



SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes

**June 12, 2013 – 7:00 PM
Renton City Hall Council Chambers
1055 S. Grady Way - Renton, WA 98057**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Mia Gregerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Twenty-seven cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: John Stokes, Bellevue City Council; Shari Song, King County Council candidate; Michelle Allison, King County Councilmember Joe McDermott's office; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's office.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Approval of the April 10, 2013 Minutes

Chris Roberts, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Ross Loudanback, North Bend, to approve the May 8, 2013 meeting minutes.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Gregerson did not give a report.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that there will be an Eastside Transportation Town Hall event at Bellevue City Hall on Wednesday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. There will be an open house and comment period from 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by a moderated panel discussion and questions from 6:30-8:00 p.m. SCA is co-sponsoring this event with King County and the City of Bellevue to discuss the transportation preservation, maintenance, and infrastructure needs throughout King County. The public will have an opportunity to meet with elected officials as well as city and county staff to learn more about needs for specific roads and bridge projects and transit. ED Dawson told members that if their city was interested in participating to please let her know.

ED Dawson reported that she sent an email to SCA members on June 11, 2013 regarding the alternate transportation package proposed by Senator King during the second special session

of the legislature. ED Dawson's email identified the primary differences between Senator King's proposal and Representative Clibborn's proposal with regards to local options.

ED Dawson encouraged members to start thinking about 2014 committee assignments where SCA has appointing authority. There are many SCA members who are retiring from public office as well as members rotating off of committees due to term limits. Committee information can be found in the SCA Committee Booklet on our website, <http://soundcities.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/2013-appointments-booklet.pdf>. ED Dawson encouraged members to start attending committee meetings on which they are interested in serving. This will show interest and dedication to committee members, as well as the PIC Nominating Committee. It will also help members become familiar with committee procedures, key issues, and critical background information.

ED Dawson encouraged members to invite her to their city council meetings to speak about the benefits of SCA to their cities. This is also a good way for cities to learn about committees to which SCA appoints, and to encourage new members to get involved.

ED Dawson reported that she just received a copy of Ann Macfarlane of Jurassic Parliament's new book, [Mastering Council Meetings](#). Ann gave an informative presentation at the May 8, 2013 Pre-PIC Workshop and has been a longtime supporter of SCA. This book would be a good addition and valuable resource to each city's council library.

ED Dawson concluded her report, and asked if members had any questions.

Kate Kruller, Tukwila, asked what SCA's position was on Senator King's package. Dawson indicated that SCA had not adopted a position on the package, and that she had sent the email earlier in the week to get feedback from member cities on the package. She encouraged member cities to give feedback on the package, and whether member cities thought that this package would be beneficial for their cities.

Kruller asked that Dawson elaborate on what was contained in this package. ED Dawson referred to the email she had sent to members regarding the primary differences between Senator King's proposal and Representative Clibborn's proposal concerning the "local option" provisions:

- Senator King's proposal would extend the current \$20 "congestion relief" car tab fee authority that King County has, and expand use to Pierce and Snohomish Counties. However, while those dollars are currently used to fund Metro in King County, this proposal would limit the use of those funds to roads and bridges (no transit). To impose this fee, the County Council would need a super majority, or voter approval;
- Instead of a Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET), Senator King's proposal would allow King County to raise the sales tax by an additional .3% to fund transit. This would require a vote of the people to approve. And in addition, in contrast to the proposal to split an MVET between transit and roads (with the bulk of the roads funds dollars going to cities), no portion of these new funds would be available for roads. Instead, all of the new sales tax would go to transit;

- Senator King’s proposal does not contain the provision that would allow cities with Transportation Benefit Districts (TBDs) to impose a \$40 car tab fee councilmanically (up from the current \$20 limit). Instead, cities’ sales tax authority would be raised from 0.2 percent to 0.3 percent. But, that authority would not be councilmanic. Instead, it would require approval by a vote of the people within each jurisdiction.

Dawson noted that the local options proposal that SCA member cities had supported was a collaboration between SCA cities, the County, and Seattle, and was now also supported by Bellevue. The parties had come together and compromised to reach a result that all parties could support. It tied together county and cities, and roads and transit, and represented a partnership between the county and cities. In contrast, Senator King’s proposal separated roads and transit, and separated taxing authority between the county and individual cities.

David Baker, Kenmore, asked for more information on the differences between the budgets on the statewide package. ED Dawson replied that while staff had not had time to analyze the package in depth yet, a major difference between Senator King’s package and Representative Clibborn’s package is that the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project was eliminated in Senator King’s package. Because both packages bring in similar amounts of funding from the gas tax, elimination of that major element freed up dollars to fund other projects. For example, it appears that Senator King’s package contains more funding for SR 167.

Tom Vance, Sammamish, inquired about the likelihood that the legislature will reach an agreement on a statewide transportation package. ED Dawson stated that the fact that Senator King had made a counterproposal should perhaps be seen as a sign that there is a window of opportunity for passing some sort of package this year. She noted that the local option for funding both roads and transit that SCA cities had proposed and supported actually brought in somewhat less in tax dollars than did the .3% sales tax for transit only as proposed by Senator King. She was hopeful that some compromise could be achieved, and that legislators would see the wisdom of allowing some flexibility to allow local jurisdictions to do what makes the most sense for their citizens. A sales tax increase of up to .6% (if both the county and cities were to pass the local option) may not be a good option for King County. Sales taxes are already high in King County, and sales tax revenues as a percentage of personal income has been on the decline. Having a different, and more stable, source of revenue for transportation infrastructure might make more sense in King County. PIC members concurred.

Suzette Cooke, Kent, stated that King County had unique challenges that may not be fully understood by leaders from other parts of the state. She noted that this new package appeared more heavily weighted to other areas. She jokingly noted that the package could be viewed as the “Inland Empire Economic Development Package.”

ED Dawson noted that they were still analyzing individual components of the package and the impact to projects important to SCA cities, and looked forward to hearing back from cities on their reactions to the package. She noted that many cities had adopted positions of support for the earlier package, and noted that cities may wish to take positions regarding this new proposal. While PIC always has the option of taking emergency action, it would likely be up to

individual cities to analyze the package, and adopt individual positions and resolutions as they deemed appropriate.

Marlla Mhoon, Covington, asked whether the group could do a “temperature check” on whether cities supported taking action regarding a position on the package. ED Dawson noted that if someone wanted to bring forward a motion that would allow discussion and possible action.

David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Marlla Mhoon, Covington, to take emergency action to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that it adopt a position supporting the 2013 transportation package authored by Representative Clibborn.

Chris Roberts stated that Shoreline is supportive of the local options portion of Representative Clibborn’s package. He suggested that perhaps it would be appropriate to simply adopt a position on that component of the package. David Baker added that it is important that transit funding be included, and that was why he supported the entire package, not just the local option component.

Bill Peloza, Auburn, asked for clarification on the language of the motion. ED Dawson restated the motion. The maker and seconder confirmed that their motion was to take emergency action, and to recommend to the Board that SCA to adopt a position of support for the transportation package authored by Rep. Clibborn.

Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, questioned whether or not SCA should be picking sides in a battle between the House and Senate, and whether that could harm relationships or make SCA lose some clout.

Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, asked ED Dawson to clarify if the package proposed by Representative Clibborn included the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET). ED Dawson confirmed that Clibborn’s package includes both a \$20 - \$40 Local Transportation Benefit District (TBD) fee option in addition to an MVET.

Dave Hill, Algona, asked for some additional detail on what is contained in the new package proposed by Senator King outside of the local options component. ED Dawson indicated that staff had not had sufficient time to do an in depth analysis of all components of the package.

Suzette Cooke asked that there be a week’s time before any communications are sent from SCA to allow city councils to discuss and potentially change their vote. ED Dawson reported that the SCA Board is scheduled to meet on June 19, 2013 and there will be no formal adoption of an SCA position until the Board has had an opportunity to analyze, debate, and possibly approve the proposed PIC position. This would give cities a week to review the new package, and give feedback to the Board. The Board always has the ability to modify or change positions recommended by the PIC.

Tom Vance stated that Sammamish is supportive of the original motion and requested that SCA send a letter of support as soon as possible. He expressed concern that the second special session could end before SCA had a chance to weigh in.

Hank Margeson stated that Redmond passed a resolution supporting Representative Clibborn's package. It was important to demonstrate to our legislators from King County that they have support from the cities within their legislative districts to pass this package. Redmond is supportive of this emergency action.

Kate Kruller stated that most cities have sent multiple messages affirming that cities in King County are working together and are supportive of Representative Clibborn's package. Taking this action would reinforce that message.

ED Dawson read a quote from Representative Clibborn that was included in an article from *The News Tribune*, "He just ripped the heart out of things that were really important to King County and probably Pierce and Snohomish."

Amy Walen, Kirkland, commented that it's important to show continuity, and that cities are still united in support for Rep. Clibborn's package.

Catherine Stanford stated that it's important to support both local options and a statewide package.

ED Dawson reviewed some of her notes on specific differences between the King and Clibborn packages. She noted that while there was funding for SR 167 and SR 509 in both packages, Senator King's package contains more gas tax dollars for these projects, Rep. Clibborn's package relies also on tolling revenues. She also noted that Senator King's package devotes nearly twice as much to the Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) I-5 improvements. She reiterated that there were more gas tax dollars available for specific projects in Senator King's project because it does not fund the CRC project.

Chair Gregerson called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed. North Bend voted no. All other 26 cities voted in favor. The vote therefore received the required 85% needed for passage of an emergency action. ED Dawson noted that the Board would be meeting on June 19, 2013. She encouraged members to continue to review the two packages, and to provide feedback before the Board meeting.

6. Solid Waste – Energy Waste Technology

ED Dawson reminded members that SCA recently adopted policy positions regarding the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement, and the Solid Waste Transfer Station Plan. The Board and staff have been working to give additional direction to the County regarding specifics on what SCA member cities would like to have reviewed in regards to the Solid Waste Transfer Station plan. Through these discussions, a number of cities have raised the issue of waste-to-energy, and whether the Solid Waste Division should be doing more to look at waste-to-energy options.

Members of the SCA Regional Policy Committee Caucus asked the PIC to consider adopting a public policy position supporting consideration of waste-to-energy options as the Solid Waste Division conducts updates to the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. The County is in the process of beginning to conduct a Sustainable Solid Waste Management Study, which will help to inform the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan updates.

Dave Hill, Algona, moved, seconded by Hank Margeson, Redmond, to bring back to the next meeting of the PIC the recommendation to the SCA Board of Directors that the Board adopt a position of support for the Solid Waste Division conducting a full review of options for waste disposal, including waste-to-energy, as part of the upcoming Sustainable Solid Waste System Study and through the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan process.

David Baker stated that this high level policy position is very helpful guidance for the SCA appointees to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). ED Dawson added that by exploring waste-to-energy options, it can be determined if they are feasible for our region. Dave Hill commented that this policy position is critical because the current technology is from the early to mid-1900s and it's time to take a look at alternative options for solid waste. Hill is also interested in the impact on current host cities and future host cities. Ross Loudonback, North Bend, commented that San Juan County is moving forward with waste-to-energy methods and it may be feasible for King County as well. Bill Pelozo stated that as a member of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC), he has attended multiple presentations on incineration methods, and that there should be sufficient data on this method. Suzette Cooke suggested that perhaps SCA should adopt an even stronger position and suggested taking out "conducting a full review of options for waste disposal" from the motion.

Hank Margeson suggested that if members wanted to make changes that could be done prior to adoption of a position next month. He discouraged the group from trying to wordsmith and make amendments on the fly.

Dave Hill agreed, and thought that the motion as stated was a better policy. He suggested that it was important to take a look at all options for waste disposal, not just waste-to-energy.

The motion passed unanimously.

David Baker inquired if he could state that SCA is considering taking this position at the June 21, 2013 SWAC meeting. ED Dawson responded that it would be appropriate to say that SCA is considering the position, and that the discussion clearly indicated that members of the PIC are supportive of waste-to-energy options.

7. King County Metro Strategic Plan Update

Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, provided an update on the King County Metro 2013 Update to the Strategic Plan and Guidelines. King County is proposing two updates to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and 12 updates to the King County Metro Service Guidelines. The SCA RTC caucus held a workshop on June 10, 2013. Primary items for caucus discussion included:

- Identifying the appropriate measure for adding service and overcrowding;
- Integrating the Metro Long Range Plan with City Comprehensive plans and other provider's plans, specifically Sound Transit;
- Determining the appropriate performance measures; and
- Addressing park-and-rides that are at 95% capacity or greater.

Whitman pointed out that there are several park-and-rides throughout the region that are at capacity. Members requested a copy of the park-and-ride capacity map discussed at the SCA RTC Caucus meeting ([Attachment B](#)). Park-and-ride access impacts all three subareas. Members are particularly interested in utilizing digital signage and smart phone technology. Members also inquired about fees for parking.

Margeson noted that the system needs to be reliable, consistent, and dependable. His hope is that Metro realizes that park-and-rides are hubs. Alternative services and local feeder routes are essential to meet ridership demand at park-and -rides.

Whitman noted that the under the leadership of the RTC's new Chair, Councilmember Dembowski, and through the efforts of RTC members and city staff, the RTC is ahead of schedule and communication is better than ever.

8. King County Flood Control District 2014 Work Program and Budget

ED Dawson reported that the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC) is a challenging committee for both appointees and staff. Meeting materials are often provided the day of the meeting and are very technical, making it difficult for SCA staff to provide caucus members with necessary background information.

Ten cities, cities prone to flooding (Tukwila, Auburn, Kent, Renton, Snoqualmie, North Bend, Carnation, Seattle, and Bellevue), have their own permanent seats. The remaining 29 cities in the county are represented by 4 members (and 4 alternate members) appointed by SCA. SCA appointees are looking to benefit all cities. The Advisory Committee addresses policy priorities for district funding. ED Dawson noted that there are some philosophical questions concerning whether each basin should receive a set amount of funding, or whether projects should compete district-wide. Jim Berger added that the district was formed to manage flooding from six major river systems. Since then, funds have been diminished by non-river projects such as the Seattle Seawall. The District has not exercised its full taxing authority; therefore, there is a lot of interest from various agencies in increasing the district's mission.

SCA KCFCDAC Caucus Chair Lee reported that the members on the caucus are superb and that they handle enormously complex issues. He is not running for re-election next year and wants to leave the caucus with a structure that the succeeding chair will be able to continue. Chair Lee requested that members provide feedback to help sharpen the process so that SCA appointees can be more productive.

Monica Whitman asked that members please share the following list of questions from slide 19 ([Attachment C](#)), presented at the last advisory committee meeting, with city

environmental staff. Whitman will work with Flood Control District and City staff prior to the July 10, 2013 meeting of the PIC to provide members with additional background information and context. Whitman recommended bringing this item back to the PIC for further discussion in July.

Mhoon mentioned that King County has technical staff available to help evaluate projects. Cooke highlighted a number of policies that the advisory committee may want to weigh in on related to: the purchase of property, the purpose of System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF), FEMA accreditation, and the process for hiring a new Flood Control District Executive Director to fill the currently vacant position.

Whitman added that there is going to be significant turnover on this committee and encouraged members to contact her at monica@soundcities.org if they're interested in serving on this committee. Whitman also encouraged members to start attending these meetings. Chair Gregerson requested that members take these questions back to their councils and technical staff and to provide feedback, if any, at the next meeting of the PIC.

9. Informational Items

Chair Gregerson asked that members take the informational items included in their packets back to their councils and contact SCA if there are any questions. Informational items include: Secure Medicine Draft Rules and Regulations, 2014 Federal Legislative Priorities, and the 2013 Economic Review Forecast for King County.

10. Upcoming Events

- a) Next SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Renton City Hall
- b) SCA Pre-PIC Workshop - TBD
- c) Future SCA Networking Dinners:
 - Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the TPC Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club, Snoqualmie – SCA will be joined by Attorney General Bob Ferguson
 - Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 5:30 p.m. –Location TBD – SCA will be joined by Governor Jay Inslee (note: this is also the 2013 SCA Annual Membership Meeting)

ED Dawson mentioned that she has recently met with Attorney General Ferguson. ED Dawson asked that members submit topics on which they'd like to hear AG Ferguson speak at the September 25, 2013 SCA Networking Dinner, deanna@soundcities.org.

11. For the Good of the Order

David Baker announced the next Thursday, June 20, 2013, the Board of Health will be voting on Secure Medicine Take Back.

Layne Barnes thanked members who helped on the Donut Hole issue. Barnes also invited members to the 5th Anniversary of the Maple Valley Farmers Market, this Saturday, June 15, 2013.

Chris Roberts suggested that in the future when individual cities have bills on individual legislation that they are brought to PIC. ED Dawson commented that SCA supported a bill a couple years ago, which has had some detrimental effects on Shoreline. Roberts invited members to the 2nd Annual Farmers Market, which starts this Saturday at Shoreline City Hall.

Catherine Stanford invited members to the Lake Forest Park Farmers Market that opens on Sunday, June 16, 2013. Stanford also invited members to attend the Annual Lake Forest Park Secret Garden Tour where there will be a plant sale and Cisco Morris will be present, <http://secretgardensoflakeforestpark.com/>.

Bill Pelosa invited members to the City of Auburn's 122nd Birthday Party on June 14. Pelosa also invited members to the Auburn Farmers Market.

David Baker invited members to Log Boom Park in Kenmore this summer. There will be kayak, canoe, and paddle board rentals as well as sky boarding rentals and other water activities. Kenmore will also have a floating Farmers Market.

Rebecca Olness invited members to Black Diamond Miners Day on Saturday, July 6 at 1:00 p.m. There will be a Ribbon Cutting and Unveiling of Coal Miners Honor Garden containing Coal Miner Statue and Memorial Wall inscribed with the names of the 1100 coal miners who lost their lives in Washington State. This event is located in front of Black Diamond Museum, 32627 Railroad Ave, Black Diamond.

ED Dawson asked that all members send their city's farmers market information so that SCA can post it on its website.

Liz Reynolds invited members to the 13th Annual Stars & Stripes Celebration in downtown Enumclaw. A citizen is being honored with a key to the city, and as grand marshal of the parade.

Hank Margeson mentioned that he was able to find Ann Macfarlane's book, [Mastering Council Meetings](#), on Amazon.

Kate Kruller, member to the King Conservation District (KCD) panel, announced that the panel will be meeting in July and she welcomes comments.

John Stokes, Bellevue, looks forward to the day when he can sit around the table at address regional issues with other SCA members. He invited SCA members to attend the Transportation Town Hall at Bellevue City Hall on June 19, 2013. Stokes also invited SCA members to the 10th Annual Saturday Farmers Market as well as the Farmers Markets on Thursdays. He mentioned that he is on the KCD panel and looking to preserve the quality of life in the region, both rural and urban. Stokes appreciates being able to attend and the SCA direction to move items through the Regional Policy Committee (RPC). One of the reasons that Bellevue did not sign the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement is that there are going to be changes in waste management technology in the long term.

Tana Senn invited members to the Mercer Island Summer Celebration on July 13 where there will be a parade, art projects, a bouncy castle, and fireworks show.

Leanne Guier invited members to Pacific Days on July 13 and invited members to join in the parade. Guier is strongly hoping to bring the community back together.

Mia Gregerson invited members to the SeaTac Splash Park at Angle Lake.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Attachment A to the June 12, 2013 PIC Minutes

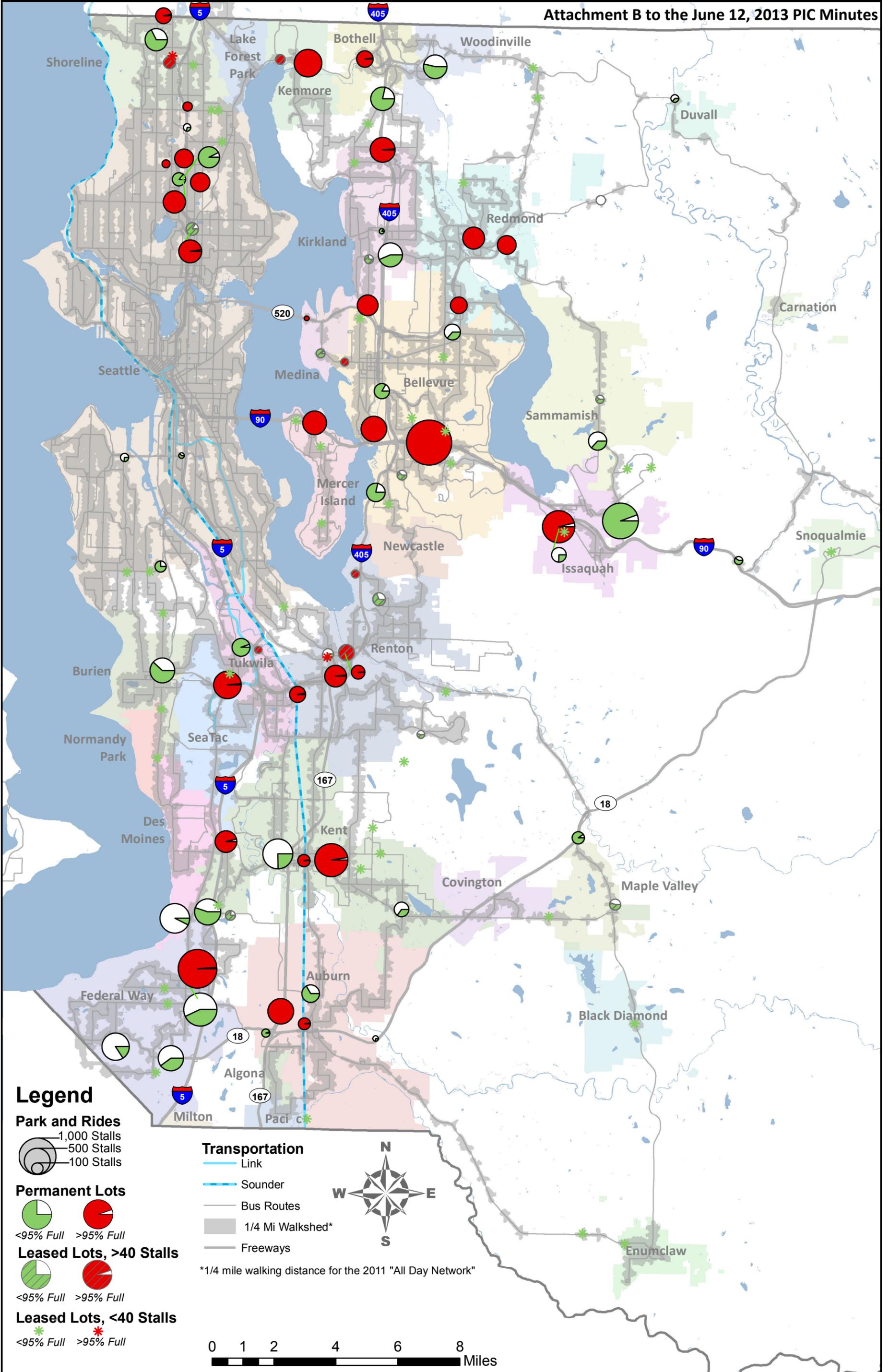
**2013 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting
June 12, 2013**

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

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

Park and Ride Utilization, Q1 2013

Attachment B to the June 12, 2013 PIC Minutes



BTC Comments on Preliminary Draft

Operating: No concerns identified to date.

Capital:

1. If we are doing a corridor planning effort should we commit funding to specific capital projects in advance of completing the planning effort? Under what circumstances can actions move forward in advance of the larger planning effort?
2. Should new projects be considered for the CIP at this time, and if so how do other jurisdictions submit new project ideas for consideration?
 - If yes, are coastal projects eligible for funding? What about urban streams and stormwater?
3. Should FEMA accreditation be a policy priority for District funding?
4. Should we have predetermined allocations for each basin from year to year, or adjust the CIP across the entire county?
5. Should the 2012 resolution approving the sandbag removal expenditures on the Green be amended?
6. How do we make sure that the CIP reflects the highest priority needs across the county?