammamish.

#### **2. Public Comment**

Chair Marts asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, Chair Marts closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

#### **3. Approval of the January 11, 2017 Minutes**

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, moved, seconded by Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, to approve the January 11, 2017 PIC minutes.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Chair Marts reported on the evening's pre-PIC workshop, which provided a PIC 101 overview of "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Public Issues Committee (But Were Afraid to Ask)." Longtime PIC members encouraged members to join them for an informal monthly dinner the hour before pre-PIC workshops, or in months when there is not a workshop, the hour prior to the full PIC meeting. Chair Marts reflected that he has learned a lot from his fellow PIC members by joining them for dinner.

Chair Marts invited the audience members to introduce themselves. Chair Marts welcomed PIC alternates in attendance, and underscored the importance of alternates attending meetings even when they are not acting as the city's voting member. Having an alternate who is well versed in prior discussions of the PIC better positions them to step in as a voting member.

Chair Marts encouraged members to feel comfortable sharing ideas during meetings, to engage, and to ask questions when they have them, as they are likely shared. Members who do not need a paper packet at the meeting are asked to let SCA staff know when RSVP'ing for the monthly PIC meeting.

## **5. Executive Director's Report**

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported on the recent orientation for regional board and committee appointees. She noted that SCA will be holding a training for caucus chairs and vice chairs on March 1, 2017 at 6 PM at Renton City Hall. All SCA members are welcome to attend. The training will feature Ann Macfarlane of Jurassic Parliament.

Dawson reported on the recent SCA networking event featuring guest King County Executive Dow Constantine. Executive Constantine was very complimentary about the work of and influence of SCA in the region. Much of that influence is due to the good work of PIC. Dawson noted that SCA is looking at a tentative date for the next SCA networking event of March 29, 2017.

Dawson reported on a regional transportation system initiative being jointly convened by SCA and the County. As members will recall, SCA hosted a regional transportation summit in late 2014 and more recently, the City of Issaquah hosted a summit to address the needs of nearby cities. The County convened a Roads and Bridges Task Force in 2015 looking at the needs of rural roads. Cities are facing these same challenges. This initiative will look at the needs of the regional roads network throughout King County. As a first phase, cities are being asked to send a technical expert (someone from Public Works staff or City Manager or Administrator) to define what comprises the regional roads network, and identify unmet needs. The first meeting will be held on March 3. Thereafter, elected officials will be convened to review this work and to make policy recommendations. If members have questions, they can contact Dawson or SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry. Dawson provided a handout of a letter inviting cities to participate ([Attachment B](#)).

Dawson will be meeting next week with representatives from the Executive Office and King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci to discuss work on a regional affordable housing initiative.

Dawson distributed a handout on "Access for All," a proposal for a countywide cultural access levy ([Attachment C](#)). This was referenced at last month's PIC, and members asked for written information. The handout provides an overview of the proposal, but does not provide important details including the fiscal impact of the proposal. Dawson has asked for this information to be provided in writing for PIC members. It is anticipated that this proposal may be transmitted to County Council as soon as this month. SCA will update members as more information becomes available.

Dawson reported on the work of One City Center, on which she has been asked to serve on behalf of SCA. One Center City is a partnership between the City of Seattle, King County, Sound Transit, and the Downtown Seattle Association that has been working on strategies to address the mobility of people moving through downtown Seattle, including future mobility issues

facing the downtown core due to temporary challenges caused by near term projects occurring from 2018 – 2023. These projects include: demolition of the Alaskan Way Viaduct and construction of a new Seattle waterfront; construction of a new downtown streetcar; continuing public and private construction, including expansion of the Washington State Convention Center set to begin in late 2018; and conversion of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel to a rail-only facility. One Center City is reviewing potential strategies including bus route changes alongside street and traffic improvements and other measures in Downtown Seattle. The potential strategies may involve restructures to transit routes for both Metro and Sound Transit. Especially impacted may be routes that serve the SR-520 and I-90 corridors. Options being considered include truncating routes, and connecting with light rail at the UW and/or International District stations. Dawson has communicated to the group that this group (which primarily consists of Seattle, especially downtown Seattle, interests) is not the proper forum to make decisions/recommendations affecting commuters from outside Seattle. Sound Transit and Metro indicate that they will be doing public outreach, although the form of this has not been determined and/or communicated at this date. Ultimate decisions on any route changes will go through King County Council and Sound Transit. Dawson has been in communication with King County Councilmember and Sound Transit Board Member Claudia Balducci and County Executive Dow Constantine about concerns. Dawson referenced an email sent to the group on February 2 which included a link to an [“online open house”](#) and urged members to participate. Dawson sought feedback on how SCA members would like to give input into these potential changes.

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

Nominating Committee Chair Leanne Guier gave a report from the February 1, 2017 meeting of the PIC Nominating Committee.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to recommend the following appointments to the SCA Board of Directors:

- Councilmember Verna Seal, Tukwila, be appointed as an alternate member to the Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI);
- Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, be appointed as an alternate member to the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC);
- Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell be appointed as an alternate member to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marts noted that there is one remaining vacancy on the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee. SCA staff will distribute information about the vacancy and those cities that are eligible to apply.

## **7. Regional Centers**

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, gave a briefing about changes being considered at the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to the Regional Centers policy framework – the set of policies and criteria that define Regional Growth Centers in Vision 2040 and the Regional Growth Strategy.

Parry said the changes being considered affect centers that have been designated as growth centers at the regional level through PSRC. He noted that focusing growth into centers is a key strategy for accommodating growth under Vision 2040, and that designated centers receive priority at the regional level for funding of transportation projects as a result. There are currently 29 designated growth centers and nine designated manufacturing and industrial centers (or MICs) across the four-county region that have developed under different standards over the last 20 years. They vary significantly in size, use, access to transit, and other characteristics.

Parry stated that in 2015, the PSRC Growth Management and Executive Boards decided to form a Working Group tasked with reviewing the procedures for center designation, evaluating existing designated centers, and exploring the role of different scales of centers. The Working Group report is expected to be released this month. The proposed changes will be reviewed by the Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) beginning in April, with final policies expected to be adopted by the Executive Board before the end of the year. The Working Group is expected to provide a variety of alternatives for public comment and for the Boards to consider. Among their recommendations are: new center designation criteria related to density, size, and access to affordable housing and high-capacity transit; new standards for MICs; and options for incorporating the role of military facilities into the Centers Framework. *[Note: Since the February 8 PIC meeting, PSRC has released the Working Group final report, available [here](#).]*

Parry noted that one of the key questions to be determined is how to integrate existing centers into the new criteria. He also clarified that the scope of the framework update project does not include any recommendations about the interplay of the new standards and future transportation funding competitions; but, it is expected the new standards will eventually be incorporated into funding policies. In addition, while the Working Group is not recommending removal or de-designation of any existing centers, cities may be expected to modify their center plans to more closely align with revised criteria.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, stressed that growth centers can have significant impacts on smaller cities and towns that are surrounded by them, like Newcastle, which is impacted by growth occurring in Bellevue and Renton. He said the centers policies and Growth Management Act push transportation resources into the growth centers, but that many of the people who work in a given center don't live there and the impacts on surrounding roadways and communities are not being addressed enough.

Parry noted that some of the funding sources through PSRC are targeted to rural roads and other projects where centers are not prioritized, but that the need is greater than the available funding. He noted that the need to address mobility on the network of roads connecting cities in King County was behind the recent launch of the Regional Transportation Initiative by SCA and King County, discussed in Dawson's Executive Director's Report and in the earlier distributed letter ([Attachment B](#)). Crispo noted that he attended the Regional Transportation Summit hosted in Issaquah in November and that many cities expressed these concerns about pass-through traffic.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, agreed that the issues raised by Mayor Crispo are significant. He noted that projects that connect two centers get priority for funding, and that other jurisdictions face challenges competing for funding. He noted the challenges posed when streets are owned by multiple jurisdictions. He noted the resources necessary to become a center, and to build and maintain infrastructure. He noted that this is a complicated issue that affects the four-county region, not just King County.

Councilmember Christie Malchow, Sammamish, said she sees the same challenges raised by Mayors Crispo and Hill. She noted that when everyone leaves a “bedroom community” their traffic affects cities all around them.

Chair Marts said that many cities have challenges balancing job and housing growth and problems managing the relationship between where jobs are and where people live. He noted that Issaquah had seen a lot of growth in housing, especially at the high-end of the market, but that jobs were growing more slowly. He expressed concerns about the potential of a tiered approach to regional centers. He said that Issaquah has a regional center and that under the current policy framework there is no distinction – you either have a center or you don’t. He said he was concerned about cities putting resources into developing regional centers and then not having those centers valued in competitions for future transportation funding.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, said he would like to have a pre-PIC workshop on centers to find out more and advised that he would be unavailable for the March PIC meeting. Chair Marts agreed and asked if others would like a pre-PIC on centers. Seeing confirmation, Chair Marts asked Dawson to schedule the topic for pre-PIC at the next available opportunity.

## **8. Veterans and Human Services Levy**

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on planning efforts for the potential renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy (VHSL), which was first passed in 2005 and then renewed in 2011 to run through 2017. The county is hearing that the need for levy-funded services aimed at addressing homelessness, reducing unnecessary criminal justice and emergency medical system involvement, and other services for veterans and vulnerable populations has not gone away, but rather is growing. The King County Executive is expected to transmit a proposed ordinance placing a VHSL renewal on the ballot to the King County Council in April. To inform planning for a potential renewal, the Regional Policy Committee and King County Council last fall directed the Executive to prepare two reports. The first looks broadly at the effectiveness of the current levy and scope of unmet need in a number of areas. A couple of the key recommendations from this lengthy report are that strong consideration should be given to additional levy investment in meeting the needs of older adults and responding to the housing affordability and homelessness crisis. The second report aimed to answer the more specific question of what it would take to house or shelter King County’s unhoused veterans. The report paints a challenging outlook for achieving this goal. Contrary to earlier, much lower, estimates, there are nearly 2,100 veterans experiencing homelessness in King County and, while 40 vets are housed each month, there are 106 newly homeless veterans entered in the system, for a net increase of 66 people each month. The report models what it would take to house every veteran who needs and seeks housing, estimating that the cost of necessary interventions—outreach and supportive services, diversion, rapid rehousing, housing units, and

shelter—would cost \$312 million. The report concludes that this total is out of scale with the likely resources of a renewed levy, which currently generates about \$18 million annually.

Wilson-Jones reported that earlier in the day the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) received a briefing on these reports and passed motions approving them. SCA RPC members provided several pieces of input about what they want to see from a potentially renewed levy. First, that while the reports paint a picture of expansive need, the levy should be focused, and should work to achieve results for a more limited set of priorities. Furthermore, knowing that the need is great, it will be important to make sure dollars are not spread too thin in a way that jeopardizes effectiveness. Finally, SCA Members also supported steps to move toward an outcomes-focused levy framework, as proposed in the first report, that better aligns with the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) levy and Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) sales tax. If the VHSL is renewed, the RPC will assist in crafting an implementation plan later this year.

Wilson-Jones invited PIC member input as to whether and how they would like to receive additional information about, and provide input into, the levy planning, and distributed a handout from the Housing Development Consortium outlining that organization's hopes for a renewed levy ([Attachment D](#)). The Housing Development Consortium is reaching out to cities to advocate that they also champion a levy expansion, with a particular focus on affordable housing for very low income households.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, noted the combined nature of the Veterans and Human Services Levy, as a source of funding to serve veterans and to address other human services needs, and also requested more information about how King County's three key levies for health and human services are invested. That information would be helpful in communicating about the current levies and what is needed in the future. Wilson-Jones stated that half of VHSL revenues are invested in providing services for veterans, military personnel, and their families and half are invested in more general human services. Wilson-Jones will follow up to provide an overview for members of how King County's three primary sources of human services funding—the VHSL, BSK, and MIDD—are currently being invested. Because these levies have been layered over one another over time, they sometimes fund similar, or in some cases, even the same service, with a newer levy funding an expansion of an existing program. Because funds raised through new levies cannot be used to supplant existing funds used for that purpose, these funding sources cannot now neatly be pulled apart to each fund discrete service areas. *[Note: The Revised VHSL Assessment Report, as transmitted to the King County Council and downloadable [here](#), provides a history of the county's three health and human services levies beginning on page 134, discusses key areas of investment for BSK and MIDD on page 137, and presents an analysis of how the three levies could be more fully aligned beginning on page 138. Additional information responsive to this request has been requested from the county.]*

Dawson highlighted that, for the potential renewal of the VHSL, strong consideration is being given to expanding investment in services for older adults. Kenmore Mayor David Baker has been a strong advocate on this point, raising it with the County Executive. Wilson-Jones noted that United Way of King County previously provided more dedicated funding for older adult programs, but has now shifted its investments to other focus areas. At the same time, the

population of older adults is increasing rapidly. With the funding gap and growing need, there is a strong push to expand VHSL investments in this area.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, spoke about Multi-Service Center's new William J. Wood Veterans House, which opened in Federal Way in December 2016. Rental subsidies are available for the 44 units, which will house veterans and their families. On-site services will also be available to residents. Assefa-Dawson noted that a number of other King County Housing Authority projects serve seniors or those with disabilities and provide case management and other services. The VHSL could be helpful in assisting those not already served by such housing.

Wilson-Jones noted that the first report provided to the RPC recommended that consideration be given to serving a long list of unmet needs. These needs were not clearly prioritized in the report, however, and a renewed levy could not meet all current funding gaps. There were signals, though, that assisting older adults and responding to the housing and homelessness crisis will be focus areas for the Executive in pursuing a renewed levy.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, who serves on the RPC, noted the complexities of how county health and human services levies come together to fund similar services and highlighted the comparatively small size of the VHSL, which generates about \$18 million a year, split between services focused on veterans and more general human services. Collectively, the VHSL and other health and human services levies are working to meet great needs. Hill requested a presentation outlining the Executive's proposal for a renewed levy and the key areas it will seek to address. Wilson-Jones noted that the Executive has not yet announced how large of a levy he will seek, but indications are that he will propose an expansion. Still, even an expanded levy is anticipated to generate much less than would be necessary to fill all existing funding gaps, particularly with regard to the housing needs of veterans and others.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, noted the high number of veterans becoming homeless each month and requested additional information about how the current estimate of veterans experiencing homelessness, and those becoming newly homeless, was developed. Wilson-Jones said that there are number of factors that have contributed to the dramatic increase in the estimated number of veterans experiencing homelessness, including the implementation of Coordinated Entry for All, which has provided better data. *[Note: The Veterans and Human Services Levy Veterans Housing Assessment Report, as transmitted to the King County Council and downloadable [here](#), provides more information about the definition of "veteran" used in the estimate, page 6, as well as the methodology that was used to quantify how many veterans are unhoused and the types of housing they need, page 8.]* Kruller also asked for more information on how SCA could play a role in supporting the levy. Dawson responded that now was a good time for SCA members to weigh in on what they would like to see prioritized in the levy, and any changes they wished to see.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, underscored the frequency with which voters are being asked to approve levies and noted the potential for voter fatigue. Furthermore, even with levies stacked one upon the next, the region still does not have sufficient funding to address homelessness and other human services needs. Crispo advised that it would be more efficient and transparent

to determine what was needed and put a single request to voters. Dawson spoke to the link between the current funding approach, of utilizing levies to fund health and human services needs, and revenue restrictions on local government. Previously, the county had sufficient general fund revenues to fund more human services programs, but now the general fund is greatly constrained and prioritized for other purposes.

Chair Marts spoke to the role SCA played in shaping BSK and suggested that SCA should also get involved in planning for a potential VHSL renewal. Chair Marts also highlighted the importance of current programs funded by the VHSL, such as YMCA's Passage Point housing project, which provides housing, services, and needed support to single parents exiting the correctional system. Chair Marts added that having more information about VHSL funded programs, and how they fit together with the strategies funded under other levies, will be important for members as they explain to constituents what is currently being funded and why.

Stanford spoke to the needs of older adults and impacts of shifting United Way funding priorities. The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center was devastated by a loss of funding from United Way, though the cities have increased contributions to help fill the gap.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted the significant task before the RPC in balancing the enormous need for services for veterans and more general human services with the limited resources potentially available under a renewed VHSL. He lauded the report recommendations suggesting that a renewed VHSL should adopt the outcomes-based framework already employed by the BSK and MIDD levies. Margeson also underscored the responsibility of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in serving veterans in need, and asked that additional information be provided about the role of the VA in serving the unmet needs of veterans.

## **9. PSRC Certification of Comprehensive Plans of Small Cities**

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, provided an update on the certification of comprehensive plans by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) of several cities classified as "Small Cities" in Vision 2040.

Parry stated that PSRC reviews local comprehensive plans in the four-county region for consistency with regional planning policies and the regional transportation improvement program. That certification is a requirement for jurisdictions that intend to apply for funds awarded through PSRC. In the case of a handful of these cities, when analyzing their Urban Growth Areas, they projected significantly more population and employment growth than was allocated in their countywide growth targets. PSRC noted this inconsistency and certified the plans with a condition that the cities amend their comprehensive plans within a given window of time in order to remain eligible for funding.

Parry said that following that decision, the affected cities brought forward a number of concerns to SCA and PSRC. These included concerns about communication during the certification process; the role of Small Cities in Vision 2040; the nature of growth targets and whether it is appropriate to have a "ceiling" for development within designated Urban Growth Areas; and the particular burden on cities with fewer staff resources to reopen their

comprehensive plans for amendment. The PSRC Executive Board asked the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) to review the issue. GMPB members noted some of the policy questions being raised went beyond the affected cities, and they worked to find an alternative solution that takes some of the immediate pressure off of the affected cities while working toward a broader regional solution. The GMPB recommended, and in January the Executive Board approved, an option for the cities to approve a policy statement documenting the issues raised through this process and committing to continuing to work collaboratively to implement the regional growth strategy. He noted that the specific requirements were included in the staff report.

Parry said that further discussion of these policy issues is expected to take place during the next update to the countywide growth targets that will go through the King County Growth Management Planning Council and the next update to Vision 2040 at PSRC. He also noted that SCA members were instrumental in forging a compromise and thanked the members for their efforts.

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, expressed concerns that decisions by PSRC have the potential to usurp local planning. He stated that none of the other Regional Transportation Planning Organizations across the state issue conditional certifications and questioned why PSRC did so.

Chair Marts clarified for new PIC members that there were four cities in King County that were most affected by the issue being discussed. He noted that the issue of growth targets and how they work is going to continue to be a big issue moving forward. He said that many policymakers viewed the countywide growth targets as “floors” that must be accommodated and never viewed them as maximums.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, expressed concerns about the use of conditional certifications. He expressed concerns that regional planners want cities to restrict growth in ways that are beyond their control due to market pressures and questioned what would happen if the region experienced population growth significantly above projections.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that he serves on the PSRC GMPB and noted that the first cities to receive conditional certifications were based on planning for too little growth. Following that, they were then asked to provide policy guidance on growth plans that planned for a much higher rate of growth than historical trends. He stated that certifying comprehensive plans is part of the PSRC’s role under state statute and that regional planning would be a free for all without it. He said the compromise proposed by the GMPB was meant to respond to feedback they heard from cities that it was too expensive to reopen their comprehensive plans. He noted this was the first time cities updated their comprehensive plans under the framework of Vision 2040 and that PSRC staff is in the process of compiling observations about the certification process in what is called the Taking Stock Report. He added that it will be important for cities to be actively involved in the next countywide growth target setting process and clarify what those targets mean.

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, said the growth targets as “floors” versus “ceilings” issue is a big concern for Duvall. She noted Duvall’s comprehensive plan was conditionally certified because they ran out of grant funding for their planning prior to completing their transportation element, but that it would be completed in 2017. She said it makes it more difficult to have growth policy conversations with the community when media coverage of the PSRC certification process gives a false impression that the city is exploding with growth without any planning. She said Duvall was planning to host town hall meetings in 2017 to help clarify with the public what the City’s growth plans are and how residents can be engaged. Dawson asked Ockerlander to contact Parry about any feedback related to regional planning if there was some way that he could provide assistance.

Mayor Hill noted that comprehensive plans are sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce for a months-long review process before going to PSRC. He stated that PSRC should provide their input sooner in the process and that it was a waste of resources to go through all of the work cities do to get to the final stage only to have PSRC not accept their plan.

Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond, a guest at the evening’s PIC meeting, shared that he sits on the King County Growth Management Council (GMPC), and that the GMPC Caucus had a very interesting conversation about the Small City comprehensive plan certification issue. He expressed support for SCA helping to clarify how targets are defined.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, said he thought it would be helpful to discuss the process of setting growth targets at a future pre-PIC workshop. Dawson asked Parry about the timing of the next growth target setting process. Parry responded that the target-setting process was anticipated to start sometime in 2018 and be completed in 2019 or 2020. Dawson asked the body whether there was interest in a follow-up discussion of how the growth target process and other regional and state planning processes fit together. Several members expressed interest, and Dawson said that Parry would put something together for a later date to be determined.

Councilmember Dustin Green, Carnation, suggested the concept of engineering tolerances might help the conversation when discussing maximums and minimums for growth targets. He said having a preset range would make more sense than a target.

## **10. 2017 State Legislative Session**

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that a substantial number of bills relevant to the interests of cities had been filed since the last PIC meeting, but that the amount of viable legislation will soon be substantially reduced. With some significant exceptions, bills must make it out of their policy committee in their house of origin by February 17.

Wilson-Jones distributed a handout ([Attachment E](#)) listing the updated status of each of the bills referenced in the PIC Packet as well as additional bills relevant to SCA’s 2017 Legislative Agenda. Wilson-Jones provided brief updates on several bills described in the PIC Packet and summarized the impact of newly added bills. HB 1764, which would replace the current one percent property tax cap with a new cap tied to the inflation and population growth, was to be heard in the House Finance Committee February 10. SCA President and Kenmore Mayor David

Baker was to testify on behalf of SCA, and Kirkland Mayor Amy Walen, Kent Councilmember Dana Ralph, Shoreline Mayor Chris Roberts, and police chiefs for the cities of Normandy Park and Kent were also confirmed to testify. SHB 1099, which would impact liquor and marijuana revenues for cities without a marijuana ban or moratorium in place that refuse to allow the siting or operation of a retail marijuana business, is being substantially revised according to the Association of Washington Cities and is anticipated to no longer impact cities other than Lakewood.

A substantial number of housing-related bills have been filed and heard. HB 1633 and companion SB 5407, which would prohibit landlords from discriminating against prospective or current tenants based on their use of government or non-profit assistance, each received a hearing in committee. Shoreline Councilmember Keith Scully, Auburn Councilmember Claude DaCorsi, and Renton Councilmember Ed Prince testified in the public hearings for one or both of the bills. HB 1514/SB 5520 would generally require that a mobile home park and manufactured housing community landlords provide tenants with three years notice of a closure or conversion. SB 5569 would preempt local governments from enacting ordinances barring source of income discrimination. SB 5656 is a sweeping bill that would, among other things, preempt local regulation of homeless encampments. HB 1797 would create new local option revenue sources for affordable housing. SB 5657 would restrict cities ability to regulate homeless camps operated by religious institutions. HB 1752 would require governments who dispose of surplus property at the fair market value to transfer 20 percent of the proceeds to the state for deposit in the Housing Trust Fund. HB 1630 would allow youth aged 13 or older to consent to providing their personal information to the Homeless Management Information System.

Two Association of Washington Cities priority Public Records Act reform bills, HB 1594 and HB 1595, were being heard February 10. HB 1516, also related to the Public Records Act, would establish an internet-based data storage system to collect and store local agency public records and make those records available for public disclosure.

Finally, SHB 1184, a bill flagged at the January PIC meeting by Tukwila Councilmember Kate Kruller that is related to sting operations for the crime of patronizing a prostitute, has passed out of the House unanimously.

Chair Marts asked whether HB 1017 addresses the same school siting issue discussed by the PIC previously. Dawson explained that HB 1017 is a concern to some member cities, particularly the City of Woodinville, because it would provide school districts with expanded opportunity to site schools outside of urban growth areas. SCA adopted a [policy position](#) in December 2014 related to a then proposed County Wide Planning Policy on school siting. Chair Marts noted that several districts own property outside of urban growth area boundaries and that a process was previously engaged in at the county level in King County to address issues related to siting schools.

### **11. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County**

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on the list of potential levies and ballot measures in the PIC Packet. If members have updates to the list, they can be provided to SCA at [Brian@soundcities.org](mailto:Brian@soundcities.org).

### **12. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues**

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that this is a recurring monthly agenda item providing a list of potential issues that SCA will track and may bring back at a later time. Dawson asked that members provide her with any updates to the list via email at [deanna@soundcities.org](mailto:deanna@soundcities.org).

### **13. Upcoming Events**

The SCA Caucus Chair Training will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Renton City Hall. The next PIC meeting will be held on March 8, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Renton City Hall. The PIC meeting may be prefaced by a pre-PIC workshop at 6:00 PM.

### **14. For the Good of the Order**

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, noted that [SB 5204](#), is a focus of the City of Auburn and may be of interest to other SCA members. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Joe Fain, expands on prior legislation to provide a local property tax exemption for the value of new industrial or manufacturing facilities or renovations of existing buildings. Legislation passed in 2015, provided this tax exemption to cities in Snohomish County for new facilities.

Chair Marts highlighted the “Did You Know” item about the new IKEA store in the City of Renton included on the PIC agenda and invited volunteers to provide language for future months. Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, volunteered for March.

Ockerlander highlighted a series being produced by King 5 about cities in the region. Anchor Joyce Taylor and a team from King 5 recently visited the City of Duvall to speak with elected officials and others in the community. They will be airing several segments about the city, which will also be posted online. Other cities will be spotlighted in the future.

Chair Marts reported that [The Issaquah Press](#) is ceasing operation after publishing a final edition February 23. This is a sad loss for the community, and a celebration of the paper’s 117-year history will be held. Mayor Don Gerend, Sammamish, a guest at the evening’s PIC meeting, added that sister publications, including the Sammamish Review, will also close.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that members have expressed interest in holding pre-PIC workshops focused on peer learning, with cities learning from one another, and asked Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, to share information about a program in her city. Backus reported that Auburn has launched a program called Safe Auburn for Every Resident (SAFER). The program, launched in 2016, is designed to build relationships between the City and multi-family owners/managers to work together to reduce crime and improve the safety of residents. There are two components of the program. The first is a course for landlords on creating and maintaining safe and healthy properties, screening potential tenants, managing and enforcing rules, and how to work with the City to support these efforts. The second part of the SAFER

program involves voluntary assessments by city code compliance staff to identify potential health, life, and safety issues as well as to assess the overall look and feel the property portrays to the community. Properties are given a score and, though the program is voluntary, property owners and managers are challenging themselves to get a perfect score and receive the SAFER designation. Backus offered to share more information about the program with members during a future pre-PIC workshop and suggested that the presentation could be paired with information from another city. Dawson noted that a presentation may also be of interest to City Managers and Administrators.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, offered to share more information about Cops and Cards, a program for creating positive interactions between the public and police, that Bothell is working to launch.

Dawson noted that cities can also share information about programs through RISE (Recognize, Inspire, Share, Engage) presentations at SCA networking dinners. RISE presentations are five minutes or less and offer a briefer way to highlight things your city is doing that could serve as a model for others.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting  
February 8, 2017**

<b>City</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>Algona</b>	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
<b>Auburn</b>	Nancy Backus	John Holman
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Richard Leider
Bellevue	John Stokes	Kevin Wallace
Black Diamond	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
<b>Bothell</b>	James McNeal	Tris Samberg
<b>Burien</b>	Austin Bell	Nancy Tosta
<b>Carnation</b>	Dustin Green	Jim Berger
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin
<b>Covington</b>	Fran Hollums	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.
<b>Des Moines</b>	Robert Back	Melissa Musser
<b>Duvall</b>	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof
<b>Enumclaw</b>	Jan Molinaro	Mike Sando
<b>Federal Way</b>	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Dini Duclos
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Mariah Bettise
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
<b>Kent</b>	Bill Boyce	Dana Ralph
<b>Kirkland</b>	Toby Nixon	
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
Maple Valley	Erin Weaver	Bill Allison
Medina	Sheree Wen	
<b>Mercer Island</b>	Benson Wong	Wendy Weiker
Milton	Susan Johnson	Debra Perry
<b>Newcastle</b>	Rich Crispo	Carol Simpson
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Michelle Sipes-Marvin	Jonathan Chicquette
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing
<b>Pacific</b>	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
<b>Redmond</b>	Hank Margeson	John Stilin
<b>Renton</b>	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
<b>Sammamish</b>	Christie Malchow	Bob Keller
<b>SeaTac</b>	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
<b>Shoreline</b>	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Brad Toft	Matt Larson
<b>Tukwila</b>	Kate Kruller	Thomas McLeod
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders
SCA Deanna Dawson Brian Parry Ellie Wilson-Jones Alena Marshak		

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



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February 7, 2017

The Honorable (First Name) (Last Name)  
(City)  
(Address)  
(City), WA (Zip)

Dear Mayor (Last Name):

The network of regional roads in King County is at a critical juncture; aging infrastructure, declining revenues, and an expanding economy are stressing each individual jurisdiction's ability to support the transportation network. Local arterial roads and streets carry millions of trips every day and provide a pathway for necessary utilities. These roadways are a critical backbone supporting King County communities. More than 230 people are moving to this region every day, and increasingly, mobility is an issue across the county. The system for funding this essential network has not been revisited in nearly 30 years, and it no longer works.

This issue has been discussed in a variety of forums over the past several years. Sound Cities Association hosted a regional transportation forum in late 2014 and more recently, in late 2016 Mayor Butler of the City of Issaquah hosted a regional transportation summit where representatives from nearby cities, the county, the state, and transit agencies gathered to discuss regional mobility issues. In 2015, the county convened a task force to explore solutions for maintaining and preserving the aging bridge and road system in unincorporated King County. One of the most significant recommendations of this effort was that the county should partner with cities to find a sustainable approach to address the needs of local roads throughout the county. This is not just an issue facing rural roads – cities are facing the same challenges. It is clear that we need to come together to develop regional solutions.

To address these challenges, we would like to invite your city to participate in a Regional Transportation System initiative.

As a first step, we will be bringing cities and the county together to define the critical parts of the network, calculate unmet operating needs, and develop a list of projects to improve mobility on the streets that connect communities. For this first phase, we are looking for local, technical experts (for example from your transportation, public works, or executive office) who can:

- Define critical roadways that support and connect our communities, and
- Identify unmet needs to keep streets and roads open and addressing demand.

This information about the most important roadways and estimates for unmet capital and operating needs will be provided to local officials to use in considering potential solutions. The Puget Sound Regional Council has agreed to help staff this initiative by providing technical support.

The first meeting will be held on **March 3, 2017, 10 am – Noon**, at the Puget Sound Regional Council offices, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104. Please contact Susan West at [susan.west@kingcounty.gov](mailto:susan.west@kingcounty.gov) or 206-477-8361 for more information about the committee and to RSVP.

Once the technical experts have met, we will be following up with you to convene local policy makers to craft solutions to our regional challenges.

Thank you and we look forward to partnering with your city to better define and describe local transportation needs for our region.

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

David Baker  
President, Sound Cities Association



*ACCESS FOR ALL* will open doors to arts, science, and heritage experiences for all King County residents, creating new opportunities for economically- and geographically-underserved populations and others who face barriers to accessing diverse cultural experiences. We can create a thriving community where our county's cultural institutions will be able to provide continued and increased levels of public benefits.

These goals are achieved by focusing funding in four areas, each designed to increase access:

1. **Education for Kids:** Public school students in all 19 King County school districts will see a **dramatic increase in free access to curriculum-related arts, science and heritage programs in-class and at cultural sites, with an emphasis on underserved students.** The *ACCESS FOR ALL* program includes substantial funds for student transportation to ensure that no student is denied access due to the high cost of bus transportation.
2. **Equity and Inclusion:** Nearly 40 major regional arts, science and heritage organizations, including the Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, Pacific Science Center and Museum of Flight, will offer **free admission/tickets for low-income families and seniors.** Institutions will also bring **performances and programs to local communities through partnerships between regional and community based cultural organizations, and with other community-based nonprofits.**
3. **Opening Doors for All:** In addition, these regional organizations will offer a range of **free and low-cost opportunities for everyone in King County to take part in their programs and performances** such as **increased free days for all who wish to attend.**
4. **Investing in Local Communities:** Community-based cultural organizations like local heritage museums, organizations serving disadvantaged and at-risk communities, botanical gardens, children's theaters and music training programs, and local arts and science groups in every part of King County will receive **dramatic increases in public funding** under the *ACCESS FOR ALL* program. *ACCESS FOR ALL* funding can be used flexibly by these groups to cover operating expenses, for capital projects and special needs.

*ACCESS FOR ALL* will be managed by 4Culture, King County's Cultural Development Authority with a 40-year track record of creating and managing local cultural funding and service programs to benefit our residents. The program will be funded by a .1 percent increase in the county sales tax — which means 1 cent for every \$10 spent.

Funds will be collected by King County and awarded by 4Culture through public panels and contracts for service that call for each recipient to provide continual, measurable public benefits. Every organization receiving any public dollars through the program will provide ongoing documentation of program benchmarks, visitors served, and community impact. Their reports, site visits, audits, and program evaluations will be accessible to the public, and grants will be awarded and managed in a public and transparent manner.



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## 2017 Veterans & Human Services Levy Renewal Context

In the wake of a booming economic recovery, King County residents are struggling more than ever to find safe, healthy, affordable homes near work, school, and other opportunities for success. Particularly in communities of color, the economic recovery has resulted in greater gaps in wealth, income, and access to opportunity for low income and underserved communities. School districts across King County reported **7,260** homeless students in the 2014-15 school year, and more than **4,500** people in King County are sleeping outside on any given night. Nearly **127,000** households are spending more than half their income on housing, placing them at very real risk for homelessness. Many other households are being pushed beyond our borders in their search for affordable housing, forced to endure long, expensive and polluting commutes.

As we begin planning for the 2017 Veterans & Human Services Levy renewal, it is important to recognize the many changes and uncertainties, at all government levels, that affect the Levy's role in addressing housing & homelessness. Because the below resources are uncertain, to varying degrees, we don't yet know what gaps will exist in serving the housing continuum and how the Levy can best leverage and complement other resources.

- ✓ Federal funding for housing across the spectrum has declined dramatically over the past decade. This affects both capital and operating funding, and creates a significant obstacle for securing operating dollars for extremely low-income housing. If anything, uncertainty has only grown regarding federal funding opportunities.
- ✓ Despite strong efforts from our legislative champions, partners, and members, the State Housing Trust Fund has declined significantly and the allocation process has changed substantially since the 2011 Veterans & Human Services renewal. However, new state laws have the potential to dedicate significant new funding for a range of housing and housing-related service. We are excited for the opportunities related to **Sound Transit 3** authorization, a state **Medicaid Waiver**, renewal and permanency of the **Document Recording Fees**, and the potential for a new local-option **Real Estate Excise Tax**. However, the status or implementation of these tools also remains unclear.
- ✓ At the local level, cities across King County are finding new ways to collaborate, creating housing strategy plans, adopting new legislation to improve affordable housing access, and pursuing new and increased funding for affordable homes. However, much of this work is still in the infancy stages.
- ✓ Philanthropic funders have also begun shifting funds away from housing services that are crucial to maintain resident stability and at a time when service costs are increasing due to minimum wage increases, leaving gaps in some current program finances.

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## Veterans & Human Services Levy HDC Principles

1. **SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND THE LEVY:** As our community grows, too many of our region's workers and current residents are being left behind. While some in our region are benefiting from robust economic growth, others are struggling to meet their basic needs and maintain an affordable home in the face of rising rents and vast income disparities. In order to ensure everyone in King County has the opportunity to thrive, we believe the size of the Veterans & Human Services Levy should be **significantly expanded** to ensure we can address our growing needs.
2. **INCREASE SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES:** We believe the Veterans & Human Services Levy should significantly **increase the number of permanently affordable homes** available in our region. Given the current affordable housing crisis in our region, we believe **a more substantial portion of the Levy should fund affordable housing.**
3. **ADDRESS THE FULL CONTINUUM OF NEEDS:** We believe the Veterans & Human Services Levy should provide the flexibility to address the **entire housing continuum**, from supporting people experiencing homelessness to promoting homeownership. This includes serving: homeless youth, older adults, low-income workers, people with disabilities, veterans, and large families. **The Levy should also support the full array of services needed to stably house individuals and families, including homelessness outreach & engagement, housing referral, and 24 hour shelter services, and supplement gaps in state funding for mental and behavioral health care and services that help older adults stay in their homes.**
4. **SERVE VULNERABLE FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS:** The Levy is a key tool to address the needs of people across King County who are experiencing homelessness or struggling to remain housed. Over the life of the levy, we believe the **majority of housing funds should support households earning 30% AMI and below.** This priority aligns well with the current Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) which state that serving very-low income households cannot be met solely through the private market and will require collective action and support from the county. Achieving the CPP goals (H-1 & H-2) for this income group would require an additional 82,000 housing units between now and 2031.
5. **FLEXIBLY FUND HOUSING CAPITAL, RENTAL ASSISTANCE & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:** County housing dollars are most productive when they leverage and integrate with other public and private investment tools, including LIHTC equity investments, the Washington State Housing Trust Fund, Mental Illness & Drug Dependency funding, TOD Affordable Housing Bonds, and city sources. In order to ensure the entire spectrum of housing needs is served, we support a flexible levy that is nimble enough to leverage new and existing resources and to fill gaps of capital and operating resources when other resources are not available.
6. **RESPOND TO DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC NEEDS AND POPULATION DISPARITIES:** Communities' housing and homelessness issues continue to present themselves in disparate ways across our region, but they are more acute now than ever before. King County and local cities have been working hard to address today's affordable housing crisis from a variety of angles. Unfortunately, cities across the region have varying capacity to implement, enforce, and fund local housing efforts, and gaps persist in our current strategies to address these challenges. HDC believes the Levy should remain flexible enough to respond to these gaps as market and funding conditions change.

7. **PREVENT DISPLACEMENT & PROMOTE HEALTHY HOUSING:** While some in King County are benefiting from a surging economic recovery, too many low-income people are being displaced from their communities due to rising rents or are forced to live in unhealthy or unsafe conditions in order to find an affordable home. **We believe the County should consider funding programs that address these needs and help cities address these challenges by supporting cities with data analysis, technical assistance, and support for local ordinance implementation and enforcement, reflecting CPP H-16. The County should also consider funding innovative programs like Code Enforcement Loans and Community Health Promoters to improve the health of residents and housing.** This aligns with CPP H-6 and H-11 which outline the need to preserve existing affordable homes and encourage maintenance of existing homes.
8. **PROMOTE RACIAL EQUITY:** We all must work together to overcome institutional racism and eliminate racial disparities in our neighborhoods and among our communities. We believe levy investments, including Levy-funded homes, should **promote racial equity and align with King County's Equity & Social Justice Initiative.**
9. **SHORTEN THE LEVY:** To better align with future levy considerations, we believe the Levy should be **renewed until 2022.**
10. **ENSURE VOTER SUPPORT:** The Veterans & Human Services Levy is critical for ensuring all people have a safe, healthy, affordable home. We believe the Levy must be designed to **be politically supportable** by King County voters.

## Veterans &amp; Human Services Levy Task Force, Invited Parties

Marty Kooistra	HDC	Ken Taylor	Valley Cities
Paul Lambros	Plymouth	Rebecca Laszlo	Valley Cities
Kelli Larsen	Plymouth	Robin Corak	MSC
Daniel Malone	DESC	Manuela Ginnett	MSC
Graydon Andrus	DESC	Mark Gropper	RHA
Margaret King	DESC	Arthur Sullivan	ARCH
Mona Tschurwald	YWCA	Miriam Roskin	Seattle Office of Housing
Matt King	YWCA	Leo Flor	King County
Patricia Hayden	YWCA	Mark Ellerbrook	King County
Janet Pope	Compass		MLK Seattle Black
Ryan Mielcarek	Compass		Veterans Housing &
Flo Beauman	CCS	Robert Stephens	Human Services Group
Rob Van Tassell	CCS	Susan Vaughn	YouthCare
Bill Hallerman	CCS	Melinda Giovengo	YouthCare
Colin Morgan-Cross	Mercy	Terry Pottmeyer	Friends of Youth
Susan Boyd	Bellwether	Kira Zylstra	All Home
Jill Fleming	Capitol Hill Housing	Gail Luxenberg	Habitat for Humanity
M.A. Leonard	Enterprise	Michael Majeed	Skyway Solutions
Tony To	Homesight	Estela Ortega	El Centro de la Raza
Leslie Morishita	InterIm		
Pradeepta Upadhyay	InterIm		
Maiko Winkler-Chin	SCIPda		
Lisa Wolters	SHA		
Brian Lloyd	Beacon		
Beth Boram	Beacon		
Sharon Lee	LIHI		
Aaron Long	LIHI		
Robin Amadon	LIHI		
Laurie Olson	Seattle Office of Housing		
Miriam Roskin	Seattle Office of Housing		
Sibyl Glasby	Imagine Housing		
Rachel Mathison	Imagine Housing		
Christy Becker	Hopelink		
Meghan Altimore	Hopelink		
Angela Murray	Sophia Way		
Karina O'Malley	Sophia Way		
Megan Hyla	KCHA		
Dan Watson	KCHA		
Daniel Landes	KCHA		
Andrew Calkins	KCHA		
Alicia Campo	DASH		

## Bill Tracking for February 8, 2017 PIC Meeting - Updated 2/8/17

<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
HB 1764	Property tax revenue limit	H Finance	Lytton
HB 1113	Excess liquor revenue dist.	H Approps	Hayes
SB 5240	Excess liquor revenues	S Ways & Means	Mullet
SHB 1099	Marijuana/local moratoria	H Approps	Sawyer
<b>Public Health &amp; Behavioral Health</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
HB 1432 / SB 5353	Foundat. public health servs	H HC/Wellness / S Health Care	Robinson / Rivers
HB 1047	Medication disposal system	H HC/Wellness	Peterson
HB 1427	Opioid treatment programs	H HC/Wellness	Cody
HB 1339	Opioid drug prescriptions	H HC/Wellness	Cody
HB 1761 / SB 5223	Safe injection sites	H HC/Wellness / S Health Care	Stokesbary / Miloscia
<b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
HB 1570	Homeless housing & assist.	H Comm Dev, Hous	Macri
SB 5182	Affordable housing options	S HumSer/MenHlth	Fain
HB 1536	Afford. housing/local tools	H Comm Dev, Hous	McBride
HB 1633 / SB 5407	Housing/source of income	H Judiciary / S Fin Inst/Ins	Riccelli / Frocht
HB 1514 / SB 5520	Mobile home park closures	H Judiciary / S Fin Inst/Ins	Robinson / Kuderer
<i>SB 5678</i>	<i>Mobile home park tenants</i>	<i>S Fin Inst/Ins</i>	<i>Milocia</i>
<i>SB 5569</i>	<i>Protected classes/housing</i>	<i>S Law &amp; Justice</i>	<i>Angel</i>
<i>SB 5656</i>	<i>Ending homelessness</i>	<i>S HumSer/MenHlth</i>	<i>Milocia</i>
<i>HB 1797</i>	<i>Affordable housing/taxes</i>	<i>H Comm Dev, Hous</i>	<i>McBride</i>
<i>SB 5657</i>	<i>Homeless hosting/religious</i>	<i>S Local Governmen</i>	<i>Milocia</i>
<i>HB 1752</i>	<i>Affordable urban housing</i>	<i>H Comm Dev, Hous</i>	<i>Santos</i>
<i>HB 1630</i>	<i>Minors/homeless info. System</i>	<i>H Erly Lrn/H Svc</i>	<i>Slatter</i>
<b>GMA, Housing, &amp; Homelessness</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
SB 5254	Buildable lands & zoning	S Local Governme	Fain
<b>Public Records Act Reform</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
HB 1594	Public records admin.	H State Governme	McBride
HB 1595	Public records request costs	H State Governme	Nealey
<i>HB 1516</i>	<i>Public records storage sys.</i>	<i>H State Governme</i>	<i>MacEwen</i>
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
SHB 1184	Patronizing a prostitute	S Law & Justice	Orwall
HB 1017	School siting	H Environment	McCaslin
HB 1376	Paint stewardship	H Environment	Peterson
HB 1681 / SB 5215	Urban growth area annexation	H Environment / S Local Governme	Appleton / Conway

*Italic* = Newly Added (not included in 2/8 PIC Packet)





March 8, 2017  
SCA PIC Meeting

**Item 6:**

MIDD Advisory Committee and King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee Appointments

***ACTION ITEM***

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**SCA PIC Nominating Committee Representatives**

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific (Chair); Mayor Pro Tem Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline.

**Potential Action**

To recommend the following appointments to the SCA Board of Directors:

- Councilmember Dave Asher, Kirkland, be appointed as a member to the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Advisory Committee;
- Councilmember Brenda Fincher, Kent, be appointed as an alternate member to the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Advisory Committee;
- Councilmember Kathryn Campbell, SeaTac, be appointed as an alternate member to the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC).

**Background**

The PIC Nominating Committee met March 2, 2017, to consider and recommend applicants for the vacancies on the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Advisory Committee and King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC).

**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Sales Tax**

In 2005, the State Legislature authorized counties to implement a 0.1 percent sales tax to support new or expanded chemical dependency or mental health treatment services and therapeutic court programs. The King County Council took action to implement the tax, called the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) sales tax, in 2007 and set an expiration date of January 1, 2017 for the original MIDD ordinance. In late 2016, the King County Council acted to renew the MIDD levy through 2025. The MIDD sales tax generates about \$134 million per biennium.

The MIDD Advisory Committee (formerly the MIDD Oversight Committee) is an advisory body to the King County Executive and Council. Its purpose is to ensure that the implementation and evaluation of the strategies and programs funded by the MIDD sales tax revenue are transparent, accountable, collaborative, and effective.

The MIDD Advisory Committee is a unique partnership of representatives from the health and human services and criminal justice communities. Recognizing that King County is the countywide provider of mental health and substance use disorder services, the committee works to ensure that access to such services is available to those who are most in need throughout the county, regardless of geographic location. SCA has one member seat and one alternate seat on the MIDD Advisory Committee, both with terms expiring June 30, 2017. These positions are being early to allow for the King County appointment and confirmation process. The PIC Nominating Committee recommends that Councilmember Dave Asher, Kirkland, be recommended to the SCA Board of Directors for appointment as the member to the MIDD Advisory Committee and that Councilmember Brenda Fincher, Kent, be recommended as the alternate.

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

The King County Council governs the Flood District as a “District Board of Supervisors.” The KCFCDAC is charged with providing the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors with expert policy advice on regional flood protection issues. The committee reviews and recommends an annual work program and budget for the district, including capital improvement program projects and funding levels, subject to approval or approval and modification by the District Board of Supervisors. More information about the KCFCDAC is available [here](#).

SCA has four member seats and four alternate seats on the KCFCDAC. Current SCA members are: Leanne Guier, Pacific; Erika Morgan, Black Diamond; Byron Shutz, Redmond; and Henry Sladek, Skykomish; and alternates, James McNeal, Bothell; Tom Odell, Sammamish; and Marlla Mhoon, Covington. The cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Carnation, Kent, North Bend, Renton, Snoqualmie, and Tukwila have their own permanent seats on the Flood Control District Advisory Committee and are not eligible for an SCA seat. The PIC Nominating Committee recommends that Councilmember Kathryn Campbell, SeaTac, be recommended to the SCA Board of Directors for appointment as an alternate member to the KCFCDAC.



March 8, 2017  
SCA PIC Meeting

## Item 7:

PSRC Regional Economic Strategy

### *Discussion*

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#### **Staff Contact**

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#### **SCA Economic Development District Board Representatives**

Members: Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park Deputy Mayor (EDDB President); John Stilin, Redmond Councilmember. Alternates: Jim Berrios, Kent Councilmember; De'Sean Quinn, Tukwila Councilmember.

#### **Discussion**

The Economic Development District Board is expected to finalize a draft update to the Regional Economic Strategy (RES) on March 8<sup>th</sup> before releasing the document for public comment.

The RES is intended to meet federal requirements for Economic Development Districts, establish a context for understanding the forces that drive the region's economy, inform the region's land use and transportation planning, and support a variety of state and local economic development initiatives.

The comment period offers an opportunity to review the goals and strategies and provide input on whether the RES update reflects and supports your city's economic priorities.

#### **Background**

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Development District Board (EDDB) governs the federally designated economic development district (EDD) for King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties. The purpose of the EDD is to bring together the public and private sectors to coordinate and strengthen regional economic development activities.

As the designated EDD for the region, the district is required by the US Economic Development Administration to maintain a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and update that strategy at least every five years. The EDDB is currently finalizing an update to its CEDS, known locally as the Regional Economic Strategy (RES), and will be seeking public comment on the draft RES throughout March and April of 2017.

The RES is intended to serve as a regional economic development blueprint that establishes a context for understanding the forces that drive the region's economy, informs land use and

transportation planning, and supports a variety of state and local economic development initiatives. In addition, the RES highlights ongoing and emerging economic development efforts as well as opportunities to do more.

The RES is required to contain the following elements:

- **Summary Background:** A summary background of the economic conditions of the region;
- **SWOT Analysis:** An in-depth analysis of regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (commonly known as a “SWOT” analysis);
- **Strategic Direction/Action Plan:** The strategic direction and action plan should build on findings from the SWOT analysis and incorporate/integrate elements from other regional plans (e.g., land use and transportation, workforce development, etc.) where appropriate as determined by the EDD or community/region engaged in development of the CEDS. The action plan should also identify the stakeholder(s) responsible for implementation, timetables, and opportunities for the integrated use of other local, state, and federal funds;
- **Evaluation Framework:** Performance measures used to evaluate the organization’s implementation of the CEDS and impact on the regional economy.

In addition to these elements, the strategy must incorporate the concept of economic resilience – or the ability to avoid, withstand, and recover from economic shifts or downturns due to a variety of factors.

A [partial draft of the RES](#) was released on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be presented at the March 8<sup>th</sup> EDDB meeting before being finalized for public comment.

The draft RES is structured around a set of high-level economic development goals supported by a variety of strategies – many of which are or will be implemented by organizations outside of PSRC or the EDD itself – to improve the region’s economy and an adopted implementation plan. Each strategy contains a narrative description of the region’s strengths and weaknesses in that area as well as actions that need to be taken to further the strategy in service of its overarching goal.

The high-level goals under which the strategies are identified are:

- Sustain a high quality of life;
- Open economic opportunities for everyone;
- Compete globally; and,
- Connect the region to the world;

The strategies identified to support these goals will further serve as the basis for the EDDB to establish and maintain a list of Current Regional Economic Priorities that will function as the implementation and monitoring plan for the EDDB over the life of the RES.

## **Summary of SCA Roundtable Comments**

On November 30, 2016, SCA hosted a roundtable discussion where PSRC presented an early draft of the goals and strategies for input from SCA members.

At that meeting, attendees expressed general agreement that the RES is focused on the right economic priorities to promote a better quality of life in the region and within represented cities specifically.

There was recognition that local cities have worked hard individually to promote economic development but there is added value to be gained from working regionally, partnering and learning from each other's experiences.

SCA members noted that the RES should continue to recognize and seek to expand economic opportunities by identifying specific examples of best practices and actions that can be taken throughout the region beyond the borders of existing job centers in Seattle and on the Eastside.

There was recognition that the economic recovery has not impacted all equally. While overall job numbers have improved, many people are working for less money or other conditions that impact their overall quality of life simply to make ends meet.

Attendees expressed that it is important that we not lose focus on expanding access to jobs being added in existing industry clusters where the lack of local, trained workers leads to recruitment from other states and internationally. This includes identifying, expanding and diversifying opportunity to training to promote access to jobs in technology, manufacturing and the building trades (specifically through promotion of apprenticeship programs already mandated for public projects).

In addition, there was recognition that it is important that every community member in the region to see themselves in the RES, that their needs are being addressed and that they will have access to the opportunities in this vision for the region's future.

## **Next Steps**

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the EDDB will review the draft update to the RES and is expected to approve its release for a formal 30-day public comment period. The RES is currently scheduled for formal adoption by the EDDB at its May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting followed by a public launch at PSRC's General Assembly on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The comment period offers an opportunity to review the goals and strategies and provide input on whether the RES update reflects and supports your city's economic priorities.





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**Item 8:**  
Cultural Access Sales Tax  
**DISCUSSION**

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**Discussion**

King County is considering a Cultural Access Sale Tax ballot measure which would create a Cultural Access Program in King County. If this program is passed by a majority vote of the people, the program would be funded by a .1 percent increase in the County sales tax – equal to 1 cent for every \$10 spent. Funds will be collected by King County and the proposed administrator and designated entity for awarding funds is 4Culture, the cultural services agency in King County. The creation of a Cultural Access Program is granted through legislation that was passed in 2015. King County projects that this tax could raise 67.4 million in 2018.

**Background**

Through passage of [Engrossed Senate House Bill 2263](#) the Washington State Legislature has granted local governments the authority to create a Cultural Access Program. This bill was signed into law on July 6, 2015 and codified under [RCW 82.14.525](#) and [RCW 36.160](#).

A Cultural Access Program is a publicly funded program with the purpose of expanding access to cultural, heritage and scientific organizations. Specifically, this program's purpose is to ensure and expand access to cultural organizations by economically and geographically underserved populations. In addition, the program is intended to expand access at schools and by students, including funding transportation for public school students to access cultural or scientific organizations. [Cultural Access Washington](#), one of the main advocates for this legislation, is a coalition of more than 35 cultural, science, and heritage institutions. The coalition focuses on strategies to improve access to cultural organizations.

**Jurisdiction**

Any county in Washington State may choose to create a Cultural Access Program. If a County chooses not to create a Cultural Access Program, then a city within that County may create a Cultural Access Program to be implemented within that jurisdiction.

The tax requires a simple majority approval by voters in the proposed jurisdiction. The tax expires after 7 years, unless reauthorized by a vote of the people in either a special or general election.

## Funding Sources

Revenue for a Cultural Access Program can be raised from a sales tax (or property tax in Counties other than King). The sales tax is capped at .1 percent which is equivalent to 1 cent for every \$10 spent.

## Cultural Access Fund Program Creation and Award of Funds

Each County Council will designate an Authority for granting awards, these could include: a local community foundation, local arts, commission, WA State Arts Commission, etc. [4Culture](#) is the proposed authority designated by King County to administer all funds collected by this tax. 4Culture is a tax-exempt public development authority (PDA) and the cultural services agency in King County.

## Use of Funds

Funding allocation rules for counties are dependent on the population of the county. In King County, after administrative expenses (which cannot exceed 1.25% per year, not including start-up costs), there are three categories of recipients:

### 1. Public School Cultural Access Program

The purpose of the Public School Cultural Access Program is to provide student access to cultural, scientific, and heritage organizations in the County as well as subsidization of curriculum aligned in-school education through cultural, scientific, and heritage education activities. The **Public School Cultural Access Program receives 10%** of the remaining funds. These funds can be used for transportation expenses and must be used to offer access to all public schools with more frequent access provided to schools with more students enrolled in federal meal programs.

### 2. Regional Cultural Organizations

Regional Cultural Organizations are defined by statute as, *“cultural organizations that own, operate, or support cultural facilities or provide performance, exhibits, educational programs, experience, or entertainment that widely benefit and are broadly attended by the public...”* **Regional Cultural Organizations receive 70%** of the remaining funds and at least 20% of these funds must be used for participation in the Public School Cultural Access Program. These regional organizations must have an average annual revenue that is greater than \$1.25 million to be eligible for funding. Eligible regional organizations are ranked based on the size of their annual revenue and their annual attendance (over the three preceding years), with annual attendance given twice as much weight as revenue. Available funds are distributed proportionately. This means that the organization with the largest combined revenues and weighted attendance would receive the most funding and vice versa. However, no organization can receive funding that exceeds 15% of their annual revenues (from the preceding three years). The funding received by these organizations cannot be used for capital expenditures or the acquisition of real property or improvements to real property.

### 3. Community-Based Cultural Organizations

Community-Based Cultural Organizations are defined by statute as, *“cultural organizations or community preservation and development authority formed under chapter 43.167 RCW prior to January 1, 2011, that primarily function, focus their activities, and are supported or patronized within a local community and are not a regional cultural organization, subject to further definition under guidelines adopted by the designated public agency.”* **Community-Based Cultural Organizations receive all remaining funds** with up to 8% of remaining funds being

allocated for administrative expenses of the designated public entity (in this case 4Culture) responsible for granting of funds to community-based cultural organizations (about 28% of total funds awarded). The designated public entity must develop guidelines, criteria, and procedures by which to base the eligibility of funding to these organizations. Funds received by Community-Based Cultural Organizations may be used for capital expenses including the acquisition of real property or improvements to real property as well as technology, program costs, supplies, and start-up expenses for new community-based organizations.

Please see [Attachment A](#) for the King County Executive's draft proposed allocation of tax proceeds. This is subject to change based on the actual version that is transmitted to the County Council.

### **Next Steps**

King County is currently in the process of creating a ballot measure ordinance for the Cultural Access Program. It is expected that the Executive will transmit the Ordinance to the County Council on March 9, 2016. The Ordinance is anticipated to be sponsored by Councilmembers Balducci, Kohl-Welles, and McDermott. This measure has been discussed for the August ballot, but the final decision will be made by the County Council. The deadline for submitting a measure to King County Elections for the August ballot is May 12, 2017. The County Council must act by April 17, 2017 for regular processing time but could act as late as **May 12, 2017** which would require a special meeting and a super majority.

### **Attachments**

- A. [Access for All Proposal – Draft as of 2/28/17](#)

# Access For All Proposal

DRAFT February 28, 2017

Based on pre-transmittal draft from Executive | Subject to change based on transmitted version

## SUMMARY

- In 2015, the State Legislature passed the Cultural Access Bill<sup>1</sup>
- It allows a voter-approved 0.1% sales tax for up to 7 years to increase cultural access
- The Executive has indicated the intent to transmit a proposal in early March and request that the Council vote to place it on the ballot for the August 2017 election
- If the County does not act by June 2017, individual cities can create their own programs
- The sales tax proposal is projected to raise \$67.4 million in 2018.

## PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF TAX PROCEEDS

Category	State Law Requirement	Executive Proposal	
Startup costs	May repay startup funds provided by the County	<b>\$490,000</b>	To reimburse 4Culture for admin costs since October 9, 2015
Program Administration	Up to 1.25%	<b>\$843,000</b>	4Culture proposed to administer program
Public School Access Program	10% of the remaining funds	<i>\$6.6 million</i> + <i>\$7.5 million</i> (from regional orgs) <b>\$14.1 million</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can include transportation</li> <li>• Must offer access to all public schools, with more frequent access for schools with higher enrollment in the federal meal program.</li> </ul>
Regional Cultural Organizations	70% of the remaining funds go to regional organizations <sup>2</sup>  (At least 20% of these funds must be used for participation in the school access program)	<i>\$37.6 million</i> - <i>\$7.5 million</i> (to school access) <b>\$30.1 million</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No organization may receive more than 15% of its annual revenues</li> <li>• <b>Exec proposal assumes \$4 million shifts from regional to community-based organizations due to this requirement</b></li> <li>• Cannot be used for capital</li> </ul>
Community-based cultural organizations	All remaining funds, with up to 8% going to 4Culture's admin costs	<b>\$1.7 million</b> (admin) <b>\$20.1 million</b> (community orgs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be used for programs, capital, technology, supplies, and start-up expenses of new community-based cultural organizations.</li> </ul>

## TIMELINE

If the Council wishes to place this issue on the August ballot, the Council must act by **April 17** for regular processing time and not later than **May 12** (requires special meeting and super majority).

<sup>1</sup> ESHB 2263, codified at RCW 82.14.525 and 36.160.110

<sup>2</sup> Regional organizations are generally those with annual budgets of \$1.25 million or more



March 8, 2017  
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## Item 9:

Regional Committee 2017 Work Plans (RPC, RWQC, RTC)

### **UPDATE**

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#### **SCA Regional Policy Committee (RPC) Members**

Mayor Suzette Cooke, Kent (Caucus Chair); Councilmember Dan Grausz, Mercer Island; Councilmember Bill Peloza, Auburn; Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville; Mayor Dave Hill, Algona (alternate); Mayor John Stokes, Bellevue (alternate)

#### **SCA Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Members**

Councilmember John Wright, Lake Forest Park City (Caucus Chair); Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific; Councilmember, Kirkland Penny Sweet; Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island; Councilmember Conrad Lee, Bellevue (alternate); Deputy Mayor Shari Winstead, Shoreline (alternate)

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

Councilmember Kathy Huckabay, Sammamish (Caucus Chair); Councilmember Dave Asher, Kirkland; Mayor Bruce Bassett, Mercer Island; Councilmember Claude DaCorsi, Auburn; Councilmember Dennis Higgins, Kent; Councilmember Kathy Hougardy, Tukwila; Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; Councilmember John Wright, Lake Forest Park; Deputy Mayor John Chelminiak, Bellevue (alternate); Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific (alternate); Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond (alternate); Councilmember Bill Ramos, Issaquah (alternate)

#### **Update**

The three Regional Committees—the Regional Policy Committee, Regional Water Quality Committee, and Regional Transit Committee—charged with developing, reviewing, and recommending countywide plans and policies for consideration by the King County Council have developed work programs for the year. While the degree of formality of these work programs varies by committee, they are generally intended to guide the focus of each Regional Committee. This agenda item is intended to inform the PIC about key regional policy developments anticipated in 2017 and to gather input from the PIC about areas of greatest interest so that subsequent PIC briefings and opportunities for input can be scheduled.

## **Background**

The King County Charter calls for three Regional Committees (See [Section 270](#)). Each is chaired by a King County Councilmember and is charged with developing, reviewing, and recommending countywide plans and policies in a given field for consideration by the King County Council, with the Regional Water Quality Committee responsible for water quality and sewer services issues, the Regional Transit Committee responsible for public transportation services operated by King County, and the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) responsible for issue areas not covered by the other two committees and that have been included in the RPC's work program. While the RPC's jurisdiction is more formally delineated by its work program, the other Regional Committees also utilize annual work programs, to focus their efforts for the year.

## **Regional Policy Committee**

The 2017 Regional Policy Committee (RPC) work program was approved by the committee February 8, 2017 and is included as [Attachment A](#). While the RPC has formally adopted its work program, the committee may amend it at any time. Key areas of focus are described below.

### *Health, Housing, and Human Services*

Last year, the RPC concentrated most heavily on reviewing implementation plans for the Best Starts for Kids Levy, which was approved by voters in November 2015, and the plan implementing the renewed Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Sales Tax, which was extended by the King County Council in August 2016 to run through 2025. In 2017, RPC will continue its work to ensure effective implementation of those two health and human services levies by reviewing evaluation plans and annual reports for each.

The greater focus for RPC in 2017, however, will be the Veteran and Human Services Levy (VHSL), which is set to expire at the end of 2017. As discussed at the February 8, 2017 PIC meeting (See [PIC Packet](#), page 35), the RPC and King County Council requested in 2016 that the Executive transmit two reports assessing the effectiveness of the current levy and surveying the landscape of unmet human services needs and potential role of a renewed VHSL in filling those gaps. The RPC and King County Council received the requested reports in January, and the Executive is expected to transmit a proposed ordinance in April that would place a VHSL renewal on the ballot this November. The King County Council is charged with reviewing the proposed ballot measure ordinance, but the RPC will be assist in crafting the plan for implementing the levy, should voters approve a renewal.

In addition to the body of work associated with implementing King County's three health and human services levies, the RPC has also identified homelessness, affordable housing, and heroin and prescription opiate addiction as areas of interest.

### *Public Safety and Emergency Response*

The Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) is a \$273 million property tax levy approved by voters in April 2015 to replace and upgrade the county's current emergency radio network, with completion anticipated in late 2020. The RPC has been receiving quarterly briefings on the status of the project and will continue those briefings into 2017.

As reported to the PIC at the January 11, 2017 meeting (See [PIC Packet](#), page 101), a collaborative effort to develop a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan was launched in September 2016. King County's Enhanced 911 (E-911) system provides emergency call-taking and dispatch services to the more than two million residents in King County and the strategic planning process includes looking at what it will take—including technology upgrades, funding needs, and governance changes—to move to "Next Generation 911," allowing digital information such as text messages and photos to be sent by the public through the system on to first responders. The RPC will be engaged to review the progress toward development of the Regional E-911 Strategic Plan at key milestones and will make a recommendation on the final plan to the King County Council.

#### *Other Areas of RPC Focus for 2017*

The potential Cultural Access sales tax and work of the Land Conservation Advisory Group, both included on this month's PIC agenda, are also included on the RPC work program.

The RPC also serves as the Solid Waste Interlocal Forum under King County Motion 9297, and, in that capacity, would be charged with reviewing Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan updates.

While the Regional Transit Committee is charged with reviewing countywide plans and policies related to transit, the RPC serves as the body to review broader transportation plans and will be briefed on the work of the Regional Transportation System Initiative being jointly convened by King County and the Sound Cities Association. As SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson briefed the PIC at the February 8 meeting, this Initiative will look at the needs of the regional roads network throughout King County.

#### **Regional Water Quality Committee**

The 2017 Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) work program was discussed at the committee's February 1, 2017 meeting and approved at the March 1, 2017 RWQC meeting. The work program is included as [Attachment B](#).

A key component of the 2017 RWQC work program will be reviewing the February 9, 2017 Emergency Bypass incident at the West Point Treatment Plant, as well as its causes, consequences, implications for future system management, and costs. RWQC Chair Jeanne Kohl-Welles will be bringing forward legislation in the coming month addressing several topics related to the West Point Treatment Plant failure: a comprehensive report on causes of the failure, the impacts, cost, response, and how to ensure such a failure won't occur again; an assessment of the Strategic Asset Management Plan to ensure King County is planning for needed improvements to its assets; a review of Wastewater Treatment Division emergency event protocols and procedures; and a half-century review of the West Point Treatment Plant, considering the growth in its service population, the increased impermeable cover of the plant's service area, current or projected changes in storm frequency related to climate change, plant capacity compared to peak demand, and an engineering review of the systems functionality. More information about the status of the West Point Plant can be found [here](#).

The RWQC will be considering amendments to the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) in 2017. The RWSP defines major policies that govern the operation of the wastewater system. The RWQC will continue to be briefed on work done in accordance with the Long Term Combined Sewer Overflow Plan. That Plan is based on the Consent Decree between the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the state Department of Ecology, and King County. The Wastewater Treatment Division is preparing a required update to the 2012 Plan; that update will be reviewed by the RWQC.

The Water Quality Assessment and Monitoring Study, required by King County Ordinance 17413 and intended to provide information on how CSO control can work in conjunction with other water quality projects, identify opportunities to lower the cost of CSO control, evaluate the effectiveness of emerging technologies, and build a foundation for conducting post-construction monitoring of CSO control projects, is due in 2017. It is also intended to help in deciding whether to pursue an integrated CSO control plan under the EPA Consent Decree. SCA took a position in August 2013 supporting the Study subject to some caveats. PIC members may request a briefing on the Study outcomes.

Other RWQC work program items are summarized in Attachment B.

### **Regional Transit Committee**

The 2017 Regional Transit Committee (RTC) work program was discussed at the committee's first meeting of the year on January 18, 2017. King County Metro provided information on anticipated action items for the year as well as ideas for additional briefings. The RTC's work program is developed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, with input provided by RTC members, but is not formally adopted. The work program is designed to be flexible so that the Chair and Vice Chair can add additional items throughout the year. The working draft of the RTC work program is included as [Attachment C](#). Key work items for the RTC are described below.

#### *METRO CONNECTS Development Program and Work Plan*

Last year, RTC focused much of its work on [METRO CONNECTS](#), King County Metro's Long Range Transit Plan. The Ordinance adopting METRO CONNECTS was approved by the RTC on December 14, 2016 and passed by the County Council on January 23, 2017. The Ordinance required that Metro prepare a Work Plan that outlined the process to establish the Development Program. Implementation of METRO CONNECTS will be accomplished through an ongoing Development Program which includes technical work (not performed by RTC) and policy guidance and input in which RTC has a major role. In 2017, RTC will continue its work to ensure that there is both a comprehensive Work Plan for the Metro Connects Development Program (MCDP) as well as the policy guidance needed for effective implementation of the plan going forward. The RTC has already started to review and provide input on the Work Plan for the MCDP, which is required to be transmitted to Council by March 30, 2017. The RTC will have continued involvement in the implementation of METRO CONNECTS through their review of and input on policy guidance.

As part of establishing the MCDP, it is anticipated that the RTC will review and provide input on a policy deliverable and accompanying Motion at the end of 2017. The latest date for the

establishment of the MCDP is October 31, 2017, which is when the policy deliverable is scheduled for transmittal to the County Council. The policy deliverable will most likely be a Policy Report which will include current policy guidance, a gap analysis of needed policy guidance to implement METRO CONNECTS more effectively, and policy change recommendations. The details of this October deliverable will not be finalized until the Work Plan for the MCDP is finalized. Going forward, and for the life of the MCDP, it is anticipated that RTC will receive Biannual Development Program status updates. This will be confirmed once the Work Plan has been approved by RTC and passed by the County Council. SCA staff anticipate bringing the Work Plan to PIC in May, 2017, at which time we will have more detailed information about what will be included in the Work Plan.

### *2017 System Evaluation*

Every year King County Metro prepares an evaluation of its system based on the Service Guidelines. The [Service Guidelines](#) are used to evaluate performance, manage the transit system, and provide transparency for Metro's proposals to expand, reduce, or revise service. The [2016 System Evaluation](#) report included a corridor analysis, a route performance analysis, performance of alternative services, and potential future changes to the guidelines including ideas on how the guidelines would interface with METRO CONNECTS. The RTC approved the 2016 System Evaluation on December 16, 2016. The RTC will have the opportunity to review the 2017 System Evaluation after it is transmitted to Council in October.

### *Alternative Services Program*

During review of the Strategic Plan update, the RTC identified the Alternative Services Program as a priority topic of continuing interest. Section 3 of Ordinance 18301 provides for quarterly updates on this program by Metro staff to assist the RTC in monitoring the implementation of the alternative services program and considering potential future amendments to the Strategic Plan and Service Guidelines. The RTC received an update in January 2017 and the next update will most likely follow in May or June. In the past, RTC members have been briefed on current project status, implementation phases, and the performance of the Alternative Services pilot projects.

### *Other Areas of RTC Focus for 2017*

Access to transit (including parking) is an important issue to RTC members and their constituents. The RTC has already been briefed this year on what Metro has learned regarding access to transit in the region, Metro's goals for its parking program and access strategies, as well the status of Metro's current parking initiatives including, but not limited to, the [Permit Parking Pilot Program](#) and the [Multifamily Park and Ride Pilot](#). Pursuant to RTC members' requests, Metro will continue to update the RTC on the status of these initiatives and other parking and access to transit issues.

The RTC members expressed an interest in being updated and informed more regularly on current events/issues such as proposed service changes. Service change overviews as well as Metro's Safety Management System, and capacity building are items that the RTC will be briefed on in 2017.

**Next Steps**

PIC members are encouraged to review each of the attached Regional Committee work programs and to identify at the March 8 PIC meeting those work program items that are of particular interest. For those items flagged as being of the greatest shared interest, SCA staff will work to provide updates to the PIC throughout the year and to ensure opportunities for the PIC to provide feedback to Regional Committee members.

**Attachments**

- A. [RPC 2017 Work Program](#)
- B. [RWQC 2017 Work Program](#)
- C. [RTC 2017 Work Program](#)

# Attachment A

February 8, 2017



**King County**

## **Metropolitan King County Council**

### **Regional Policy Committee**

#### **2017 Regional Policy Committee Work Program:**

##### **1. Land Conservation**

- a. Land Conservation Advisory Group – Phase 1 Report (May)

##### **2. Implementation of the Public Safety Emergency Radio Network**

- a. Lease implementation and schedule reporting (March / quarterly thereafter)

##### **3. E911 strategic planning**

- a. Task Force Reporting (Technology-March, Finance and Governance-Fall)
- b. Office of Emergency Management – accreditation status (April / May)

##### **4. Homelessness**

- a. Homelessness State of Emergency
  - o Count Us In (May)
- b. All Home Systems Transformation - Dashboard Update (**Feb**)

##### **5. Regional Affordable Housing Strategies**

- a. Sales Tax for Housing (Briefing only, Q1 / Q2)
- b. Transit Oriented Development bond update – first funding round and next steps (June)
- c. Regional Housing Planning – Motion 14754 (April)
- d. Rent Affordability

##### **6. Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) evaluation and implementation**

- a. Evaluation plan and implementation plan (Aug/September)
- b. MIDD Annual Report (May / June)

##### **7. Behavioral Health**

- a. Recommendations of the Heroin & Opioid Task Force

**8. Best Starts for Kids (BSK) evaluation and performance measurement**

- a. BSK Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan (Aug)
  - o Communities of Opportunity initiative
  - o Secondary indicators that track civic activity, reduced contact with the criminal justice system and define success beyond employment or school enrollment
- b. BSK Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (BSK First Annual Report) (Oct / Nov)
- c. Quarterly Progress Briefings – plan requires reporting on initiatives implementation, program roll out and progress on the evaluation and performance measurement plan (Q1 and Q2)

**9. Veterans and Human Services Levy (VHSL) renewal and Service Implementation Plan**

- a. Assessment Report of the Veterans and Human Services Levy Goals, Strategies, Services and Programs (**Feb**)
- b. Veterans Housing Assessment (**Feb**)
- c. Review and possible action on VHSL Annual Report (Aug / September)
- d. VHSL Service Improvement Plan 2018-2023 (TBD)

**10. Regional Transportation**

- a. Countywide Road Needs: conditions, funding and traffic

**11. RPC Acting in its capacity as the Solid Waste Interlocal Forum**

- a. Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan updates:  
(Potential Topics - Planning, Recycling, Collection, Disposal, Transfer, Finance)
- b. Demand Management Pilot

**12. Cultural Access**

**13. Elections**

**14. Natural Disasters**

## 2017 Regional Water Quality Committee Work Plan

**Background:** The Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) is responsible for developing, reviewing and recommending countywide policies and plans related to the water pollution abatement and water quality improvement functions of King County as a metropolitan municipal corporation. It is the responsibility of the county (associated with its metropolitan powers) to prepare and implement a comprehensive water pollution abatement plan, including provisions for “waterborne pollutant removal, water quality improvement, sewage disposal, and storm water drainage for the metropolitan area” pursuant to policies and plans recommended by the RWQC and adopted by the Metropolitan King County Council.

In 1999, the Council, upon recommendation by the RWQC, adopted the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) as its comprehensive plan to provide wastewater treatment services to this region for the next 30 years. Much of the committee’s work in intervening years has focused on the implementation of the RWSP by tracking progress made and adjusting and adding policies as needed; and reviewing and approving program updates for the implementation of capital projects. In 2015, the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee completed a comprehensive review and recommendations of the RWSP, and forwarded those to a subcommittee created by the RWQC to review those recommendations. Executive review of the recommendations is pending.

**2017 Work Plan:** The 2017 RWQC Work Plan provides for the review of the Regional Wastewater Services Plan, as well as review of major elements of the wastewater treatment system, including the financial framework.

Concurrently, the committee may consider and/or direct research regarding related water quality issues within the region that may have a bearing on future operations and capital investments where there are potential benefits to ratepayers and taxpayers across the region in an increasingly stringent regulatory environment.

Below are summarized the elements of the 2017 RWQC Work Plan

- **Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP):** Possible development, review and action to recommend RWSP policy amendments or additions.
- **West Point Treatment Plant:** Review of the February 9, 2017 Emergency Bypass incident, as well as its causes, consequences, implications for future system management, and costs.
- **2016 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge:** Review and potentially advise the Council on the Executive’s proposed rate and capacity charge
- **Review of WaterWorks Grant Program:** Review of grant proposals of the WaterWorks Grant Program.

- **Long Term Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Plan:** Updates and briefings regarding preparation of the 2018 Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan
- **Capital Cost Estimating:** Provide input and review of recommendations regarding transparency of cost estimating for WTD capital projects.
- **Conveyance System Improvement (CSI) Program:** Review of an update to the CSI Program
- **Capital Debt:** Discussion of issues, options/strategies regarding capital debt financing and management.
- **Infiltration/Inflow** Briefing regarding the review effort by MWPAAC of Infiltration/Inflow issues.
- **State Water Quality Standards** Status review of state response to EPA determination regarding state proposed Water Quality Standards
- **Installed Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities—Efficiency and Functionality** The State Department of Ecology has issued fines related to the functioning of the Elliot West CSO facility and several others; the Committee will consider how well the installed CSOs are operating.
- **State/Federal Focus on the Condition of Puget Sound, particularly as regards Nitrogen discharges** Recent interest and activity by state and federal environmental officials regarding Puget Sound water quality, and particularly the impacts of nitrogen discharges on the Sound, would be the focus of this issue.
- **Water Quality Assessment** A water quality assessment and monitoring study, associated with the Long Term CSO Control Plan, will be completed this year, and would be the subject of a committee briefing.
- **Capacity Charge—Options for Assistance for Low-Income customers** Housing costs in the region represent a barrier to many low income residents; interest has been expressed in examining options for assistance for low income customers regarding the capacity charge.
- **Resiliency and Recovery Master Plan** The Division is preparing a plan to assure the capacity of the system to minimize impacts of, and recover from, a major seismic event.
- **Capital Projects Briefing** The Committee traditionally receives a briefing on the major capital projects that are underway, in support of the wastewater treatment system.
- **Reclaimed Water** The Wastewater Treatment Division manages facilities that generate volumes of processed wastewater. The Division processes a portion of this water to make it available for reclaimed water purposes, for use at treatment plants and by other interested users.

## **2017 REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM**

### **SUMMARY:**

The Council's rule for regional committees, Rule 7 (K.C.C. 1.24.065), calls for the Chair to consult with the Vice Chair "in developing a draft work program for consideration by the full committee." This provides an initial outline of potential work program items to inform the Chair and Vice Chair's consultation. The RTC Work Program is expected to include, in addition follow-up legislation for the METRO CONNECTS Development Program, quarterly reports on the alternative services program, the 2017 System Evaluation Report, the Strategic Plan Progress Report, and briefings on other topics

### **REQUIRED RTC TOPICS IN 2017**

- 1. Work Plan for the METRO CONNECTS Development Program (due by end of March)**
- 2. Alternative Services (Quarterly Updates)**
- 3. METRO CONNECTS Development Program (ongoing, October target date)**
- 4. 2017 System Evaluation Report (due by end of October)**
- 5. Strategic Plan Progress Report**

### **POTENTIAL BRIEFING TOPICS IN 2017**

In recent years, the RTC has been briefed on many transit-related issues. Here are some topics suggested by King County Metro for 2017, including topics that RTC was briefed on at its January and February meetings.

- 6. Parking Initiatives**
- 7. How Transit Policy Guides Service and Capital Decisions**
- 8. Service Change Overview**
- 9. ST/Metro Integration**
- 10. U-Link Integration Analysis**
- 11. System/Operations Tour (TBD)**
- 12. Metro Performance**
- 13. Safety Management System**
- 14. Metro Capacity Building**





March 8, 2017  
SCA PIC Meeting

**Item 10:**  
Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan  
**UPDATE**

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**SCA Appointee to Land Conservation Advisory Group**

Redmond Council President Hank Margeson

**Other SCA City Elected Officials on Advisory Group**

Bothell Councilmember James McNeal, Tukwila Councilmember De'Sean Quinn

**Update**

The Land Conservation Advisory Group completed its first phase of work on January 19, 2017 with the issuance of a Land Conservation Advisory Group Phase 1 Report. The Phase 1 Report endorses the Land Conservation and Preservation Initiative as set out in the Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan, makes recommendations to the scope of the Initiative and requests a second phase of work to allow the Advisory Group to make a final recommendation on a Land Conservation and Preservation Initiative.

**Background**

Executive Constantine transmitted a draft Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan to the King County Council in March 2016. The draft Work Plan proposed conserving 5,500 parcels totaling 66,000 acres of high conservation value land for future generations. Lands proposed to be conserved fall into one of five conservation categories: natural lands, forests, agriculture, rivers, and regional trails. King County has estimated the cost to conserve this land through acquisition and easements at \$1.5-\$1.8 billion over 30 years, including the cost of acquisition and operations and maintenance of the lands. King County has identified future and potential funding of about \$1.2 billion. There is therefore a gap in funding of \$383,500,000 over 30 years. While the draft Work Plan focuses on lands in rural King County, it does discuss the need to engage cities in the preservation effort and includes a specific task to further develop the list of lands to protect inside cities and options for funding conservation of those lands, including the potential for establishing a new grant program to fund land conservation inside cities.

In September 2016, King County Executive Dow Constantine convened a Land Conservation Advisory Group. The purpose of the Advisory Group was to review the draft [Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan](#) (“Work Plan”) and provide recommendations on the Work Plan and recommended funding options to the Executive and King County Council by January 2017. All Advisory Group materials can be found [here](#). Additional background information can be

found in the [October 12, 2016 PIC Packet](#) (see page 37), the [November 9, 2016 PIC Packet](#) (see page 25) and the [January 11, 2017 PIC Packet](#) (see page 35).

### **Land Conservation Advisory Group Report**

The Land Conservation Advisory Group completed the first phase of its work in January 2017. The [Land Use Conservation Advisory Group Phase 1 Report \(Phase 1 Report\)](#) was delivered to the King County Executive and King County Council the week of February 13. The Phase 1 Report provides an endorsement of the Work Plan, recommends a series of changes to the Work Plan and makes recommendations on what components should be included in order for a Land Conservation and Preservation Initiative to be successful. An Executive Summary of the Phase 1 Report is included as [Attachment A](#). Some of the recommendations made by city members of the Advisory Group that have been incorporated into the Phase 1 Report include:

- Add a sixth category of lands (urban green space) to the Initiative.
- Work with cities to complete a list of urban priority lands and trails and ensure ongoing funding is available to cities to preserve both high value conservation land and urban green space that cities may identify later.
- Work to better define and quantify the interest of some cities in finding revenue sources for restoration of urban green spaces already in public ownership, as well as city needs for park land maintenance dollars.

### **Phase 2 Land Conservation Advisory Group Work Plan**

The Land Conservation Advisory Group asked the King County Executive and the King County Council to support a second phase of effort before the Advisory Group makes a final recommendation and before an action plan for the Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan is finalized. Issues to be addressed in a Phase 2 effort include:

- City engagement to identify city land conservation priorities
- Community engagement particularly around equity and social justice
- Equity mapping analysis to support equity and social justice goals
- Exploration of private funding opportunities
- Planning for next King County parks levy cycle
- Updating cost modeling to include priority conservation lands in cities
- Buildable lands impact analysis incorporating data on city-identified land
- Modelling potential funding packages considering the full projected cost over time
- Developing targets and metrics of success to ensure accountability to the voters and confirm the goals to be accomplished

### **Other Information**

In November 2016, King County sent a letter to cities ([Attachment B](#)) seeking feedback on the Work Plan and asking a series of questions about conservation priorities and funding for city parks and conservation needs. Parks directors in several northeast King County cities (Bothell, Sammamish, Redmond, Kenmore, Woodinville, Bellevue, Kirkland) recently came together to

explore opportunities to preserve contiguous lands and to discuss how each city is proposing to respond to King County's letter.

A concern expressed by northeast city parks directors is uncertainty about what information is being requested about lands cities would like to see conserved, if in fact cities have identified such lands, and how to collect that information with limited resources. City staffers are proposing to develop a common approach that details what information cities could provide to King County. This is important as cost information about city priorities will be needed to have a complete picture of the total cost of implementing the Land Conservation and Preservation Initiative – something that will be considered as part of the Phase 2 Working Group effort.

### **Next Steps**

The Advisory Group Co-Chairs, former King County Councilmember Larry Phillips and Tukwila Councilmember De'Sean Quinn, will be briefing the King County Executive on the Phase 1 Report recommendations in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that the Phase 1 Report recommendations will be incorporated into the Work Plan. The King County Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee (TrEE) will be briefed in March 2016 and the Regional Policy Committee will be briefed in April. King County staff will be working over the next several months to identify city priorities, pursue public engagement efforts, and prepare material for a Phase 2 effort.

The Land Conservation Advisory Group will resume meeting in September of 2017 to consider the second phase of effort and to make a recommendation on a final Land Conservation and Preservation Initiative, including funding recommendations.

### **Attachments**

- A. [Land Use Conservation Advisory Group Phase 1 Report Executive Summary](#)
- B. [King County Letter to Cities](#)

## King County Land Conservation Advisory Group

### Phase 1 Report

January 2017

#### Executive Summary

Executive Constantine has proposed a countywide initiative to “finish the job of protecting our great places forever.” The Land Conservation and Preservation Initiative (“Initiative”) sets forth the goal of conserving and preserving remaining high conservation value lands throughout King County within the next 30 years. Five categories of land are targeted: natural areas, farmland, forests, river valley and nearshore lands, and trail corridor connections. The Initiative calls for preserving such lands in cities as well as rural and urban unincorporated areas of the County.

The Advisory Group was convened by the Executive in September 2016 and tasked with reviewing and proposing refinements to the Initiative. The Advisory Group endorses the Initiative, recommends some adjustments to the proposed scope, and requests that the County undertake a second phase of work. The Advisory Group requests to be reconvened in the fall of 2017 so it can issue a final set of recommendations before the end of 2017. Final endorsement of the Initiative is dependent upon the Advisory Group’s review of the Phase 2 work and further deliberation on the issues noted in this report.

The Advisory Group’s main Phase 1 recommendations include:

- Adding a sixth category of lands to the Initiative: *urban green space*. This category should be generally consistent with the County’s five land categories identified above and should be defined through work with cities and historically underserved communities in the next several months before the Advisory Group is reconvened.
- Working with cities to complete a list of urban priority lands and trails in the next six months, and to ensure ongoing funding is available to cities to preserve both high value conservation lands and urban green space that cities may identify later.
- Working to better define and quantify the interest of some cities in finding revenue sources for restoration of urban green spaces already in public ownership, as well as city needs for park land maintenance dollars.
- Incorporating equity and social justice considerations into the Initiative, including addressing disparities that exist amongst some communities regarding access and proximity to open space and green space, and working with historically underserved communities to identify the types of urban green spaces that they value most.
- Refining cost assumptions with respect to the 66,000 acres of identified King County priority land, and the acreage yet to be identified inside cities.
- Working to better describe and effectively communicate the broad range of environmental, human health, community resilience and economic prosperity benefits that could be derived from this Initiative.

- Ensuring that acceleration of funding is available so that quick action can be taken to preserve lands under threat of development.
- Developing a strategy that will ensure both success of the Initiative as refined over the next several months, and renewal of the current County Parks Levy.
- Leaving four potential public funding sources on the table for now, pending further work to refine the scope and cost of the Initiative. Of the four public funding options discussed, the Advisory Group is most strongly supportive of Conservation Futures Tax. The group expressed a lesser degree of support for new real estate excise tax authority, another property tax levy or general obligation bonds as Initiative funding sources.
- Doing additional work to test the assumptions about the role of private funding in supporting the Initiative.
- Proceeding with a sense of urgency, as development pressures continue to grow.

The Advisory Group requests work proceed over the next several months, with the County working in concert with cities and other stakeholders, to address the items outlined above, in order that the Advisory Group may be reconvened early in the third quarter of 2017 to review the results of this work and issue a final report and recommendations before the end of 2017.

The Advisory Group believes that by preserving the remaining natural areas and open spaces in our rural and urban areas, ensuring accessible green spaces in every community, strengthening our region's commitment to preserve working farms and forests, and completing our trail networks, we can ensure King County remains one of the best places in which to live and work for generations to come.



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November 2, 2016

Hello –

King County Executive Dow Constantine has established a goal of protecting all the remaining unprotected high conservation value lands in King County, within a generation. In March the Executive submitted a Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan to the King County Council ([Land Conservation Work Plan](#)), which identified high conservation value parcels in the unincorporated area to protect, identified potential costs and revenue sources, and also identified additional work that should be done to improve the work plan. We believe there are also unprotected high conservation value lands located inside cities. King County would like to work with cities to understand city perspectives on the Land Conservation Initiative, including how cities could participate in this Initiative. To that end we request that you identify a point of contact(s) for King County to engage with by Friday November 18. Please send your identified point of contact(s) to Ingrid Lundin, at [Ingrid.Lundin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Ingrid.Lundin@kingcounty.gov) or 206-477-4578.

Our region's open space helps bring and keep residents and businesses here making King County one of the fastest growing counties in the country. Executive Constantine seeks to preserve the remaining important green spaces, working resource lands, and trail corridors that keep our environment, communities, and economy healthy. We believe by working together we can better protect those key lands we all cherish before they are lost, as many of our trail corridors, river corridors and open space corridors cross our jurisdictional boundaries. We want to understand how cities could benefit, and be impacted, by this effort. And we want to understand where there is opportunity for common ground and synergy, and where there may be potential conflicts. We believe that deeper engagement should include meeting with each city directly.

One action called for in the Work Plan was the establishment of an Advisory Group to make recommendations to King County on the lands to be protected, potential funding options, implementation strategies, and other topics. The Advisory Group includes representatives from business, non-profit, and government sectors, including five city representatives. The Land Conservation Advisory Group commenced on September 15 and has met a total of four times with another five meetings planned. The Advisory Group is expected to submit a report of recommendations in January. The Land Conservation Initiative Advisory Group website can be found here: [Land Conservation Advisory Group](#)

A second action called for in the Work Plan was to engage cities on the goal of protecting all the remaining unprotected high conservation value lands in King County. King County began engaging cities earlier this year on the Land Conservation Initiative, initially through the WRIA Forums earlier this spring and summer, and more recently through conversation at the SCA City Managers meeting, the SCA Public Issues Committee, the regional Parks Directors meeting, and representatives on the Advisory Group. King County staff has also started conversations with cities individually.

Attached is an initial list of key questions that we would like to address as we engage with each city, and a handout on the work plan process.

Sincerely,



Christie True

Director

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## City Outreach and Engagement Questions

1. *Government Roles.* How do you describe your city's role and responsibility with respect to protecting high conservation value lands? How would you describe the county's role?
2. *Land Conservation and Public Health/Quality of Life.* The Advisory Group sees a connection between open space/green space conservation and human health, quality of life and social equity. Does your city see similar connections; if so, how is that reflected in your comprehensive or other plans?
3. *Identifying Conservation Lands in Cities.* Has your city identified conservation/open space/green space/regional trail priorities which could be acquired through a regional effort such as this proposal? Are those lands identified in an adopted plan? What criteria are important to you in identifying such lands? If you have not yet identified lands, how much time is needed to identify priorities for a proposal like this?
4. *Proposed Categories of Land Conservation.* The County has identified five conservation categories in the land conservation work plan for lands in the unincorporated area (see enclosed summary):
  - Natural Areas
  - Regional Trails
  - Forests
  - Farmland
  - Rivers

Do these categories seem relevant to potential land acquisition within cities, and to improving environmental health, human health, equity and economic development in your city? Would you propose different categories?

5. *Open Space/Green Space in Cities.* The Advisory Group is considering two ways that city open space/green space priorities might be reflected within the work plan:
  - a. Integrate all city land priorities within the above five conservation categories
  - b. Create a sixth "urban open space" category (recognizing that while conserved urban lands may have features that fit within the existing five categories, conservation in cities has unique characteristics, challenges, and potentially important health and equity benefits to residents)

Do you have feedback on these two approaches? Do you have feedback as to how an "urban open space category" might be defined?

6. *Equity.* How do you see equity being addressed in the current plan? In what ways can we enhance the plan to better address issues of equity?
7. *Maintaining City Parks and Open Space/Green Space.* The work plan contemplates providing jurisdictions with basic maintenance funding for newly acquired lands. How important is funding to maintain newly acquired lands?

8. *Additional Funding Needs.* Some cities have indicated they have critical park needs beyond just protection of new lands – for example, focusing on existing parks rather than acquiring new ones, in order to implement restoration (restoring natural habitats to increase the conservation benefits of degraded ecosystems) or to implement re-development (installing capital projects to change the level of and/or types of use of those sites). Do you have feedback about the need to acquire new lands versus the need to fund restoration or redevelopment of existing sites?
9. *Existing Funding.* The Work Plan identified many existing funding sources used by King County for conservation acquisition including Conservation Futures, King County Parks Levy, Flood Control District, state RCO/SRFB grants. What are the key funding sources your city uses to acquire open space/green space lands?
10. *New Funding Options.* The Work Plan identifies a series of options for increasing funding available for land conservation/preservation. Most of these would require a countywide vote to increase countywide property tax levies or impose a new countywide tax:
- a county bond
  - increase in the conservation futures tax
  - property tax levy lid lift
  - REET (Real Estate Excise Tax) 3
- Other options the Work Plan identifies are to expand philanthropy, private investment and new ecosystem markets to secure private funding for land conservation. What feedback do you have for the Advisory Group's consideration when looking at these funding options?
11. *Allocation of Regionally Generated Funds.* One potential model for sharing regionally generated land conservation monies is in the Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) allocation and award process (see enclosed summary). Would you encourage the Advisory Group to consider extending a model similar to the CFT model to allocation of new regional conservation funding? Why or why not?
12. *Collaboration.* Are you considering or aware of potential projects on which multiple cities and/or the county could collaborate, for example, acquisitions that cross jurisdictional boundaries?
13. *Other Feedback.* What other questions, considerations and concerns would your City have in deciding whether to support the County Executive's land conservation work plan?

Websites for more information:

Land Conservation Webpage: <http://kingcounty.gov/land-conservation>

Advisory Group Webpage: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/conservation-advisory-group>





March 8, 2017  
SCA PIC Meeting

**Item 11:**  
2017 State Legislative Session  
**UPDATE**

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**SCA Legislative Committee Members**

SCA President and Kenmore Mayor David Baker (Chair); Councilmember Bill Allison, Maple Valley; Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific; Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park

**Update**

SCA has adopted a 2017 Legislative Agenda urging the Washington State Legislature to take three core actions this session:

- ***Adjust the Property Tax Cap***
- ***Invest in Public Health Services***
- ***Address the Housing and Homelessness Crisis***

This report provides updates on legislation responsive to each of these priorities, outlines the legislative cutoff process, and previews the Senate Republicans' biennial operating budget proposal, which is anticipated to be released in mid-March and is expected to make drastic cuts to state revenue distributions to cities. City leaders are encouraged to reach out to key senators now to highlight the importance of shared revenues. The status of additional legislation impacting cities and flagged for importance by SCA members is also summarized here.

**Background**

At the recommendation of the SCA Legislative Committee and PIC, the SCA Board of Directors adopted an SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda in October 2016 ([Attachment A](#)). Subsequently, at the January 11, 2017 PIC meeting, members were briefed on the outlook for the current 105-day budget writing session and reviewed areas of commonality across member city legislative agendas (see [January PIC Packet](#), page 39, and [January Meeting Minutes](#), page 4). The PIC was then briefed at the February 8 meeting on bills relating to SCA's legislative priorities and other legislation flagged for importance by PIC members (see [February PIC Packet](#), page 45, and [draft February Meeting Minutes](#), page 10).

**Legislative Cutoffs**

Each year, the Legislature establishes a series of [cutoff dates](#), by which most bills must meet various milestones in the legislative process. The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has produced a video explaining the Legislature's winnowing process [here](#). Since the February PIC

meeting and as of the drafting of this staff report, two cutoff dates have passed: February 17 was the last day for bills to make it out of committee in their house of origin, with the exception of the House fiscal committees and the Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees, for which the cutoff was February 24. The budget and bills the Legislature deems “necessary and implement the budget” or “NTIB” are excluded from these cutoffs. The next cutoff—by which time bills must pass out of their house of origin unless they are NTIB—is March 8 at 5 p.m., just prior to the March PIC meeting.

As the next cutoff nears, AWC has developed lists of bills for the [House](#) and [Senate](#) that the Association is focused on advancing or is expressing concerns about. City leaders are encouraged to call or email their legislators to urge them to assist in advancing or stopping the listed bills.

### **Budget Outlook**

As initial policy bill cutoffs are reached, focus will begin to shift to budgets. In this a 105-day budget-writing session, the Legislature is charged with crafting operating, capital, and transportation budgets for the biennium that begins July 1, 2017. The [Governor released his proposed 2017-19 budgets in December](#), and the Republican-controlled Senate will be next to introduce an operating budget proposal, likely timed after the next scheduled state revenue forecast on March 16.

Attendees of AWC’s City Action Days conference in Olympia heard on February 15 from members of the House and Senate budget committees, and the outlook offered by Sen. Ann Rivers (R-La Center, 18th Legislative District) was gloomy for cities. It is anticipated that the Senate Republicans budget proposal will make drastic hits to state revenues distributed to cities and cut state spending on the Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC) and other city priorities to divert resources to state education funding obligations. AWC has produced a [fact sheet](#) describing the sources and scope of direct state distributions to local governments and produced an [online tool](#) that allows cities to see how they would be impacted by cuts to various shared revenues, which are estimated to total \$210 million for the 2017-19 biennium.

AWC is encouraging city leaders with [members serving on the Senate Ways & Means Committee](#) or in Senate leadership to call their senators now to underscore the importance of protecting shared revenues in the operating budget.

- The Ways & Means Committee members representing SCA member cities are as follows: Sens. Dino Rossi (R-45th LD), David Frockt (D-46th LD), Joe Fain (R-47th LD), Bob Hasegawa (D-11th LD), Karen Keiser (D-33rd LD), and Mark Miloscia (R-30th LD).
- In addition to those serving on the Ways and Means and listed above, members of the Senate leadership representing SCA member cities include: Sens. Sharon Nelson (D-34th LD), Mark Mullet (D-5th LD), Rebecca Saldaña (D-37th LD), and Lisa Wellman (D-41st LD).

AWC asks that city leaders share the following messages when communicating with their senators:

- Cutting city revenue doesn't solve the state's problem. It just reduces our effectiveness as the economic engine for the state and puts services we provide, like public safety, at risk.
- These distributions represent half of 1 percent of the state's general fund but represent decades of agreements with cities and towns. There should not be cuts to revenue absent equal cuts to obligations.
- These funds support critical services that benefit our shared constituents, and should not be jeopardized as part of any budget negotiation strategy.

Legislators may respond that sweeping these vital funds is merely a first negotiating position, but AWC asks city leaders to politely, but firmly, remind these legislators that it is wrong to use wholesale cuts to cities as a negotiating strategy.

After contacting your senator, you are asked to contact AWC's [Victoria Lincoln](#) or [Sheila Gall](#). AWC is tracking senators' responses and will follow up with each city represented by a Ways & Means Committee member or member of the Senate Leadership. After this initial wave of legislator contacts, AWC will reach out to cities more broadly to encourage similar advocacy.

### **SCA 2017 Legislative Priorities**

The adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda ([Attachment A](#)) urges the Washington State Legislature to take three core actions this session:

- ***Adjust the Property Tax Cap***
- ***Invest in Public Health Services***
- ***Address the Housing and Homelessness Crisis***

A number of bills responsive to these legislative priorities remain in the mix, having advanced through the legislative process by required cutoff dates or because they are considered necessary to implement the budget (NTIB).

#### Property Tax Cap

Companion bills [HB 1764](#) and [SB 5772](#)—which would replace the current one percent cap on property tax increases with a cap, or “limit factor”, that is the greater of one percent or population growth plus inflation, not to exceed five percent—each received hearings in their respective chambers in February. SCA President and Kenmore Mayor David Baker testified on behalf of SCA in the House hearing, and SCA Board Member and Lake Forest Park Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford testified on behalf of SCA in the Senate hearing. SCA Vice President and Kirkland Mayor Amy Walen, Kirkland Councilmember Toby Nixon, SCA Board Member and Kent Councilmember Dana Ralph, and Shoreline Mayor Chris Roberts also testified in committee.

Neither bill has advanced from committee, but they are considered NTIB and would generate an estimated \$33.4 million in additional state revenues for the six months of impacted collections in Fiscal Year 2018 and \$94.9 million in Fiscal Year 2019. In the subsequent biennium, an additional \$372.6 million in state revenues would be anticipated. It is likely that neither bill will advance as standalone legislation, but the language could be folded into a broader budget deal later into the session.

## Public Health Services

[SHB 1432](#) is the policy legislation that accompanies a funding ask of \$54 million in increased funding for local public health jurisdictions and \$6 million for state public health programs. The legislation would create a new policy framework identifying core programs to be offered in every community (e.g. chronic disease and injury prevention, environmental public health, vital records, etc.) and also outlines planning work to be done to redefine the respective responsibilities of the state and local health jurisdictions in delivering public health services. SHB 1432 has been placed on the House Floor Calendar and is anticipated to be a more viable vehicle than the Senate version, [SB 5353](#), which advanced from the policy committee and was referred to Senate Ways & Means but is not anticipated to receive a hearing.

## Housing and Homelessness

SCA is urging the state to maintain and expand state-level investments in housing and homelessness services and to allow cities to further partner in the response to the crisis by creating more local options. Several bills reported on at the February PIC meeting have advanced:

- **Document Recording Fee:** [SHB 1570](#), which would preserve and potentially expand the most significant source of state funding for homelessness programs, has advanced to the House Rules Committee and is considered NTIB. The substitute version of the bill makes the existing \$40 document recording fee permanent and would allow cities or counties to charge and retain an additional surcharge of up to \$50 for homeless housing and assistance. Negotiations on the specifics of the bill are ongoing, with county auditors sharing concerns about the feasibility of administering a city-specific fee.
- **Housing Trust Fund:** SCA has joined housing advocates in calling upon the state to increase the Housing Trust Fund to \$200 million in the biennial capital budget. With the Senate and House capital budget proposals yet to be drafted and released, advocates are urging supporters to contact their lawmakers to urge investment in the Housing Trust Fund. The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance has produced a sample letter available [online here](#) encouraging robust investment in the Housing Trust Fund and passage of the SHB 1570, the document recording fee bill discussed above (referred to as the Washington Housing Opportunities Act).
- **Creation of Optional Local Tools:** [SHB 1797](#), the local option housing bill sponsored by Rep. Joan McBride (D-Kirkland, 48th LD), advanced from the House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs Committee and received a public hearing in the House Finance Committee, with action scheduled for March 3 as of the drafting of this report. This legislation is also considered NTIB. The substitute version would allow cities to apply for a one-time remittance of 4.37 percent of the state sales tax on public purchases for affordable housing development or public infrastructure to support such development; make the [existing 0.1 percent local sales tax option for mental health services and affordable housing](#) councilmanic for King County (this sales tax option was created by 2015 legislation and has not yet been implemented locally); and allow revenue from local real estate excise tax (REET II) to be used for affordable housing through 2022, so long as other local capital projects are adequately funded.

[SSB 5182](#), sponsored by Sen. Joe Fain (R-Auburn, 47th LD), has been placed on the Senate Floor Calendar. The bill would allow cities or counties to adopt a property tax exemption program to preserve affordable housing for very low income households. A 15-year property tax exemption would be permitted if a minimum of 25 percent of units in a multi-unit property remain affordable.

Sen. Fain has also sponsored [SSB 5254](#), a multi-faceted bill that also includes language creating an affordable housing preservation property tax exemption program and that would extend the document recording fee sunset date, require additional analysis to be included in a jurisdiction's buildable lands report, clarify that Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (e.g. PSRC) may not limit approval of comprehensive plans on the basis of planning growth in excess of allocated targets, and make other changes to state law related to countywide planning policies, affordable housing, and the State Environmental Policy Act. SSB 5254 was heard in the Senate Ways and Means Committee February 22, and negotiations on the bill language are ongoing.

- **Source of Income Discrimination:** [HB 1633](#), which would prohibit landlords from discriminating against prospective and current tenants based on their use of government or non-profit housing vouchers, has been placed on the House Floor Calendar. The companion, [SB 5407](#) was heard in the Senate Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee but did not advance. Bellevue, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Seattle, King County (unincorporated areas), and Vancouver have local bans in place, but member cities have expressed a need for protections with wider applicability.

Conversely, [SB 5569](#), which would preempt all local source of income discrimination ordinances without imposing statewide protections, has been placed on the Senate Floor Calendar.

- **Behavioral Health System:** As noted last month, SCA has also encouraged the state to address other underlying causes of homelessness by making investments in the state's behavioral health system. While the budget proposals are still forthcoming, a number of policy bills related to the heroin and prescription opiate crisis have advanced in the House:
  - [SHB 1047](#), sponsored by Rep. Strom Peterson (D-Edmonds, 21st LD), would require drug manufacturers to operate a drug take-back program to collect and dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. The bill, which is in the House Rules Committee, would not preempt local programs, such as King County's Secure Medicine Return Program (more information about King County's program is contained in the [January PIC Packet](#), see page 111).
  - [SHB 1427](#), sponsored by Rep. Eileen Cody (D-Seattle, 34th LD), was drafted in response to the recommendations of the King County Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force, which called for a reduction to barriers placed on opioid treatment programs. More information about the Task Force, and actions SCA mayors have committed to taking, is included in the [January PIC Packet](#) (see page 125). This bill, which has been placed on the House Floor Calendar, would modify the standards for certifying opioid treatment programs, including

elimination of the requirement of a public meeting in the area where an opioid treatment program would be located. A hearing within the county would still be required. The bill also removes authority for counties and cities to require special use permits for the siting of opioid treatment programs, but programs could only be sited in accordance with appropriate county or city land use ordinances and conditional use permits could still be required.

- [SHB 1339](#), also sponsored by Rep. Cody, would require the adoption of rules relating to prescribing opioid drugs and has advanced to the House Rules Committee. The original version of the bill would have imposed prescribing limits directly.

On the Senate side, Sen. Mark Miloscia (R-Federal Way, 30th LD) is working to block one of the more controversial recommendations the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force: that two King County Community Health Engagement Locations be created where supervised consumption could occur for adults with substance use disorders. [SSB 5223](#), sponsored by Sen. Miloscia, would preempt local government authority to make laws governing safe injection sites and bar local governments operating a safe injection site from making funding claims with the state. SSB 5223 has been placed on Senate Floor Calendar, but the House companion, [HB 1761](#), did not receive a hearing before the relevant cutoff.

### **Additional Legislation of Note**

In addition to the adopted SCA legislative priorities, PIC members have asked that SCA staff track additional city priorities, particularly updates to the Public Records Act (PRA).

[SHB 1594](#) and [HB 1595](#) are AWC priority bills developed following a lengthy public records stakeholder process during the interim. Both have been placed on the House Floor Calendar. SHB 1594 would create a grant program within the Office of the Secretary of State for local governments to improve their public record management systems, establish a program within the Office of the Attorney General to consult with local governments on public records best practices, and create a study on the feasibility of establishing a statewide open records portal. Language related to mediation has been removed in SHB 1594. HB 1595 would amend the PRA to allow cities to charge a small fee for providing copies of electronic records, allow cities to deny overwhelming computer generated “bot” requests, prohibit overly broad requests for all of a city’s records, and create a way for cities to apply a service charge to exceptionally complex requests. AWC has shared that negotiations to address initial stakeholder concerns with the bill are looking positive and that a compromise version appears forthcoming. Supporters are encouraged to contact their House members to ensure these bills keep moving.

A bill tracking list, included as [Attachment B](#), provides the status, as of the drafting of this report, of legislation previously discussed by the PIC including additional bills related to affordable housing and homelessness, liquor revenue distribution, human trafficking, school siting, product stewardship, and annexation of urban lands. More extensive descriptions of the listed bills can be found in the staff report included in the [February PIC Packet](#) (page 45), the [draft February PIC Meeting Minutes](#) (page 10), and by searching for bill information through the [State Legislature’s Website](#). For broader and timelier updates on core areas of city focus,

members are encouraged to sign up for AWC's weekly Legislative Bulletin by contacting [subscribe@awcnet.org](mailto:subscribe@awcnet.org).

### **Next Steps**

To summarize the action steps discussed above, AWC is asking city leaders to urge their legislators to advance or stop the key bills listed on these [House](#) and [Senate](#) lists. Those represented by a senator serving on the Ways & Means Committee or Senate Leadership are also encouraged to call their senator now to highlight the importance of protecting shared revenues in the operating budget. Additionally, the [Washington Low Income Housing Alliance is urging action](#) in support of SHB 1570, which would preserve and potentially expand the document recording fee, and the Housing Trust Fund.

SCA staff will continue to track and provide members with status updates about SCA's legislative priorities. Members will also be alerted about additional advocacy opportunities. Because many such opportunities occur on short notice, members are also encouraged to let SCA staff know if they are interested in providing testimony on a given issue and/or will be in Olympia on other business and potentially available to speak to SCA priorities.

### **Attachments**

- A. [SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda](#)
- B. [Bill Tracking List](#)



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 2017 Legislative Agenda**

### **Adjust the Property Tax Cap**

Property tax is the largest revenue source for Washington's cities, supporting critical services such as justice, health, and safety. Property taxes are capped at a level that creates an ever-widening gap between the cost of providing public services to a growing population and the revenue available to pay for them. A new property tax limit should correspond to what it actually costs local governments to continue providing services, and keep up with increased public demand.

- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to give local governments the option to replace the arbitrary annual 1% cap on property tax revenues with a growth limit whose maximum is inflation plus the rate of population growth.*

### **Invest in Public Health Services**

Protect our communities by investing in core public health services. The 40% per capita decrease in public health funding since 1999 is reaching crisis levels across the state. The funding shortfall has left Public Health–Seattle & King County unable to fully investigate disease outbreaks. The Washington State Department of Health is requesting \$54 million for local public health jurisdictions to fill critical gaps in disease prevention and response, and to pilot shared services to improve the efficiency of the overall system.

- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to fund basic public health by investing \$54 million in core public health services.*

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

Our communities face an affordable housing and homelessness crisis. Over 4,500 people are surviving unsheltered on any given night in King County, and others, including older adults and moderate and low-wage workers of all ages, are struggling to find affordable, quality housing in our region. Partnerships between state and local governments are critical to create new units of affordable housing. Renewed state commitments to help Washingtonians transition out of homelessness are necessary, as are expanded investments to address behavioral health needs and other root causes of homelessness.

- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to partner with us to address homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing in the following ways:*
  - *Expand and make permanent the Document Recording Fee*
  - *Invest \$200 million in the Housing Trust Fund*
  - *Allow local governments to create and preserve affordable housing through a Preservation Tax Exemption and other optional local tools*
- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to address other underlying causes of homelessness by making investments in our state's behavioral health system and enacting legislation to prohibit Source of Income Discrimination.*

## Bill Tracking for March 8, 2017 PIC Meeting - Updated 3/2/17 at 9 a.m.

<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
HB 1764 / SB 5772	Property tax revenue limit	H Finance / S Local Governme	Lytton / Pedersen
SHB 1113	Excess liquor revenue dist.	H Rules R	Hayes
SB 5240	Excess liquor revenues	S Ways & Means	Mullet
SHB 1099	Marijuana/local moratoria	H Approps	Sawyer
<b>Public Health &amp; Behavioral Health</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
SHB 1432 / SB 5353	Foundat. public health servs	H 2nd Reading / S Ways & Means	Robinson / Rivers
SHB 1047	Medication disposal system	H Rules R	Peterson
SHB 1427	Opioid treatment programs	H 2nd Reading	Cody
SHB 1339	Opioid drug prescriptions	H Rules R	Cody
HB 1761 / SSB 5223	Safe injection sites	H HC/Wellness / S 2nd Reading	Stokesbary / Miloscia
<b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
SHB 1570	Homeless housing & assist.	H Rules R	Macri
SSB 5182	Affordable housing options	S 2nd Reading	Fain
HB 1633 / SB 5407	Housing/source of income	H 2nd Reading /S Fin Inst/Ins	Riccelli / Frocht
ESHB 1514 / SB 5520	Mobile home park closures	S Fin Inst/Ins / S Fin Inst/Ins	Robinson / Kuderer
SHB 1884 / SB 5678	Mobile home park tenants	H Rules R / S Fin Inst/Ins	Ryu / Milocia
SB 5569	Protected classes/housing	S 2nd Reading	Angel
SB 5656	Ending homelessness	S HumSer/MenHlth	Milocia
SHB 1797	Affordable housing/taxes	H Finance	McBride
SHB 2044 / SSB 5657	Homeless hosting/religious	H Rules R / H Comm Dev, Housi	McBride / Milocia
SHB 1752	Affordable urban housing	H 2nd Reading	Santos
HB 1630 / SB 5625	Minors/homeless info. System	H Rules R / S HumSer/MenHlth	Slatter / Zeiger
<b>GMA, Housing, &amp; Homelessness</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
SSB 5254	Buildable lands & zoning	S Ways & Means	Fain
<b>Public Records Act Reform</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
SHB 1594	Public records admin.	H 2nd Reading	McBride
HB 1595	Public records request costs	H 2nd Reading	Nealey
SHB 1516	Public records storage sys.	H Approps	MacEwen
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original Sponsor</b>
SHB 1184	Patronizing a prostitute	S Law & Justice	Orwall
SHB 1017	School siting	H 2nd Reading	McCaslin
SHB 1376	Paint stewardship	H Rules R	Peterson
HB 1681 / SB 5215	Urban growth area annexation	H Environment / S Local Governme	Appleton / Conway
SB 5204	Industries prop. tax exempt.	S Ways & Means	Fain





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**Item 12:**  
Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County  
**UPDATE**

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**Update**

Members will have an opportunity to update the PIC regarding future ballot measures.

**Background**

The purpose of this item is to provide information for SCA member cities on upcoming ballot measures and recent results. This will be an ongoing, monthly item on the PIC agenda.

**Recent Results**

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure	Results
2017	February	Maple Valley	Park Bond Measure (\$14.7 million)	Yes: 52.8* <b>No: 47.2</b>
2017	February	Shoreline School District	School Construction Bond	<b>Yes: 74.3*</b> No: 25.7

\*60% required to pass

**Potential Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities**

None at this time

**Potential Future Ballot Measures – Other Cities**

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2017		Seattle	Homelessness Services Property Tax (proposed by Mayor Murray during the State of the City Address)
2018		Seattle	Families and Education Levy (renewal)
2019		Seattle	Library Levy (renewal)
2019		Seattle	Transportation Levy (renewal)

**Potential Future Ballot Measures – Countywide**

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2017	Aug/Nov	King County	Cultural Access (developed by Cultural Access WA)
2017	Aug/Nov	King County	Veterans and Human Services Levy (renewal)
2018		King County	AFIS Levy (renewal)
2019		King County	Medic One
2019		King County	Regional Parks

## Potential Future Ballot Measures – School & Special Purpose Districts

Year	Month	Measure	Results
2018		Shoreline School District Operations Levy	
2018		Shoreline School District Capital Levy	

### Next Steps

SCA staff will update this document on a regular basis. Please share this information with your city, and provide information on upcoming elections in your city to Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, at [brian@soundcities.org](mailto:brian@soundcities.org).

The last day for jurisdictions to file a resolution placing a measure on the August 2017 primary election ballot is May 12<sup>th</sup>. The filing deadline for the April 2017 special election was February 24<sup>th</sup>.



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**Item 13:**  
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 PIC.

**Potential Issues**

- City Human Services Funding
  - SCA staff is working with the King County Alliance for Human Services and city staff to collect data and will return to PIC for discussion
  
- Regional response to property crime
  - Identified at SCA Caucus meetings in December
  - Members also discussed correlation with heroin epidemic, which is included in an item on the January 2017 PIC agenda
    - SCA staff are planning a pre-PIC on this topic for May 2017
  
- Housing Affordability and Source of Income Discrimination
  - Included in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda and identified at the SCA Caucus meetings in December
  - Members discussed working together on learning about and/or developing best practices. This may also be a potential topic for a pre-PIC or an all-day workshop. SCA staff are coordinating with King County on this.
  
- Addressing the impact of growth on the region
  - This topic was raised at the SCA caucus meetings in December

If you or your city has additional items to be added to this list, please contact Deanna Dawson, [deanna@soundcities.org](mailto:deanna@soundcities.org).