

# 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 (<u>Attachment A</u>). 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 (<a href="Attachment B">Attachment B</a>). 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 (<u>Attachment D</u>). 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 humans 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 homeless, 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 Loudenback, 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 (<u>Attachment E</u>) 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 <u>policy position</u> 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.

# 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 <a href="mailto:deanna@soundcities.org">deanna@soundcities.org</a>.

### 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 <u>SB 5204</u>, 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 <u>The Issaquah Press</u> 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 multifamily 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

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			
Alena Marshak	<u> </u>		

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





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 <a href="mailto:susan.west@kingcounty.gov">susan.west@kingcounty.gov</a> 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

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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:

- 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 inclass 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.
- 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. <u>Investing in Local Communities:</u> 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 funding 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.



# DEVELOPMENT 2017 Veterans & Human Services Levy Renewal consortium 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. <u>SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND THE LEVY</u>: 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.

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- 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 Promotors 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. <u>SHORTEN THE LEVY:</u> To better align with future levy considerations, we believe the Levy should be **renewed until 2022**.
- **10.** <u>ENSURE VOTER SUPPORT</u>: 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 & Human Services Levy Task Force, Invited Parties

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

Revenue					
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor		
HB 1764	Property tax revenue limit	H Finance	Lytton		
HB 1113	Excess liquor revenue dist.				
SB 5240	Excess liquor revenues	H Approps S Ways & Means	Hayes Mullet		
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SHB 1099	Marijuana/local moratoria  Behavioral Health	H Approps	Sawyer		
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Spanson		
HB 1432 /	Short fitte	H HC/Wellness / S	Original Sponsor Robinson /		
SB 5353	Foundat mublic boolth come	Health Care	Rivers		
HB 1047	Foundat. public health servs	H HC/Wellness			
	Medication disposal system	·	Peterson		
HB 1427	Opioid treatment programs	H HC/Wellness	Cody		
HB 1339	Opioid drug prescriptions	H HC/Wellness	Cody		
HB 1761 /		H HC/Wellness /	Stokesbary /		
SB 5223	Safe injection sites	S Health Care	Miloscia		
Housing & Homelessness					
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor		
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 /		H Judiciary /	Riccelli /		
SB 5407	Housing/source of income	S Fin Inst/Ins	Frockt		
HB 1514 /		H Judiciary /	Robinson /		
SB 5520	Mobile home park closures	S Fin Inst/Ins	Kuderer		
SB 5678	Mobile home park tenants	S Fin Inst/Ins	Milocia		
SB 5569	Protected classes/housing	S Law & Justice	Angel		
SB 5656	Ending homelessness	S HumSer/MenHlth	Milocia		
HB 1797	Affordable housing/taxes	H Comm Dev, Hous	McBride		
SB 5657	Homeless hosting/religious	S Local Governmen	Milocia		
HB 1752	Affordable urban housing	H Comm Dev, Hous	Santos		
HB 1630	Minors/homeless info. System	H Erly Lrn/H Svc	Slatter		
GMA, Housing,	& Homelessness				
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	<b>Original Sponsor</b>		
SB 5254	Buildable lands & zoning	S Local Governme	Fain		
Public Records Act Reform					
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor		
HB 1594	Public records admin.	H State Governme	McBride		
HB 1595	Public records request costs	H State Governme	Nealey		
HB 1516	Public records storage sys.	H State Governme	MacEwen		
Other					
Bill Number	Short Title	Status	Original Sponsor		
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 /		H Environment /	Appleton /		
SB 5215	Urban growth area annexation	S Local Governme	Conway		
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Italic = Newly Added (not included in 2/8 PIC Packet)