



## SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes

September 11, 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 7:01 p.m. 26 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Robin Mayhew, PSRC; Don Davidson, Bellevue; Maria Wood, Board of Health; Diane Carlson, King County; Kimberly Matej, Tukwila; Scott MacColl, Shoreline; Kevin Kiernan, King County Solid Waste; Charles Prestrud, WSDOT.

### 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 August 14, 2013 Minutes

Dave Hill, Algona moved, seconded by Ross Loudonback, North Bend, to approve the August 14, 2013 meeting minutes.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Chair's Report

Chair Gregerson congratulated Representative Tana Senn, Mercer Island on her appointment to the Washington State 41st Legislative District.

Chair Gregerson also talked briefly about the ongoing work of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) legislative committees and subcommittees. Gregerson encouraged members to get involved in AWC's 2014 session policy planning [www.awcnet.org/LegislativeAdvocacy/Legislativeissues](http://www.awcnet.org/LegislativeAdvocacy/Legislativeissues).

### 5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, requested that attendees take a moment of silence, in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

ED Dawson informed members that King County Councilmember Larry Gossett is recovering from a minor stroke. Dawson asked members to please keep Councilmember Gossett in their thoughts.

ED Dawson congratulated Representative Tana Senn on her appointment to the 41<sup>st</sup> District.

ED Dawson provided an update on the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) item from last month's PIC. Four of the five SCA approved caveats for the Water Quality Assessment were included in the adopted motion and scope of work for the assessment. The fifth caveat, the cost benefit analysis, was addressed through a separate motion, unanimously approved, requesting it to be considered as part of the RWQC's 2014 work plan.

ED Dawson distributed a handout from Washington Engage ([Attachment B](#)). Washington Engage is a coalition formed to prevent human trafficking in Washington State. They are hosting a summit on Saturday, October 5, at Seattle Pacific University. Washington Engage is looking for members and/or cities to sign onto a letter of support to eradicate human trafficking in our communities.

ED Dawson reminded members that SCA is compiling a list of upcoming ballot measures and levies for 2013/2014. Members were asked to send information to Monica Whitman at [monica@soundcities.org](mailto:monica@soundcities.org).

ED Dawson provided an update on the King Conservation District (KCD). An email was forwarded to members ([Attachment C](#)) listing the City of Redmond's feedback. The City of Snoqualmie responded as well, in support of Redmond's comments. Cities are encouraged to provide additional feedback to members of the KCD Conservation Panel: (Councilmember Chris Eggen, Shoreline; Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila; Councilmember Jim Berger, Carnation) and/or staff serving on the KCD Task Force (Scott McCall, Shoreline; Carolyn Robertson, Auburn; Nicole Sanders, Snoqualmie), and to cc SCA staff on any feedback.

ED Dawson reported that the Senate Transportation Committee will be hosting two upcoming public forums: Tuesday, Sept. 17 in Bellevue at Stevenson Elementary School 6:00-9:00 PM and Monday, Oct. 14 at the King County Courthouse 6:00-9:00 PM.

Nomination forms for 2014 Regional Boards and Committees have been released. ED Dawson encouraged members to apply; there are a number of open seats in 2014. Dawson briefly explained how the process works. Applications are reviewed by the PIC Nominating Committee, which is comprised of one representative from each SCA Caucus (South, North, South Valley, and Snoqualmie Valley). The PIC Nominating Committee considers a variety of factors in making appointments. Dawson noted that there are a number of committee vacancies in the South this year. There will also be vacancies from the South on the SCA Board of Directors. The PIC will be appointing a new Vice Chair as well. Dawson encouraged members to begin attending committee and caucus meetings that they may be interested in applying for. Members were also encouraged to reach out to SCA staff if they have any questions regarding boards and committees.

ED Dawson reported that SCA staff is recommending to the Board that member dues assessments not be increased this year.

ED Dawson invited members to come by and see SCA's newly remodeled office space, and meet with SCA staff and Board at SCA's Open House on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. All are welcome.

#### **6. PIC Nominating Committee Recommendation**

Hank Margeson, Redmond moved, seconded by Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, to appoint Mayor David Baker, Kenmore to the PSAP Recommendations Committee.

Mayor Lewis, Auburn, inquired about SCA's representation on the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN). SCA staff offered to follow-up.

The motion passed unanimously.

*Please note: As a follow-up, SCA staff reached out to Marlin Blizinsky, Government Relations Officer for King County Radio Communications. Blizinsky responded that SCA does not have an appointed representative on this committee. SCA cities are directly or indirectly represented (customers of one of the entities) on PSERN by either EPSCA, King County (King County contract cities) or ValleyCom. Representation includes: Fred Jarrett (Chair), King County; Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis, ValleyCom; Councilmember Mercer Island City Manager Rich Conrad, EPSCA; Bill Kehoe, Chief Information Officer, King County; Erin DeVoto, Chief Technology Officer, Seattle.*

#### **7. Support for Sound Transit 145th Street Station –City of Shoreline**

Dave Hill, Algona moved, seconded by Ross Loudonback, North Bend to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors the following public policy position:

*The Sound Cities Association urges the Sound Transit Board to support the City of Shoreline's preferred alternative for Lynnwood Link Extension light rail station locations at NE 145th Street and NE 185th Street. NE 145th street provides better connections throughout the region, is more closely aligned with Shoreline's long term planning goals, and would prevent negative traffic impacts on Shoreline residents.*

Chris Roberts, Shoreline reported that the Seashore Transportation Forum also took a position in support of a station at NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street.

The motion passed. There were two abstentions (Duvall and Covington). The members noted that they wished to abstain due to not being within the Sound Transit district.

#### **8. Solid Waste Transfer Plan Review Update**

Kevin Kiernan, Solid Waste Division, gave an overview of the Transfer Plan Review Process. It was noted that the correct date of Workshop #3 is September 27, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm at the Mercer Island Community Center.

The Solid Waste Division is currently conducting a review of the 2006 Solid Waste Transfer Station Plan. Based on that review, the County will determine whether to proceed as proposed in the plan with constructing three additional transfer stations, or whether to

downsize and build fewer stations, and/or, to build smaller stations, and/or stations with fewer services than called for under the current plan. It is anticipated that SCA members may wish to take a position on a preferred alternative at a future PIC meeting. A draft position is not being proposed at this time, as the Solid Waste Division has not yet concluded its review. A draft report is due on October 9, 2013 (the date of the next PIC meeting) and a final report is due to the County Council on November 27, 2013.

Mayor Pete Lewis, Auburn stated that there was discussion regarding the solid waste transfer review plan at the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) earlier in the day. Financial analysis has not been presented at the workshops to date; however, at the August workshop, attendees present, mainly staff, were asked to take a straw poll on their preferred option. Lewis noted that taking a straw poll was premature. The RPC does not want the results of that straw poll to be taken into consideration. He also inquired about why a specific option the RPC requested is not being studied. The SCA RPC caucus requested analysis for transfer stations at Shoreline, Bow Lake and Factoria, with Algona to be used for self-haul and yard waste only, and for Houghton to be closed.

Mayor Lewis also noted that the division should be able to provide comparisons of the cost of fewer stations and more trips versus the costs for more stations (more capital costs) and fewer trips.

On a related matter, Lewis inquired about when the King County Council would be signing the solid waste interlocal agreement (ILA). He reiterated that cities were told there were risks if they didn't sign. Cities have now been waiting for 7 months for the ILA to be finalized.

Rich Zwicker, Renton, noted Renton is concerned that we're sending a different message to ratepayers regarding the decision to close or potentially not close transfer stations than what was communicated in 2006.

Penny Sweet, Kirkland, noted that Kirkland is taking action on a position on September 17. She provided Kirkland's position paper for SCA members; Kirkland's Position – Transfer Station ([Attachment D](#)).

Bernie Talmas noted that at the RPC, caucus members unanimously agreed that the County should proceed with construction of the Factoria Transfer Station.

Chris Roberts noted that some Shoreline councilmembers are reconsidering the City's decision to sign onto the ILA, given that the County Council has not yet signed the ILA.

Dave Hill recalled that cities were told if they didn't sign the ILA by a certain date, rates would be higher. He asked whether rates would be higher for Bellevue and other cities that did not sign the amended ILA. He also noted that the Environmental Impact Statement for the Southeast Transfer Stations is due soon.

*Please note: Based on feedback from the PIC, Bellevue staff contacted SCA to clarify that Bellevue is currently in contract negotiations with Republic for its local collection only. This*

*contract, once finalized, does not extend past 2028 and does not include any services for disposal of solid waste beyond local collection only.*

#### **9. Product Stewardship Policy – Local Hazardous Waste Management Program**

Doreen Booth, Policy Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed Product Stewardship Policy:

*The Sound Cities Association supports product stewardship approaches that enhance our existing reuse, recycling and waste management systems by requiring product manufacturers to be responsible for their products that contain toxic and hazardous materials.*

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program’s mission is to protect and enhance public health and environmental quality in King County by reducing the threat posed by the production, use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials. LHWMP works with residents and businesses throughout King County to: (1) Reduce the production (upstream) of toxics and hazardous products and to promote stewardship of those products by their manufacturers. (2) Reduce the use of, and properly store, toxics and other hazardous products. (3) Ensure the proper disposal of toxics and hazardous waste.

Toxic and hazardous materials are found in a number of consumer products; the focus for SCA in this proposed policy statement is on products that contain toxic and hazardous materials and are at the end of their useful life and require disposal.

There was a robust discussion around the wording of the proposed position. While the proposed policy position states that SCA supports “requiring” manufacturers to handle the disposal of their products at the end of their useful life, some members suggested SCA should instead be working collaboratively with manufacturers. Some members also questioned whether SCA should be out in front on this issue, and/or whether SCA should be adopting a blanket position with regards to all products rather than focusing on a specific product (such as paint). Other members felt that the manufacturers have an obligation to provide opportunities for the safe recycling and/or disposal of their products. They were concerned about watering down the position. In the end, the PIC voted to bring back the proposed policy as drafted for additional consideration at the next meeting.

Amy Ockerlander, Duvall moved seconded by Kate Kruller, Tukwila to bring back to the PIC at the October meeting the following policy position: *The Sound Cities Association supports product stewardship approaches that enhance our existing reuse, recycling and waste management systems by requiring product manufacturers to be responsible for their products that contain toxic and hazardous materials.*

The motion passed with Auburn voting no.

#### **10. Balancing the T2040 Financial Strategy – PSRC Transportation Policy Board**

Monica Whitman, Senior Policy Analyst provided an overview of the T2040 Financial Strategy. In the audience were Robin Mayhew, PSRC, [rmayhew@psrc.org](mailto:rmayhew@psrc.org) and Charles Prestrud, WSDOT, [prestrc@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:prestrc@wsdot.wa.gov). They are both available to answer questions of PIC members

that may arise following the meeting (please cc: Monica Whitman at [monica@soundcities.org](mailto:monica@soundcities.org)).

Whitman noted that PSRC is required by federal transportation planning requirements to adopt a “fiscally constrained” long range transportation plan, and to update said plan every four years. “Fiscally constrained” means that there is a reasonable estimate of existing and future revenues available to cover anticipated investments. Due to the economic downturn, updated project costs, and updated preservation estimates, there is a substantial revenue gap that must be addressed in order to balance the T2040 Financial Strategy.

PSRC staff is seeking direction from the Transportation Policy Board to proceed with scenario analysis, and has developed three scenarios for consideration at the September 12, 2013 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board, (TPB). Each of the scenarios has an associated project list with related project costs.

- Scenario 1: Prioritization – Lowest Quartile Projects. Move lowest quartile of Prioritization Scorecard results from the constrained to the unprogrammed portion of the Transportation 2040 Plan.
- Scenario 2: With input from local stakeholders, WSDOT will revise the highway project list to reflect recent developments regarding phasing and “right-sizing” of projects. Additional considerations included: prior commitments, system continuity, HOV system completion, urgency, and cost effectiveness.
- Scenario 3: Third Decade Projects. Focuses on savings that could be generated by moving projects currently listed in the third decade of the plan that are early in the project development process, with limited or no identified funding source, into the unprogrammed component of the plan.
- Hybrid: PSRC staff has also discussed the possibility that there be a “Hybrid” scenario. Since there are overlaps between the 3 projects lists associated with the scenarios described above, a hybrid that removes duplications between the lists could also be analyzed.

David Baker said that Kenmore had a project, a failing bridge that is not on the constrained list, and asked if the project could be funded by federal dollars? Robin Mayhew responded that projects in the programmed part of the plan can apply for planning funds but are not eligible for project right-of-way (ROW) and engineering funds, or construction funds.

Pete Lewis noted that projects once funded can be moved into the constrained plan.

Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way, stated that Federal Way would find it acceptable to move their Military Road project out of the constrained plan but the Triangle project at I-5 / 18 / 161 is very important regionally and needs to be included in the constrained portion of the plan.

Rich Zwicker, Renton, TPB caucus chair, noted that there are four potential options, including a hybrid approach. The TPB caucus is seeking direction from the PIC. A hybrid approach will likely be proposed by TPB members. Members generally agreed that a hybrid approach was appropriate.

#### **11. Board of Health 2014 Work Program – King County Board of Health**

Doreen Booth provided an overview on the Board of Health's 2014 Work Program. The Board of Health will be determining its 2014 Work Plan in the coming months. The SCA caucus of the Board of Health requested feedback from the PIC on work plan items that cities would like to include in the 2014 Work Plan.

The functions of the Board are to set county-wide public health policy, enact and enforce local public health regulations, and carry out other duties of local boards of health specified in state law. These duties, which are enumerated in RCW 70.05.060, include enforcing state public health statutes, preventing and controlling the spread of infectious disease, abating nuisances and establishing fee schedules for licenses, permits and other services.

Members proposed a number of items for consideration in the 2014 Board of Health Work Program including:

- Inspection services for cities for infestations of rodents, bedbugs, mold and enforcement of such violations. Members felt that these services were supposed to be provided by the health department and were not being provided.
- Incorporate the work of the Food Policy Board into health department regulations and programs.
- Address the issues of "food deserts."
- Address childhood obesity and fitness.
- Address drug and alcohol use by minors.

Booth requested that additional items be emailed to [Doreen@soundcities.org](mailto:Doreen@soundcities.org).

#### **12. Informational Items**

Chair Gregerson noted there are two informational items this month: Local Hazardous Waste Management Program – 2012 Highlights / Program Information and the 2014 SCA Call for Nominations to Regional Boards and Committees.

#### **13. Upcoming Events**

- a) Next SCA Public Issues Committee meeting – Wednesday, October 9, 2013 7:00 PM  
- Renton City Hall
- b) Future SCA Networking Dinners:
  - Wednesday, September 25, 2013 5:30 PM – TPC Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club – SCA will be joined by Attorney General Bob Ferguson
  - Annual Meeting - Wednesday, November 20, 2013 5:30 PM

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

The Association of Washington Cities is hosting their regional meeting the second week of October. Members indicated that their preference is to maintain the same time/location for the next meeting of the PIC, Wednesday, October 9 at Renton City Hall.

ED Dawson announced that next month SCA will be hosting a pre-PIC workshop regarding the update to the King County Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Zwicker, Renton, invited members to attend Renton Seahawks 12th Man Flag-Raising Thursday, September 12 at 11:30am at Renton City Hall.

**15. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



**Attachment A to the September 11, 2013 PIC Minutes**

**2013 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting  
September 11, 2013**

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

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