



SCA Public Issues Committee MINUTES

March 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 7:05 PM. 27 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Lyman Howard, City of Sammamish staff; Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien; Councilmember Mariah Bettise, Issaquah; Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond; Diane Carlson, King County Executive Office staff; Mike Huddleston, King County Council staff; Jack Sorensen, Access for All Communications and Campaign Manager; James Kraft, Cultural Access Washington.

2. Public Comment

Chair Marts asked if any member of the public had any public comment.

Jack Sorensen introduced himself as the campaign manager for Access for All. He said that he was at the meeting to answer any questions about the proposal. He introduced James Kraft, Executive Director of Cultural Access Washington, and spoke to the importance of the proposal for access to cultural activities in Washington State. He said that he was available during or after the meeting to discuss anything of interest about the proposal or answer any questions.

Seeing no others wishing to provide public comment, Chair Marts closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the February 8, 2017 Minutes

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, to approve the February 8, 2017 PIC minutes.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Marts gave a report on the February 22, 2017 SCA Board meeting. Action taken at the meeting included approval of the financial reports for 2016, and appointment of Councilmember Verna Seal, Tukwila, as an alternate member to the Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI); Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, as an alternate member to the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC); and Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell, as an alternate member to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board (TPB). He also reported that SCA held a training on March 1

led by Ann Macfarlane of Jurassic Parliament. He said attendees had a good conversation about the role of caucus chairs during caucus meetings. He said a fundamental piece of discussion was the importance of communication, whether that is with staff or between members, and working to come to a consensus. He noted that consensus won't always happen, and sometimes there may not be an adopted SCA position to guide members, but that good communication still leads to more informed participation on regional boards and committees.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, offered to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from the training for anyone who was interested.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, provided information on a March 31 information session on immigrant and refugee issues being convened by King County and SCA. The event will take place from 9:30-Noon on Friday, March 31 at the Renton Community Center Banquet Hall located at 1715 Maple Valley HWY, Renton, WA 98057. A panel of legal experts and community leaders will provide information and guidance on laws and policies affecting immigrants and refugees. SCA President Mayor David Baker will emcee the event.

Dawson also updated members on the Regional Transportation System Initiative, convened by SCA and King County, with staff assistance from the Puget Sound Regional Council. The initiative kicked off Friday, March 3 with a meeting of the effort's Technical Committee. The overarching goal of the Initiative is to identify a funding solution to address the gap between current revenues and the unmet maintenance and mobility needs of our regional system of roads. While significant investments were recently approved for the larger system of freeways, major highways, and high-capacity transit, there remains a significant funding shortfall to address mobility and maintenance on the system of principal arterials, state routes, and collector arterials that connect communities in King County. The Technical Committee will be meeting monthly and is tasked with defining critical parts of the regional transportation network that connects King County communities; identifying unmet preservation and maintenance needs; and preparing funding options for policy makers to consider. 75 people attended the first meeting – primarily transportation planning staff, but also some elected officials – from 33 cities in King County, WSDOT, Metro, and the King County Roads Division. Subarea groups were encouraged to meet prior to the April meeting in an effort to come to consensus on their definition of needs for their subregion. A meeting of elected officials is being planned for May to review the regional network and unmet needs. Thereafter, the technical group will continue to meet, and at least one additional meeting of elected officials is anticipated to take place later in 2017 to review funding options and prepare a regional package that could be presented to the Legislature in 2018.

Dawson provided a handout to members with information on the upcoming King County Charter Review process ([Attachment B](#)). She noted that it may be helpful to work together to ensure that city interests are represented in the process, which may include an SCA appointee on the commission. She thanked Shoreline Mayor Chris Roberts for raising the issue.

Dawson noted that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). She distributed a letter from SCA Board Member Renton Mayor Denis Law, inviting all cities pledge to promote April as

SAAM ([Attachment C](#)). Through SAAM, cities can provide citizens tools to reduce the risk of abuse and assault, increase public awareness, and provide valuable resources for victims and their families. What cities pledge to do is up to the individual city and could be as simple as signing a resolution, or cities can plan activities to bring awareness to this issue. The [King County Sexual Assault Resource Center](#) (KCSARC) is a valuable source of data and resources. Last year, 25 cities participated. Dawson expressed hope that this year all 37 cities in the Sound Cities Association would take the pledge to promote SAAM. Mayors joining so far include SCA Vice President Mayor Amy Walen of Kirkland, SCA Past President Mayor Nancy Backus of Auburn, Mayor Suzette Cooke of Kent, and SCA President Mayor David Baker of Kenmore.

Dawson noted that March 8, 2017 was International Women's Day, and thanked the women staff and elected officials for their leadership.

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

Nominating Committee Chair Leanne Guier gave a report from the March 2, 2017 meeting of the PIC Nominating Committee.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, moved, seconded by Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, 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)

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, requested clarification as to the number of appointees to MIDD. Dawson clarified that there was an opening for a member and an alternate. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PSRC Regional Economic Strategy

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on the Regional Economic Strategy (RES), which is in the final drafting stages at the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Development District Board (EDDB). Parry noted that SCA held a roundtable discussion in November 2016 during which PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown presented an early draft of the goals and strategies for input from SCA members. A summary of some of the feedback from that meeting was included in the PIC Packet. The goals and strategies that were reviewed in November have remained largely the same, but significant new work product was released by PSRC in the last week as they work to complete the RES.

Parry provided background on the EDDB. The EDDB governs the federally designated economic development district for King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties. As the federally designated district, the EDDB is tasked with convening public and private sector representatives to develop a shared understanding of the region's economic strengths and weaknesses, identify economic development activities that are ongoing or needed in the region, and integrate those

activities and priorities with regional land use and transportation planning. Those items are encapsulated in the District's Regional Economic Strategy and updated about every five years.

Parry said that per federal rules, the RES is required to contain several key elements that are outlined in more detail in the PIC Packet. These include:

- A summary background of the economic conditions of the region;
- A SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) of the region's economy;
- A strategic plan that identifies the stakeholders responsible for implementation of the plan, and integration of economic development activities; and
- An evaluation framework for the plan

Parry described a section of the plan as an example of how the RES is structured. He noted that the RES contains a number of high-level assessments of current needs and actions that incorporate many activities that are being undertaken by organizations other than PSRC and the EDDB. As examples he cited elements of the plan that are implemented by the Economic Development Council, the Workforce Development Council, cities, King County, and others.

Parry provided information from a recent King County economic development presentation for elected officials to provide additional context about the economic development ecosystem in King County and where the EDDB and RES fit into that system ([Attachment D](#)).

Parry provided an update on the status and schedule for adoption of the RES. The latest draft of the report was released on March 1 and was revised by the EDDB at their March 8 meeting. The final draft will be released later in March for a 30-day public comment period. It is expected that the RES will be approved by the EDDB at its May 3 meeting.

Parry said that a copy of the full report would be sent to PIC members when it is released so that they could provide feedback. He noted that the EDDB is in particular looking for feedback on whether organizations and jurisdictions feel the RES captures their priorities for economic development in the region. He also offered to coordinate additional briefings for any members who are interested after the release of the final report.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, current President of the EDDB, noted that she was inspired to take on a leadership role at the EDDB after participating in the last update to the RES. She said the previous update was too focused on data and that she wanted the new version to be much more user-friendly and include substantial outreach. She said that unlike a strategic plan that members may have adopted for their cities, the intent of the RES is not that PSRC do all the actions but that it will be implemented by numerous organizations and agencies. She highlighted that she felt a key piece of the RES and a thread that runs throughout is addressing equity and shared prosperity. She noted that the EDDB met for over two hours earlier in the day to review the RES and approve its release for public comment following some additional work by PSRC staff. She said the final draft is expected to be released for public comment on March 22 and that the last remaining pieces to finalize are a section on equity and the executive summary. She encouraged members to review the plan and provide feedback.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, asked for clarification as to whether the deadline for comment was the next meeting of the EDDB on May 3 or if it was 30 days following the release expected on March 22. Parry clarified that the formal period for comment would be 30 days from release, which was expected to conclude prior to the May 3 EDDB meeting.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, said that he would like to speak with Stanford more about the RES. He said that PSRC has a hard time taking the needs of small cities into consideration and said he was curious to see if there is anything in the plan that will help small cities with economic development. Stanford said that she would be happy to meet and describe some of the rural and small city elements included in the RES.

Chair Marts said PIC is in a unique position to talk about the RES and economic development. He said he was struck by how coordinated the region is when concerning managing housing and job growth and referenced the night's pre-PIC workshop discussion of Regional Growth Centers as an example. He said that oftentimes growth happens in spite of local challenges, education funding, or other needs. He said he was struck by how much time we spend preparing the infrastructure to manage job and population growth compared to the amount of energy devoted to building the conditions to grow the types of jobs we want to see. He noted that decisions about where to grow companies and jobs are based on where a given CEO wants to locate and that many quality of life issues need to be incorporated into economic development. He said he would like to see a focus on how to leverage existing assets like Boeing, Blue Origin, or in the medical field with Children's Hospital and others. He said the region should be the engine for west coast economic development above and beyond Los Angeles, San Francisco, or others.

Dawson concurred with Marts's comments, and noted that SCA is part of planning for an upcoming summit on economic development on May 8.

Dawson commented that input on apprenticeship utilization provided at SCA's workshop on the RES in November by Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, was not included in the latest draft of the RES. Stanford said the EDDB discussed apprenticeship at its meeting earlier in the day and that it would be included.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, noted that she is the chair of the Seattle chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and that the community suffered big layoffs in 2014 and 2015. She credited leadership in the region for turning that around and noted that in the last two years the field has seen significant job growth.

Councilmember Melissa Musser, Des Moines, commented that quality education and fully funding education in Washington State was a big part of quality of life, and key to attracting CEOs to the region. She asked whether the EDDB looked at how education and economic development are related. Stanford responded that there are a number of strategies in the draft RES that address education at all stages of life. Dawson noted that this feedback on the importance of quality of life, including K-12 education should be provided to PSRC and the EDDB.

8. Cultural Access Sales Tax

Alena Marshak, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that the King County Executive has indicated his intent to transmit a proposal to the County Council to request the Council place a Cultural Access Sales Tax measure on the August ballot. It is SCA staff's understanding that this Ordinance will be transmitted to the County Council on March 9, 2017. [Note: *The Ordinance has since been transmitted to Council and is available [here](#)*]. If passed, the measure would create a Cultural Access Program in King County which would be funded by a .1 percent increase in the County sales tax – equal to 1 cent for every \$10 spent. Authority to create such a Cultural Access Program was granted through 2015 legislation (Engrossed Senate Bill 2263). More information is provided in the PIC Packet.

Marshak reported that Cultural Access Programs, as defined by the statute, are publicly funded and have 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. King County estimates that this tax could raise \$ 67.4 million in 2018. Funds from this tax would be collected by King County, and the proposed administrator and designated entity for awarding funds is 4Culture, a Public Development Authority and the cultural services agency in King County.

Regarding the allocation and use of the funds that would be collected from this tax, Marshak reported that there are three categories of recipients of the program funds (after administrative expenses and start-up costs) which are: 1) A Public School Cultural Access Program (which must be developed if a cultural access program is created), 2) Regional Cultural Organizations, and 3) Community-Based Cultural Organizations. Allocation and distribution of funding is guided by state statute ([RCW 36.160.110](#)).

Marshak reported that the Public School Cultural Access Program would receive 10% of the remaining funds after administrative expenses. 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 in-school education through cultural, scientific, and heritage education activities that are aligned with school curriculum. Funds can be used for transportation expenses and must be used to offer access to all public school districts in the County with more frequent access provided to schools with higher enrollment in federal meal programs. The King County Executive's draft proposal estimates that the Public School Cultural Access program would receive \$14.1 million (which includes the \$7.5 million from regional organizations, described later).

Marshak reported that Regional Cultural Organizations would receive 70% of the remaining funds (with at least 20% of these funds being used to participate in the programs Public School Cultural Access Program). The King County Executive's draft proposal is that \$30.1 million (after 20% is provided to school access program) would go to Regional Cultural Organizations. These Regional Organizations must have annual revenue that is greater than \$1.25 million. 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. Per the state statute, available funds are distributed proportionately which means that the organization with the largest combined revenues and weighted attendance would receive the most funding and vice versa. However, no Regional Organization can receive funds that exceed 15% of its annual revenue. The Executive's draft proposal assumes that \$4 million shifts from Regional Organizations to Community-Based Organizations due to this restriction. Regional organizations cannot use any of these funds for capital expenditures. In addition, Regional Organizations receiving funds must provide a report to the Program on public benefits provided, as well as a preview of future benefits the organization plans to provide.

Community-Based Cultural Organizations would receive all remaining funds (except up to 8% which would go to 4Culture's administrative costs). The Executive's draft proposal states that these organizations would receive \$20.1 million. Community-Based Cultural Organizations must have annual revenues that are less than \$1.25 million per year. These organizations are allowed a much more flexible use of the funds. They can use the funds for capital expenditures, programs, technology, supplies, and even start-up costs.

Regarding the next steps in the process for the proposed Cultural Access Sales Tax, Marshak reported that if the council wishes to place this measure on the August ballot, it must act by April 17 for regular processing time and no later than May 12, which would require a special meeting and super majority to get the measure on the August ballot. Marshak stated that there is a copy of the Executive's draft proposal in members' PIC Packets.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, referring to the Cultural Access Program, stated that it could provide opportunities for underserved communities and people with low incomes to experience diverse cultural organizations including film festivals, the Pacific Science Center, and the Ballet among other opportunities. Admission to these organizations can be very expensive, making it difficult for disadvantaged populations to have access to cultural activities. Through this program, more people would have access to these activities and learning opportunities. Wen mentioned that she is very supportive of this program and that she is on the Board of multiple cultural organizations and this program would be very beneficial for these organizations and the public.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, stated that it was his understanding that 4Culture is currently funded by the Hotel/Motel tax and wondered what would happen to this funding if this levy were successful. Crispo also noted that taxpayers are already providing funding to 4Culture for administrative expenses, and questioned whether the existing funding from the Hotel/Motel tax would still be needed by 4Culture if this measure passed. Marshak stated it was her understanding that this is a new tax which would provide additional funding for cultural organizations and which could be used to fund additional programs as well as to cover administrative costs. Crispo mentioned that the School Access Program was the only new piece, and that everything else is already included in what 4Culture does. Marshak stated that SCA will provide additional information once we have it regarding what the funds would be used for.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, asked if Community-Based Organizations are allocated funds based on competitive grants or some percentage, similar to the Regional Organizations.

Marshak noted that the designated entity (4Culture) would be administering these funds and, per statutory guidance, would have to come up with criteria for awarding funds. Dawson noted that more detail will be available once the Ordinance was transmitted to Council. Nixon asked how often Regional versus Community-Based organizations are reclassified. Marshak and Dawson responded that such details were not yet available but that SCA staff will follow up with PIC member after the proposed Ordinance is transmitted.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, asked if there would be a geographic criterion included in the evaluation process used by 4Culture to determine awards of funds. Dawson responded that they had been assured there would be, but that details were not yet available. Wong asked if Regional Organizations that were younger than three years would be eligible for funds. Dawson responded that staff would update members with answers to these questions after the ordinance was transmitted.

Councilmember Melissa Musser, Des Moines, asked if the funds allocated for the Public School Cultural Access Program had been vetted by Washington State's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Washington Education Association (WEA). Musser explained that it can be difficult to use this type of funding if field trips are not already included in the curriculum.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that many aspects of the tax are governed by the state statute. When looking at the percent of funding allowed for administration of Community-Based Organizations, the statute states that up to 8% is allowed. Margeson noted that it would be good to reduce administrative expenses through efficiencies and try to spend only 5% on administrative expenses, or some amount that is less than the 8% allowed by statute. He also asked about the public accountability for the program and if there were requirements for the program to inform voters of the amount of funds collected as well as what funds were spent on. In addition, Margeson asked if there would be annual reporting to the King County Council and the Regional Committees. Dawson noted that the question of accountability and reporting also came up at the City Manager's meeting. Dawson reported that at that meeting Deputy County Executive Sung Yang answered regarding the currently-existing oversight for 4Culture. SCA members may wish to suggest that additional accountability be built into the ballot measure, perhaps with a role for the Regional Policy Committee (RPC). Margeson stated that there needs to be strong oversight.

Wen suggested that the guests attending from Cultural Access Washington respond to members' questions, and PIC Chair Tola Marts recognized the guests and asked that they address questions offered so far by PIC members.

Cultural Access Washington Executive Director James Kraft noted that Cultural Access Washington is working with superintendents from the Puget Sound Educational Service District. Cultural Access Washington has been advocating for the inclusion of the Public School Cultural Access Program in the strategic plans of schools to ensure that it works in conjunction with their curriculum. Regarding the question on how often Regional versus Community-Based organizations are reclassified, Kraft mentioned they anticipate it will be every two years. Kraft also mentioned that 4Culture is currently receiving about \$4 million from the Hotel/Motel tax and they anticipate this will be freed up for Regional Organizations. Regarding accountability,

Kraft stated that there will be annual reports that go to the King County Council and that everyone involved in this effort understands the need for accountability and transparency regarding how the funds are used.

Dawson mentioned that SCA staff will ensure that the SCA members of RPC are provided with a list of the PIC members' questions to be asked at the next RPC meeting.

Kraft stated that much like the requirement that 20% of a Regional Organization's funds go to the school program, the proposal for this ballot measure would include an additional requirement that 30% of a Regional Organization's funds be used for equity outcomes including geographic equity. This would take some of the money out of Seattle and spread it throughout the County.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, asked what Community-Based Organizations would not be eligible for funding. He explained that it is his understanding that all arts organizations would be eligible. Marshak responded that staff would follow up with a response to this question.

Chair Marts stated that for any organization to grow from a \$4 million budget to a \$67 million budget would be a challenge. Marts noted that due to the timing of the anticipated Council action on the levy, there would not be time for SCA to consider action on the proposed levy unless emergency action was taken in April. Dawson and Marts noted that it was not the intent of SCA to consider taking action, unless requested at this time by PIC members. Members did not express interest in taking a position.

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

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on the 2017 work plans for the three regional committees referenced in the King County Charter: the Regional Policy Committee (RPC), Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC), and the Regional Transit Committee (RTC). Each committee is charged with developing, reviewing, and recommending countywide plans and policies for a given subject matter area for consideration by the King County Council. The purpose of this briefing is to give the PIC a preview of the work these committees will be engaged in this year and to offer an opportunity for PIC members to identify those topics for which they would like further briefings and to provide input on. The Regional Policy Committee is responsible for those issue areas not covered by the other two regional committees and that have been included on the RPC's work program. The proposed Cultural Access sales tax, on which the PIC was just briefed, will be on the RPC's March 15 agenda for a briefing. Another item of focus for the RPC this year will be the development of an implementation plan for the Veterans and Human Services Levy, which is anticipated to be placed on the ballot for renewal this fall.

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, noted that the Regional Water Quality Committee work plan can be found on pages 45 and 46 of the PIC Packet. The main work of the RWQC relates to wastewater treatment services in King County. Booth highlighted two recent additions to the work plan. First, at the request of the SCA caucus, RWQC members will have a briefing on the reclaimed water program, also known as the Recycled Water Program. The second addition, one that has been in the news often in recent weeks, is a review of the February 9, 2017 West

Point Treatment Plant failure that resulted in catastrophic damage to the plant – more than \$25 million worth of damage – and continues to result in substandard discharges to the Puget Sound. That review will include the causes, impacts, cost, and response to the plant failure and how to ensure such a failure would not occur again.

Alena Marshak, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that the Regional Transit committee (RTC) is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the King County Council on countywide plans and policies for public transportation services operated by the County. In 2017 the RTC will be working primarily on follow-up legislation to METRO CONNECTS (Metro's long range plan) this includes a Work Plan for the Metro Connects Development Program (the implementation program for the long-range plan), as well as a large role in policy guidance and input needed for the effective implementation of METRO CONNECTS, including a policy deliverable and accompanying motion that will be transmitted to the County Council at the end of October.

Marshak reported that in addition to the METRO CONNECTS work, RTC will also be responsible for approving Metro's 2017 System Evaluation Report at the end of the year. This report is based on Metro's Service Guidelines and was formerly known as the Service Guidelines Report. The RTC will also receive quarterly briefings on the Alternative Services program as well as current issues that arise throughout the year, such as Metro's Parking Initiatives, Service Changes, One Center City, Metro's Fares Work Program, and many other issues. Marshak noted that SCA would like to hear feedback on which issues PIC members would like to hear more about.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, referring to the RWQC work plan, asked how impacts on the water and surrounding communities from the West Point Treatment Plant failure would be mitigated. Booth said there was a monitoring program put into place immediately after the discharge that will compare current water quality to baseline data to assess the effects of the discharge. Additional information on monitoring and any needed mitigation will be brought back to the PIC. Booth noted that the RWQC was briefed [March 1, 2017](#) on the West Point Treatment Plant Emergency Bypass Discharge Event. King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles will be holding a public meeting on the West Point Treatment Plant repairs on March 18, 2017 [*Note: more information about that meeting can be found [here](#)*].

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, asked for information on the status of the Alternative Services Program projects that were implemented to address cuts to fixed route service. Alena Marshak responded that RTC receives quarterly updates on the status of projects including the performance of specific alternative service pilot programs in different cities, and staff can bring an update back to a future PIC meeting.

Marshak mentioned that SCA staff anticipate bringing the Work Plan for the METRO CONNECTS Development Program to PIC in May. Members agreed they would appreciate this briefing.

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, inquired as to whether there would be a ballot measure to fund the proposals in the METRO CONNECTS plan. Marshak responded that METRO CONNECTS is King County Metro's vision for what the transit system will look like in the future

and there is no current plan for Metro Connects funding to go to the ballot. Loudenback questioned how the gap in funding for the plan would be closed without going back to voters. Marshak mentioned that the RTC has a large role in addressing any policy guidance that is missing to effectively implement METRO CONNECTS, including policy guidance around partnerships and funding for the implementation of METRO CONNECTS. Marshak also noted that all aspects of funding for the implementation of METRO CONNECTS are not yet known.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that the One Center City planning process would have a big impact on SCA members. Referring to the RWQC work plan, Margeson noted that reclaimed water was an area of interest for Redmond. Margeson also noted interest in the Executive's forthcoming Veterans and Human Services Levy renewal proposal and whether the distribution of resources between veterans-focused services and resources for broader human services will be impacted.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that the RTC will be briefed on One Center City next week and that the discussion at RTC would help guide future direction for SCA on this topic. She also stated that King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci is launching an effort focused on the potential impacts of the One Center City strategies as well as other transportation and transit issues facing the Eastside.

Wen stated that earthquake risk is a top concern for the region. She also noted a risk from mudslides and mentioned that there should be strategies around preventing landslides.

Stanford noted that she has heard concerns from residents in Lake Forest Park about impacts of route restructures. Dawson offered to ask Councilmember Balducci to invite Lake Forest Park to the above references meeting to discuss impacts.

10. Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that on January 19, the Land Conservation Advisory Group, which includes Redmond Council President Hank Margeson and Bothell Councilmember James McNeal, approved a Phase 1 Report, making recommendations on the scope of the Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan and requesting a second phase of work to occur before a final Advisory Group recommendation on the Work Plan is made to the County Executive and the King County Council. Requested changes from city Advisory Group members can be found in the packet.

King County staff anticipates that the Advisory Group's recommendations will be included in the work plan and that a phase two effort will be approved. The phase two effort requested by the Advisory Group is proposed to address a series of issues that are listed on page 50 of the PIC Packet.

Booth noted that parks directors from several cities in north and northeast King County are meeting regularly to discuss the request from King County to identify high value conservation lands cities want to acquire. City staff has expressed some uncertainty about what information is needed by King County and about how to collect that information with limited resources. City staff are working with King County staff on a template that can be shared with other cities.

Councilmember Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw, asked if a map showing the location of the 66,000 acres proposed to be preserved is available. Booth will follow up with additional information. . In response to a question if the program was voluntary or not, Booth noted that the use of condemnation is not proposed and that King County will work with willing sellers.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted an Enumclaw area farmer was on the Advisory Group. He said Redmond had received a list of Conservation Futures Tax revenue (CFT) funded projects in the city as requested but was waiting for King County to provide a list of projects bonded by CFT revenues.

Councilmember Tom Stowe, Beaux Arts Village, asked if King County Department of Natural Resources (KC DNR) would administer the program in cities. He expressed concern about the possible creation of another layer of bureaucracy. He asked if KC DNR's current practices would be followed regarding property acquisition. He also asked for confirmation that condemnation was not proposed. Margeson said that King County is taking the long view, waiting until properties come on the market or the opportunity to buy easements arises. Booth noted that King County may pursue high value conservation properties that are threatened by development.

11. 2017 State Legislative Session

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the cutoff for bills to move out of their house of origin was 5 p.m., just prior to the night's PIC meeting, with exceptions to the cutoff including for those bills deemed necessary to implement the budget (NTIB). Wilson-Jones provided an overview of the status of bills most closely related to the adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda and distributed an updated bill tracking sheet ([Attachment E](#)). Where there are House and Senate versions of a bill, the bolded bill is the one that has advanced further in the legislative process. With regard to replacing the property tax cap, HB 1764—which would implement a new cap that is the greater of one percent or population growth plus inflation, not to exceed 5 percent—remains in the House Finance Committee, but should be considered NTIB and could also be folded into a larger budget deal later in the session. SCA's second legislative priority is investing in public health services. ESHB 1432, which is the policy legislation that accompanies that funding ask, passed out of the House 86-12 and is now in the Senate Health Care Committee.

Regarding SCA's third legislative priority, addressing the housing and homelessness crisis, Wilson-Jones reported that most of the key bills remain in their house of origin, but some are likely NTIB and could move later in the session. SHB 1570, which would make the sunseting Document Recording Fee permanent and allow for an additional optional local surcharge, is in the House Rules Committee. SSB 5182, which would allow a city or county to adopt a property tax exemption program to preserve affordable housing for very low-income household, remains in the Senate. HB 1797, which would allow some flexibility to use REET for affordable housing, allow a one-time sales tax remittance related to public affordable housing development, and make an existing sales tax authority councilmanic for King County, remains in the House Rules Committee. HB 1633 to prohibit source of income discrimination was not brought up for a vote in the House prior to the cutoff despite the advocacy of SCA members, but housing advocates are already working to identify an alternate path forward this session. Wilson-Jones noted that

the City of Tukwila this week joined five other SCA member cities in passing a local source of income discrimination ban. Returning to the status of housing bills, SSB 5254—Sen. Joe Fain’s omnibus bill that would create an affordable housing preservation property tax exemption program, extend the document recording fee sunset date, require additional analysis in buildable lands reports, and address comprehensive plan approvals, among other things—remains in Senate Ways and Means. As to addressing the underlying causes of homelessness, several bills related to the heroin and prescription opiate crisis moved from their house of origin. ESHB 1427, which would modify the standards for certifying opioid treatment programs, passed out of the House 82-15, and SHB 1339, which would require the adoption of rules relating to prescribing opioid drugs, passed out of the House 91-6. Finally, one bill at odds with recommendations from the King County Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force has advanced: SSB 5223, Sen. Mark Miloscia’s bill to ban safe-injection sites, passed out of the Senate 26-23 but is not expected to advance in the House.

Concluding with a broader legislative update, Wilson-Jones noted that the public records bills supported by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), ESHB 1594 and EHB 1595, passed out of the House with bipartisan votes of 79-18 and 75-22 respectively and are now in the Senate State Government Committee. With the house of origin cutoff now past, legislative committees will resume work reviewing bills sent over from the opposite chamber. It is also anticipated that the Senate Majority Coalition Caucus will release an operating budget proposal soon, with drastic cuts to state revenues distributed to cities expected to be proposed. Shared revenues are estimated at \$210 million for the next biennium, and AWC has produced an [online tool](#) that allows you to see how your city could be impacted by various cuts to shared revenues. AWC is urging city leaders to reach out to their senators preemptively to talk with them about the city services supported with these shared revenues and how they’re making a difference in your community. Additional cutoff dates are also approaching: March 29 is the last day for bills to make it out of opposite house policy committees, April 4 is the last day for fiscal committees, and April 12 is the deadline for floor action, all with some exceptions. The final day of the regular session is April 23, but a special session is anticipated to continue budget work.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that SCA is working to schedule a networking dinner featuring a legislative recap by a panel of legislators, but the likelihood that the Legislature will remain in session well past April is posing scheduling challenges. Dates in late April, timed shortly after the conclusion of the regular session, and in the late summer or early fall are being considered.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, requested the link for AWC’s online tool allowing cities to see their distributions of state shared revenues for the next biennium. The link can be found [here](#). Dawson emphasized the importance of early advocacy to help shape the Senate budget proposal before it is released and moves forward.

12. 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. He said that two measures were voted on in February. A Park Bond Measure in Maple Valley failed, receiving 52.8% support but falling short of the 60% required. A Shoreline School District Construction Bond measure was approved with 74.3% support. Parry noted that King County Elections conducted an experiment with pre-paid postage to see if

ballot returns would be increased. King County Elections reports that the effort was a success as ballot return percentages were expected to be 30% based on past elections, but turned out to be 37% in Maple Valley and 40% in the Shoreline School District.

Parry said one additional item had been added to the tracking list: a proposal by Mayor Ed Murray, Seattle, to go before Seattle voters with a property tax increase to support homelessness services.

If members have updates to the list, they can be provided to SCA at brian@soundcities.org.

13. 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 said SCA staff is working to prepare materials about city human services funding for a discussion as early as the May PIC meeting. She also reported that a pre-PIC workshop is being prepared for May to discuss the intersection of property crime and the heroin epidemic.

Dawson asked that members provide her with any updates to the list via email at deanna@soundcities.org.

14. Upcoming Events

The next SCA Networking Dinner will feature Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson. It will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Inglewood Golf Club, Kenmore.

Chair Marts proposed cancelling the April meeting unless there was business that was critical to be addressed at that time. Dawson noted two possible topics for April: One Center City, and the final draft of the Regional Economic Strategy.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, moved seconded by Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, that the April PIC meeting be cancelled. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next PIC meeting will be held May 10, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Renton City Hall with a pre-PIC workshop at 6:00 PM.

15. For the Good of the Order

Chair Marts requested a volunteer for the May "Did You Know" to be included on the PIC agenda. Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, volunteered.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, announced that Redmond would be hosting an immigration forum on March 22 that would include presentations from local police, immigration attorneys, political leaders and community organizations to address anything immigration related. He also reported that the Redmond City Council appointed Tanika Padhye to fill a vacancy on the Council.

Councilmember Bill Boyce, Kent, reported that a community unity rally to promote tolerance and diversity would be held at Kent Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 11, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in response to recent crimes, including the shooting of a Sikh man on March 3 in Kent.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, reported that the Federal Way City Council voted on Tuesday night to change the city's official logo.

Councilmember Austin Bell, Burien, reported that Burien also recently voted to approve a new city logo.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, reported that the City of Bothell approved funding and a plan for their Main Street enhancement project and that a groundbreaking will be held on March 28 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Main Street between the blocks of 101st Ave. NE and 102nd Ave. NE.

Councilmember Fran McGregor Hollums, Covington, reported that the City of Covington also recently approved a logo change for the year to reflect the 25th year of the city's incorporation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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

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

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



Charter Review Commission, 2017-2018

The King County Charter serves as King County's "constitution," the foundation for the county's governance. The charter contains a provision requiring the appointment of a citizen commission every ten years to review the charter and present a report recommending charter amendments, if any, to the Council. The Council then decides which proposed charter amendments, if any, will be placed on a general election ballot. The last commission did its work in 2007-2008.

The charter review process begins with the appointment of at least 15 commission members by the Executive and their confirmation by the Council. There must be at least one representative from each of the nine King County Council districts.

While it will be up to the commissioners to decide how they will work and on what schedule, we anticipate four phases:

1. Commission organization and input from the public (spring/summer 2017)
2. Initial deliberations and draft recommendations (fall 2017)
3. Public feedback on the draft (winter 2018)
4. Final deliberations and report to Council (spring 2018)

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Denis Law Mayor

March 8, 2017

Dear Colleagues:

Did you know that one out of four girls and one out of six boys are victims of sexual assault before they turn 18? One in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives. It's estimated that 60% of these instances of sexual assault go unreported. Every time I hear these staggering statistics, I'm dismayed at the lack of public awareness of this crisis.

What's really shocking to me is that these statistics mean that I have friends, family, and community members who are victims. Despite the information we have about sexual assault and its prevalence, we still can't seem to talk about this epidemic problem.

I know we can't put an end to a problem that we can't talk about.

That's why I'm inviting you to join me and other mayors in a pledge to promote April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in your city. Through SAAM, we can provide our citizens some tools to reduce the risk of abuse and assault, increase public awareness, and provide valuable resources for victims and their families.

What you pledge to do is up to you and your city. It could be as simple as signing a resolution to recognize April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Or you could plan activities in your city for the month of April to bring awareness to this critical issue. The King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) is a valuable source of data and resources; KCSARC can help you to develop tools to bring awareness in your community.

Last year, 25 cities participated. This year I hope all 37 mayors in the Sound Cities Association take the pledge to promote SAAM. Please join me and other mayors including Mayor Amy Walen of Kirkland, Mayor Nancy Backus of Auburn, Mayor Suzette Cooke of Kent, and SCA President Mayor David Baker of Kenmore in making this pledge.

Sincerely,

Denis Law
Mayor

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King County Economic Development Organizations

		1 <i>Be a good place to live</i>	2 <i>Nurture growth</i>	3 <i>Attract new businesses</i>
		Planning & Community Development	Retention & Expansion	Recruitment
Regional Entities	Cities, Local Government	●	○	○
	King County	●	○	
	Port of Seattle	●	○	○
	PSRC - EDD	●	○	○
	EDC Seattle King Co.		●	●
	WDC Seattle King Co.		●	●
	Trade Development Alliance		●	●
	China Relations Council		●	●
	Local & Neighborhood Chambers	○	●	●
	State Agencies	●	●	●
	Industry Associations		●	○

● Top Priorities ○ Provides Support

Economic Development District Board (EDD, PSRC)



Leadership

- Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director
- Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford of Lake Forest Park, President of EDD Board (In-Coming)
- Mayor John Marchione, City of Redmond, President of PSRC



Board Members 38

Staff Members
3 (EDD only)



Coverage

King, Pierce,
Kitsap, and
Snohomish Counties



Operating
Budget (2015)
\$650,000

- Leads development of the **Regional Economic Strategy** --- renewed in 2016
- The federally designated economic development district for King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties
- Primary role is to identify economic development activities of the region
- PSRC runs the EDD and integrates EDD priorities with transportation and land use planning

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Economic Development Council of Seattle-King County



Leadership

- Suzanne Dale Estey, Pres. & CEO
- Terry Danysh, Board Chair
- Will Einstein, Vice Chair (In-Coming Chair)



Staff Members

4 full-time, 4 part-time



Coverage King County



Budget (2015)

\$1,000,000

- The EDC is King County's designated Associate Development Organization and is a member-based non-profit
- The EDC receives funding from the State and contracts with the Department of Commerce to coordinate services in King County with the DOC
- RCW-designated priorities are **retention**, **expansion** and **recruitment**
- Members of the EDC include King County, municipalities in King County and businesses
- Some members have contracts with the EDC to clarify expectations

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Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle



Leadership

- Sam Kaplan, President (out-going)
- Bill McSherry, Boeing, Board Co-Chair
- Josh Gaul, K&L Gates, Board Co-Chair



Staff Members

6 usually



Coverage

Washington State



Budget (2015)

\$600,000

not incl.
grants &
sponsorships

- Provides **Business Recruitment, Marketing, New Business Assistance, Retention Assistance, Export Assistance, and Advocacy** activities and services to the greater Seattle area's trade-oriented businesses
- Leads trips frequently to other countries and hosts foreign business leaders in Washington state to broker business relationships with local businesses
- Works to brand region internationally and manages the **Global Trade and Investment Group**
- Is called upon by a broad range of public and private sector leaders to promote

Washington trade

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Washington State China Relations Council



Leadership

- Kristi Heim, Executive Director
- Michael Rawding, Spencer Stuart, Board Chair



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Budget (2015) \$300,000

- The leading organization engaged in China-related activity in Washington state
- Dedicated to promoting stronger commercial, educational, and cultural relations between the state of Washington and the People's Republic of China
- The oldest non-governmental statewide trade association in the United States dealing specifically with China
- Its more than 100 members include leading companies, ports, banks, universities, cities and international organizations

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Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County



Leadership

- Marlena Sessions, CEO
- Tom Peterson, Hoffman Construction, Board Chair
- Ron Wright, Architect, Vice-Chair



Staff Members 17

Board Members 24
public and private
representatives



Coverage King County



Budget (2015)

15.5 million
Less than 1%
admin

- Four focus areas: **WorkSource** employment centers, **Youth**, **Sector Strategies**, **Think-Tank**
- Federal and state designated WDC for King County, serves Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- WorkSource is a jobseeker and employer system:
 - 28 service locations in King County
 - 30 partners service providers; 300 employees;
 - served 70,000 jobseekers and 2,500 businesses last year

The Port of Seattle



Leadership

- Ted Fick, CEO
- Dave McFadden, Managing Director Economic Development Division



Commissioners

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Coverage King County*



Budget (2015) \$n/a

- Manage the airport, seaports and industrial properties
- Ports are the only entity in Washington that can levy property taxes and gain a return on invest in real estate all in the name of economic development
- Northwest Seaport Alliance includes joint management of Pierce County seaports
- New strategies and programs for economic development underway

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Bill Tracking for March 8, 2017 PIC Meeting - Updated 3/8/17 at 5 p.m.			
Revenue			
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor
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
Public Health & Behavioral Health			
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor
ESHB 1432 / SB 5353	Foundat. public health servs	S Health Care / S Ways & Means	Robinson / Rivers
SHB 1047	Medication disposal system	H 2nd Reading	Peterson
ESHB 1427	Opioid treatment programs	S Health Care	Cody
SHB 1339	Opioid drug prescriptions	H Passed 3rd	Cody
HB 1761 / SSB 5223	Safe injection sites	H HC/Wellness / H HC/Wellness	Stokesbary / Miloscia
Housing & Homelessness			
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor
SHB 1570	Homeless housing & assist.	H Rules R	Macri
SSB 5182	Affordable housing options	S 2nd Reading	Fain
SHB 1797	Affordable housing/taxes	H Rules R	McBride
HB 1633 / SB 5407	Housing/source of income	H 2nd Reading / S Fin Inst/Ins	Riccelli / Froct
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 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	S HumSer/MenHlth / S HumSer/MenHlth	Slatter / Zeiger
GMA, Housing, & Homelessness			
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor
SSB 5254	Buildable lands & zoning	S Ways & Means	Fain
Public Records Act Reform			
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor
ESHB 1594	Public records admin.	S State Governmen	McBride
EHB 1595	Public records request costs	S State Governmen	Nealey
SHB 1516	Public records storage sys.	H Approps	MacEwen
Other			
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor
SHB 1184	Patronizing a prostitute	S Law & Justice	Orwall
ESHB 1017	School siting	H Passed 3rd	McCaslin
SHB 1376	Paint stewardship	H 2nd Reading	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