



SCA Public Issues Committee

AGENDA

June 10, 2020 – 7:00 PM

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1. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Christie Malchow, Sammamish, Chair 5 minutes
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- a. SCA Public Issues Committee – Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

13. For the Good of the Order

14. Adjourn

Sound Cities Association

Mission

To provide leadership through advocacy, education, mutual support and networking to cities in King County as they act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities.

Vision

Capitalizing on the diversity of our cities to lead policy change to make the Puget Sound region the best in the world.

Values

SCA aspires to create an environment that fosters mutual support, respect, trust, fairness and integrity for the greater good of the association and its membership.

SCA operates in a consistent, inclusive, and transparent manner that respects the diversity of our members and encourages open discussion and risk-taking.

Commonly Used Acronyms

ADS Advisory Council	Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services
AFIS Advisory Committee	Automated Fingerprint Identification System Advisory Committee
AWC	Association of Washington Cities
BOH	Board of Health
CYAB	Children and Youth Advisory Board
DVI Task Force	Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force
EDDB	Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Committee
EMS Advisory Task Force	Emergency Medical Services Levy Advisory Task Force
ETP	Eastside Transportation Partnership
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board
GMPC	King County Growth Management Planning Council
GSP	Greater Seattle Partners
IJT	Interjurisdictional Team – staff support to the GMPC
JRC	Joint Recommendations Committee for Community Development Block Grants
K4C	King County-Cities Climate Collaboration
KCD	King Conservation District
KCDAC	King Conservation District Advisory Committee
KCFCD	King County Flood Control District
KCFCDAC	King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee
KCPEC	King County Project Evaluation Committee
LEOFF1 Disability Board	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board
LHWMP	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
LHWMP MCC	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee
MKCC	Metropolitan King County Council
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
PIC	Public Issues Committee
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Points
PSCAA	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
PSCAAAC	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council
PSERN	Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network
PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council
RLSJC	Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
RPC	Regional Policy Committee
RPEC	PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee
RTC	Regional Transit Committee
RWQC	Regional Water Quality Committee
SCA	Sound Cities Association
SCAACG	South Central Action Area Caucus Group
SCATBd	South County Area Transportation Board
SeaShore	Seashore Transportation Forum
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
TPB	PSRC Transportation Policy Board



SCA Public Issues Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

May 13, 2020 – 7:00 PM

TELEPHONIC

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 34 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way (PIC alternate); Councilmember James Jeyaraj, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Barbara de Michelle, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Ernest Thompson, Normandy Park (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Jeremy Barksdale, Bellevue (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Corina Pfeil, Kenmore (PIC Alternate); Councilmember James Jayaraj, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Tom Agnew, Bothell (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Susan Honda, Federal Way; Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island; Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County; Jenny Huston, King County staff; Dorian Waller, King County staff; Beth Mountsier, Bellevue staff; Joyce Nichols, Bellevue staff; Kelsey Beck, Seattle staff; Pat McLaughlin, King County staff; Tom Goff, King County staff;

2. Public Comment

Chair Malchow asked if there was anyone else who would like to provide public comment. Hearing none, Chair Malchow closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the March 11, 2020 PIC Minutes

Chair Malchow asked if there were any amendments to the March 11, 2020 PIC minutes. **Vice Chair Bill Boyce, Kent, moved, seconded by Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, to approve the March 11, 2020 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Chair's Report

Chair Malchow stated that the PIC meeting was being held telephonically and online due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. She noted that the SCA bylaws provide for meetings to be held by telephone in the event of an emergency situation.

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of how the meeting would be facilitated using Zoom Webinar software. He noted that any discussion in the chat logs would be maintained for public records purposes ([Attachment B](#)).

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson provided a report. She drew members' attention to the informational items in the materials. She updated members on SCA Board action on SCA dues for 2021, which will be kept at 2020 rates in light of the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on city

finances. She informed members that the County Council had approved funding for small businesses in cities. She informed PIC members of an upcoming meeting with the County Executive.

6. Proposed King County Rates and Fees

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that King County is currently in the process of developing sewer rate and solid waste fee proposals for 2021 that could increase costs passed on to cities, local utility providers, and rate payers.

The sewer rate is expected to be transmitted in early May, and the King County Wastewater Treatment Division is proposing a 4.5% increase for 2021. The Solid Waste Division has presented a range of options from no increase in the tonnage fee in 2021 to an increase of 8%. SWD is also considering initiating new fees for recycling and disposal of items such as mattresses, appliances, and yard waste.

Parry said that feedback to date from cities has been to urge the County to forego rate increases at this time due to the COVID-19 emergency and the economic crisis. PIC members were asked to provide feedback on SCA potentially adopting a formal position to that effect.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, said that she could not support an increase on rates paid by businesses and residents while at the same time the city is working to avoid shutting off utilities for those who are unable to pay their utility bills.

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, said that she has grave concerns about the impacts of any rate increases this year and said the city of Redmond is already planning to forego rate increases. She said that she would support emergency action to recommend a policy position to the board opposing the proposed rate increases.

Mayor Benson Wong, Mercer Island, said that the Mercer Island city council discussed the issue and is unanimous in supporting no fee increases at this time in light of the impact on the public.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, said that she agreed with the previous speakers and that King County should consider its rates in the context of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, agreed that it is not the right time to increase rates. She said the Kirkland City Council would be discussing a comment letter to send to the county council at an upcoming meeting asking any fee increases to be deferred until at least 2022.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, said that the city is already carrying significant debt within its utility services and that increasing regional utility rates will make the problem worse.

Councilmember Katherine Ross, Snoqualmie, said that the proposed fees should be considered in the context of other rates or fees for service that may need to be adjusted.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, said that she agreed with the comments of others. She said she recognized the important work supported by the proposed rates, but that the utility divisions need to be sympathetic to what is going on with COVID-19 and the economy.

Vice Chair Bill Boyce, Kent, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to bring a proposed policy position to the next PIC meeting stating that SCA urges King County and other entities to forego any increases in rates and fees in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency and resulting economic impacts. The motion passed unanimously.

7. COVID-19 Legislative Priorities

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that there is speculation that the Washington State Legislature will hold a special session in 2020 to make immediate budget adjustments in response to COVID-19. This is expected to precede significant additional budget cuts when the Legislature reconvenes in January 2021. Recent forecasts are projecting a \$7 billion general fund gap in the next two budget cycles. In addition, the state transportation budget is will be impacted by a significant drop in fuel tax revenues and revenue lost due to the passage of I-976 unless the measure is overturned by the courts.

Parry said a special session could come as early as June and that it is expected decisions would be made very quickly. Because of the speed with which the Legislature is likely to act, Parry said that it is important for cities to be communicating now with their legislators about their priorities.

In preparation for a potential special session, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) adopted priorities to be communicated to legislature. These include:

- Providing financial support by maintaining shared revenues and offering direct fiscal relief;
- Loosening restrictions on the use of some fund sources so they can be directed where they are most needed right now;
- Relieving cities from state-mandated regulatory timelines that may be impossible to meet in the current environment;
- Providing more flexibility for city-owned utilities to provide waivers to rate payers and fiscal support to offset losses;
- Encouraging economic stimulus – both in the form of public infrastructure investments as well as emergency assistance to businesses; and,
- Providing support for rental assistance and emergency housing for vulnerable residents.

Parry asked PIC members to provide feedback on whether they SCA should consider adopting a position statement endorsing the priorities highlighted by AWC or a similar agenda. If recommended by PIC members, Parry said a position statement would be brought to the next PIC meeting for action.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, noted that some of the language in the principles adopted by AWC could be revised for consistency.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, said that the AWC list generally lists the right priorities and noted that details about federal and state funding for city response to COVID-19 are still in flux.

Mayor Benson Wong, Mercer Island, said he supports endorsing the AWC legislative priorities.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, said the Issaquah City Council had not yet discussed the proposal and that it is difficult for cities to discuss many issues because of restrictions related to COVID-19.

Vice Chair Bill Boyce, Kent, moved, seconded by Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, to bring a proposed policy position to the next PIC meeting in support of the legislative priorities approved by AWC and as shown in the [May PIC packet as Attachment A to Item 7](#). The motion passed unanimously.

8. Proclamation of Commitment to an Inclusive Community that Rejects Stigma and Bias Related to COVID-19

SCA Policy Analyst Alexis Mercedes Rinck reported that SCA members and residents of SCA member cities have voiced concerns about how xenophobia (discrimination based on national origin) and racially biased actions and harassment are impacting their neighborhoods, families, and businesses. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, there has been a regional and national increase in bias, harassment, and hate crimes against Asian American, Black and African American, and other marginalized communities. This has had a devastating impact on Chinese and other Asian (and Pacific Islander) communities and unsheltered neighbors. There have also been concerns about stigma around Black, Indigenous, and people of color using preventative masks.

SCA cities including Bellevue, Burien, Redmond, Renton, and SeaTac have adopted resolutions or proclamations denouncing stigma and bias related to COVID-19 and declaring a commitment to an inclusive community, and other SCA cities are looking to take up similar action. Rinck asked PIC members to provide feedback on potentially following suit by recommending the SCA board adopt an anti-bias proclamation as shown in the [May PIC packet as Attachment A to Item 8](#).

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, stated that she fully supports SCA adopting, and that Redmond recently approved a similar proclamation. She suggested re-ordering of the recommended action section so to clarify that individuals should contact 911 first if there is an emergency. She said she is concerned the State Human Rights Commission has a serious backlog of cases and calling 911 would yield better results for people.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, stated that Tukwila has an overarching intolerance to hate and bias resolution and that they were taking up a COVID-specific resolution that adds a special emphasis to that commitment.

Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, stated that he believes this is incredibly important and that that it should be adopted as an emergency resolution during the meeting.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, noted that May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage month and stated that passing the proposed resolution during the meeting would be very timely.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, voiced support for the proclamation and for taking emergency action.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore also voiced support for the proclamation and for taking emergency action.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, said that he supports the proclamation and taking emergency action. He noted prior action by the Issaquah city council to denounce discrimination.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue highlighted that as the economy restarts and more people come out of quarantine, there will be increased socialization and potential for biased behavior. By getting this proclamation out now ahead of that, it sets the tone for post-quarantine.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, said that it feels like it is timely to take action now.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, stated that the proclamation describes potential behavior that requires such an urgent response that residents are urged to call 911, and that this seems like grounds for PIC to consider the issue an emergency and take immediate action.

Mayor Benson Wong, Mercer Island, stated that he is personally very supportive of the proposed resolution, but that he did not feel he was authorized to vote at the meeting as the Mercer Island City Council has not had the opportunity to formally discuss the proposal. He said he believed his fellow city councilmembers would be supportive, but that procedurally it was an issue.

Councilmember Martin Moore, Federal Way, stated that he feels confident supporting this measure and that the action was timely.

Chair Christie Malchow stated that the Sammamish City Council also has a rule requiring council review before voting on regional issues and that she would not be able to vote on the issue at the meeting as an emergency.

Executive Director Deanna Dawson explained the procedures for PIC recommending emergency action. She said that the SCA bylaws allow that 85% of those present at a regularly scheduled PIC meeting may declare an issue an emergency and the issue may be discussed and voted upon at the same meeting. In addition, in order to advance a public policy position to the Board, final adoption would require support by two-thirds of those cities represented at the meeting.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, to declare the issue an emergency. **The motion passed with 30 cities voting yes, and four (Beaux Arts Village, Medina, Mercer Island, and Sammamish) abstaining.**

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, moved, seconded by Mayor David Baker, to adopt the Proclamation of Commitment to an Inclusive Community that Rejects Stigma and Bias Related to COVID-19 as shown in the [May PIC Packet in Attachment A to Item 8](#).

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, moved, seconded by Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, to amend the proclamation to place “call 911” before calling the Washington State Human Rights Commission. There was no discussion. The amendment passed unanimously.

Chair Malchow asked if there was further discussion on the main motion. **There was no discussion. The motion passed with 28 cities voting yes, and six (Beaux Arts Village, Carnation, Medina, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, and Sammamish) abstaining.**

9. King County Regional Homelessness Authority

SCA Policy Analyst Alexis Mercedes Rinck reported that the Governing Committee for the King County Regional Homelessness Authority has now been fully seated and the first meeting of the Committee is set for May 21, 2020. Items on the agenda for this first meeting of the Governing Committee are anticipated to include an update and proposal for the CEO recruitment process, a staff update on the timeline to achieve full operation of the Authority, review of a plan to appoint the Implementation Board, and selecting co-chairs for the Committee.

Rinck also stated that SCA will appoint two members to the Implementation Board and encouraged PIC members to send names of potential nominees to Executive Director Deanna Dawson by Friday May 15.

Rinck said SCA is still collecting responses to several questions to aid the work of SCA’s representatives on the Governing Board. These include:

- What is your city’s philosophy when it comes to homelessness crisis response?
- What is your city doing to provide homelessness crisis response services currently?
- What are the gaps in crisis response in your city? Where are additional resources needed?

PIC members were asked to send their responses to SCA staff.

10. COVID-19 Impacts and Response

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported that SCA is providing frequent updates on the COVID-19 health emergency to members by email. Recent high priority issues for cities include eligible uses for CARES Act funds; rules issued by the Governor’s Office concerning reopening economic activity; and, the Governor’s proclamation regarding the Open Public Meetings Act. Dawson highlighted resources available related to each of these issues in the [May PIC packet under Item 10](#). PIC members were asked to provide updates from their cities or highlight

questions for additional research by SCA staff. A roundtable discussion was held with members providing updates from their cities.

11. Informational Items

Chair Malchow said that two informational items are included in the May PIC packet. The first relates to upcoming ballot measures and the other to potential upcoming SCA issues. There was no discussion.

12. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Public Issues Committee – Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

13. For the Good of the Order

Chair Malchow asked if any members had any items for the good of the order. There was no discussion.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Public Issues Committee Meeting
May 13, 2020

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	
Auburn	Nancy Backus	James Jeyaraj
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Aletha Howes
Bellevue	Janice Zahn	Jeremy Barksdale
Black Diamond	Erin Stout	Tamie Deady
Bothell	James McNeal	Tom Agnew
Burien	Krystal Marx	Nancy Tosta
Carnation	Dustin Green	Kim Lisk
Clyde Hill	Marianne Klaas	Kim Muromoto
Covington	Fran Hollums	Joseph Cimaomo
Des Moines	Traci Buxton	
Duvall	Michelle Hogg	Jennifer Knaplund
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Tony Binion
Federal Way	Martin Moore	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	N/A
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Barbara de Michele
Kenmore	David Baker	Corina Pfeil
Kent	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	Toby Nixon
Lake Forest Park	Tom French	Semra Riddle
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Les Burberry
Medina	Jennifer Garone	Jessica Rossman
Mercer Island	Benson Wong	David Rosembaum
Milton	Jim Gillespie	Shanna Styron Sherrell
Newcastle	Linda Newing	Tony Ventrella
Normandy Park	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Ernest Thompson
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Heather Koellen
Pacific	Leanne Guier	David Sporaasli
Redmond	Angela Birney	Vanessa Kritzer
Renton	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Christie Malchow	Kent Treen
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Will Hall
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Katherine Ross	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Thomas McLeod
Woodinville	Elaine Cook	Gary Harris
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	
SCA	Deanna Dawson Brian Parry	Alexis Mercedes Rinck Leah Willoughby

Cities present at the meeting are **bolded**. Voting representatives present are highlighted.

SCA Public Issues Committee – May 13, 2020
Attachment B – Zoom Chat Log

17:37:33 From Brian Parry (SCA) to All panelists : Hi everybody! Welcome to tonight's PIC meeting. We will begin at 7:00 PM. Please note that we are going to begin "broadcasting" to all attendees and any members of the public in just a couple of minutes.

17:40:57 From Brian Parry (SCA) to All panelists : PIC Members: As you join tonight's meeting, please take a moment to locate the "raise hand" button on Zoom. This will be important to help facilitate tonight's discussion. On a PC, you should be able to find the raise hand button on the Panelists menu (bottom of screen). For those using an iPhone, the raise hand button can be found by clicking the "More" button on the bottom right of your screen.

17:52:59 From James Jeyaraj to All panelists : do we have audio?

17:55:07 From Tola Marts, Issaquah to All panelists : Perhaps we can all mute when we are not talking? :^)

17:55:16 From Corina Pfeil - Kenmore City Councilmember to All panelists : Councilmember Pfeil here, I didn't receive a link

18:01:56 From James Jeyaraj to All panelists : I am not getting any audio.

18:02:43 From CM Tosta (Burien) to All panelists : Brian - I am on the call - N. Tosta - but not in the meeting.

18:03:08 From Deanna Dawson to All panelists : James, Brian or Leah will try to help you

18:03:24 From Deanna Dawson to All panelists : Nancy, are you the voting member tonight?

18:04:05 From James McNeal, Bothell to Tom Agnew and all panelists : Welcome Tom Agnew Bothell

18:04:23 From Tom Agnew to All panelists : thanks brother

18:04:59 From Earnest Thompson to All panelists : Earnest Thompson Representing for Normandy Park

18:05:10 From Vanessa Kritzer to All panelists : This is Vanessa Kritzer from Redmond. I am on but am using the dial in because I am having trouble getting the zoom link to work

18:05:51 From Toby Nixon to All panelists : Not hearing audio usually means their volume is turned down all the way.

18:05:58 From Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way to All panelists : I'll participate for FW until Martin shows up.

18:07:12 From Vanessa Kritzer to All panelists : Actually I figured it out

18:08:47 From CM Tosta (Burien) to All panelists : I am waiting for the "upload" :). Not sure if DM Marx plans to join, but until then, I'm ready.

18:11:07 From Tola Marts, Issaquah to All panelists : For once Henry Sladek doesn't have to drive all the way down!!!

18:13:28 From Traci Buxton, Des Moines to All panelists : You're an inspiration, Dana!

18:15:12 From Dana Ralph, SCA President to All panelists : Traci - this is definitely a team sport!

18:37:14 From Leah Willoughby (SCA) to Corina Pfeil - Kenmore City Councilmember and all panelists : Hi Corina, just taking comments from representatives right now.

19:01:16 From Chris Roberts, Shoreline to All panelists :

<http://soundcities.org/wpcontent/uploads/pdf/PIC-Operating-Policies-Approved-12-12-12.pdf>

19:16:42 From Tola Marts, Issaquah to All panelists : Math is fun!

19:16:54 From Tola Marts, Issaquah to All panelists : (Said the rocket scientist.)

19:23:39 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to All panelists : The updates from SCA are GREAT!

19:25:58 From Traci Buxton, Des Moines to All panelists : What Kate said!

19:35:26 From Deanna Dawson to All panelists : I'm back!

19:35:40 From Fran Hollums, Covington to All panelists : Appreciate the reports. I hear it first through that format.

19:39:05 From Janice Zahn, Bellevue to All panelists : We are doing vouchers with food trucks.

19:51:15 From Erin Stout, Black Diamond to All panelists : Black Diamond has cancelled July Miner Days. The Labor Day Committee is still meeting with fingers crossed.

19:51:32 From Elaine Cook, Woodinville to All panelists : Woodinville Chamber thinking about having drive-in movies during the Summer. No concerts in the park or parade.

19:54:07 From Angela Birney, Redmond to All panelists : all summer events canceled in Redmond and no events permits to outside organizations :(

19:54:33 From Janice Zahn, Bellevue to All panelists : Bellevue closed summer events too

19:55:09 From Kelli Curtis, Kirkland to All panelists : What are you doing about recreation programs and athletic fields?

19:56:10 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to All panelists : Tukwila has no summer events planned.

19:57:03 From Jennifer Garone, Medina to All panelists : Medina may hold our annual August event but are thinking though what is possible with SD. We will have fireworks in August

19:57:43 From Jennifer Garone, Medina to All panelists : The Medina 65th anniversary celebration is postponed to be a 66th anniversary celebration

19:59:01 From Kelli Curtis, Kirkland to All panelists : Thank you all for sharing your summer plans

19:59:05 From James McNeal, Bothell to All panelists : Bothell 5.4 mil short fall, Small increase commercial crime. Sports field also opened, NO Organized sports but open to general use.

19:59:44 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to All panelists : Tukwila \$12 million shortfall this year; \$6 million projected for 2021

20:01:20 From Henry Sladek, Skykomish to All panelists : Skykomish has cancelled mosr (sic) summer events

20:01:52 From Jennifer Garone, Medina to All panelists : Medina is seeing a large increase in bike traffic, leading to challenges with auto, pedestrian and bike interactions.

20:04:38 From Martin Moore, Federal Way : federal way has canceled Fourth of July celebrations and like other cities we are operating on revenue shortfalls. trying to support food banks and human services programs and businesses. good luck to all during this difficult time. thanks, -Martin Moore, Federal Way.

20:07:34 From Tom French, Lake Forest Park : Lake Forest Park opened its farmer's market on Mother's Day with a good turnout.

Item 6:

Proposed King County Rates and Fees

ACTION

SCA Staff Contact

Brian Parry, Policy Director, brian@soundcities.org, (206) 499-4159

Potential Action

To recommend the SCA Board of Directors adopt the following policy position:

The Sound Cities Association (SCA) urges King County and other entities to forego any increases in rates and fees in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency and the resulting economic impacts.

Background

At the May PIC meeting, members discussed proposed sewer rate and solid waste fee increases that could increase costs passed on to cities, local utility providers, and rate payers effective January 1, 2021. Concerns were expressed by numerous PIC members about the impact of increasing fees on residents and city utilities and PIC voted to bring a position statement back to the next meeting urging the county to forego any rate increases in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the last PIC meeting, the King County Council approved a 4.5% increase to the sewer rate for 2021 and the county is continuing to develop a solid waste fee recommendation that would go into effect on January 1, 2021. Feedback from the May PIC meeting was provided to members of the county council, including that PIC is considering a policy position recommending delaying any increases to rates and fees at this time.

King County Councilmember Dembowski proposed an amendment to the sewer rate proposal that would have delayed the increase until 2022. That amendment failed 3-6, with Councilmembers Dembowski, Dunn, and von Reichbauer voting in favor. The final ordinance setting the rate with the 4.5% increase passed 6-3, with the same three councilmembers voting against. Statements opposing the rate increase were released by [Councilmembers Dunn and von Reichbauer](#) jointly and also by [Councilmember Dembowski individually](#). Members voting in favor of the increase argued that maintaining a flat rate would defer critical maintenance necessary to maintain the regional wastewater system.

The proposed 2021-2022 solid waste tonnage fee is expected to be transmitted to the County Council in early July and must be approved by the end of September in order to be implemented by haulers on January 1, 2021. For 2021, the King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) is considering recommending range of options from no increase in the tonnage fee to an

increase of 8%. For 2022, the department is considering an increase of anywhere from 8% if fees are increased in 2021 to as high as 28% if they are not. The current tonnage fee is \$140.82 per ton. An 8% increase in the tonnage fee is anticipated to cost an additional \$0.64 per month at the curbside for residential customers.

Other potential fees under consideration include a new \$5.00 fee on most garbage and recycling transactions, a new \$30.00 fee for mattress disposal to more accurately reflect SWD costs, and an increase to the yard waste tonnage fee from \$75.00 per ton to \$100.00 per ton.

As a part of its rate development, the Division is analyzing anticipated loss of tonnage revenue due to the COVID-19 crisis and is also potential reductions in expenditures, including savings from delaying opening of the South County Transfer Station or delaying property acquisition for the North East Transfer Station.

Additional background on the sewer rate and solid waste fee can be found in the [May 13, 2020 PIC Packet](#).

As discussed at PIC in May, many SCA cities are facing substantial revenue downturns that will force very difficult service cuts in 2021 and likely beyond. Meanwhile, cities have a critical role to play in keeping communities safe during the COVID-19 emergency and to the future recovery of the state's economy. Foregoing increased rates and fees would offer some relief as local government seeks to protect vital services and limit increased costs to residents when they can least afford it. While SCA member cities recognize that some rate and fee increases may be truly necessary to protect public safety, members have urged the County to consider all alternatives before raising rates during a time of economic crisis.

Next Steps

If approved, the recommended policy position will go before the SCA board at their next meeting on June 17, 2020 for their consideration. To go into effect as of January 2021, the county council must act to set solid waste fees by September 30. Members are also encouraged to reach out directly to members of the county council to provide feedback directly.

For more information, contact SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.

Item 7:
COVID-19 Legislative Priorities
ACTION

SCA Staff Contact

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Potential Action

To recommend the SCA Board of Directors adopt the following legislative priorities related to COVID-19 response and relief in advance of a potential special session of the Washington State Legislature in 2020:

As the Legislature considers necessary actions to address the impacts of COVID-19 on our state, SCA asks that priority be given to support for cities and towns in the following areas:

Financial support

- o Maintain critical state shared revenues that provide funding for essential public services.
- o Provide fiscal relief to cities hard hit with costs for emergency response and loss of tax revenue.

Fiscal flexibility

- o Provide flexibility within existing restricted revenues to allow cities to use funds where they are most needed right now.

Regulatory relief

- o Continue the emergency action taken by the Governor to provide flexibility on deadlines for permitting and land use timelines. Cities hard hit by this emergency may still be experiencing staffing shortages and back-logs that will impact their ability to comply with typical statutory deadlines.

City-owned utility support

- o Allow city-owned utilities that have waived late fees and shut-offs and extension of their ability to collect outstanding debt so that they can work with rate payers to extend payment plans without impacting the financial viability of the utility or raising rates on other customers.
- o Provide funding to help offset losses related to forgiving late fees and delinquent accounts for those customers hard-hit by the emergency.

Economic stimulus

- o Investing in public infrastructure projects is one of the best ways to support economic stimulus as infrastructure investments have a positive economic multiplier with the creation of family-wage jobs and support increased economic activity.

Cities also support efforts to help the most vulnerable residents and our small businesses
o Cities support programs to provide emergency rental assistance and emergency housing.
o Cities support programs to provide emergency assistance to small businesses.

Background

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and economic impacts, the Governor and members of the Washington State Legislature have suggested a special legislative session may be called as early as June 2020. A recent [report](#) in the Seattle Times highlighted early estimates that show Washington State could lose \$7 billion in projected revenue between now and 2023, which may lead to a round of budget cuts in the summer followed by more substantial budget adjustments when the next regular session begins in January 2021.

In preparation for the potential of a special session, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) developed [legislative priorities](#) related to COVID-19 response and relief. These priorities ask the state to support cities through a variety of means, including: providing fiscal support; investing in local infrastructure to support economic activity; providing relief from state-mandated regulatory timelines; and, supporting city-owned utilities.

At the May 13 PIC meeting, members discussed the priorities identified by AWC and approved a motion to bring a policy position to the next PIC meeting recommending SCA support the same priorities.

If a special session is called, it is anticipated that action would be taken swiftly. Because of this, it is especially important for cities to communicate with their legislators in advance about the important role cities play in responding to emergencies and to economic recovery. Cities should also communicate with their legislators about the fiscal impact that the COVID-19 crisis has had on their cities.

Next Steps

If recommended by PIC, the legislative priorities will be brought to the SCA Board for final adoption.

Questions may be directed to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.

Item 8:

King County Emergency Management Coordination

DISCUSSION

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SCA Members of the Emergency Management Advisory Committee

Mayor Marianne Klaas, Clyde Hill; Councilmember Bob Baggett, Auburn; Councilmember Linda Olsen, Maple Valley; Councilmember David Carson, Redmond (alternate); Councilmember Alan Gothelf, North Bend (alternate); Councilmember Pam Fernald, SeaTac (alternate)

Discussion

SCA cities and many special purpose districts within King County are served by two “Zone Coordinators” who act as independent advocates within the regional emergency management system and support cities in fulfilling their emergency responsibilities under state law. The Zone Coordinators are especially important for smaller cities and special purpose districts that do not have full time Emergency Managers to support this work. Recently, King County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) notified the Zone Coordinators that their contracts would be terminated effective in June and zone partners were informed that these duties would be absorbed within existing county staff. The decision was made without consultation with EMAC.

Following feedback from concerned cities, members of EMAC, and SCA, the contracts have now been extended through the end of 2020 and the Director of OEM has agreed to engage zone partners and EMAC in a discussion of next steps.

PIC members are encouraged to provide feedback on the county’s proposal and the role of the zone coordinators within your city’s emergency management planning to inform representatives on EMAC.

Background

The purpose of the Zone Coordinator positions is to strengthen regional emergency management coordination and to support cities in times they do not have the capacity to fulfill all of their emergency responsibilities under RCW 38.52. Funded by a grant through the State Homeland Security Program, the Zone Coordinators serve eastside cities (Zone 1) and south county cities (Zone 3). Prior to 2016, the Zone 1 coordinator was managed through agreement by eastside cities on a two-year cycle starting with Bellevue, then Issaquah, Shoreline, Kirkland, Clyde Hill and Mercer Island, respectively. In Zone 3, the City of Kent took on that responsibility and sustained it until 2016, when King County agreed to take on management of the project.

Despite being recently hosted by King County, the Zone Coordinators do not work for the County. Instead, they advocate for the cities, write plans directly for cities that need assistance, attend and summarize meetings that city staff cannot not attend, provide training, work in Emergency Operations Centers, coordinate regionalized approaches to emergency management in their respective zones, and perform many other important task level functions. At no time has there ever been an understanding that Zone Coordinators would become part of King County Office of Emergency Management staff. Even now the role is recognized as a liaison relationship, supplemental to the regular staff organizational chart.

Recently, the two emergency management Zone Coordinators that serve our cities were given notice that their contracts would not be renewed. This decision was made by King County Office of Emergency Management without the input of the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) on which SCA holds three voting positions. This move could negatively impact all SCA member cities by removing an important assistance and advocacy role for the cities envisioned in the region's emergency management system. Following feedback from concerned cities, members of EMAC, and SCA, the contracts have now been extended through the end of 2020 and the Director of OEM has agreed to engage zone partners and EMAC in a discussion of next steps.

OEM has shown a clear preference toward absorbing the zone coordinator positions while engaging in a discussion about specific roles and responsibilities. SCA has heard some feedback that this approach may be workable with appropriate service commitments and city oversight in place; however, others have expressed strong reservations about the independence of the zone coordinators being lost and have urged the county to continue the current model or allow cities to consider managing the contracts as was the case prior to 2016. For instance, the City of Maple Valley sent a comment letter to County Executive Constantine on May 18, 2020 ([Attachment A](#)), urging his office to extend the contracts of the Zone Coordinators and engage in a stakeholder process that includes consideration of returning oversight of the contracts to the cities within their respective zones.

Next Steps

SCA staff will continue to monitor this issue and provide future updates. PIC members are encouraged to provide feedback on the county's proposal and the role of the zone coordinators within your city's emergency management planning to inform representatives on EMAC. For more information, contact SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.



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May 18, 2020

The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
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RE: Justification for Continuing With Zone Coordinators

Dear King County Executive Constantine,

The City of Maple Valley has always enjoyed partnering with King County on important regional issues. This includes our regional approach to emergency management, it is because of this partnership we are hoping to bring to your attention the recent situation related to our work with Zone Coordinators. In keeping with the spirit of our ongoing partnerships, please consider a one year contract extension with the current Zone 1 and 3 coordinators and bring together the respective cities to work together to find the best solution moving forward.

The Zone Coordinators' role has been, historically to support and assist the emergency management organizations, working for them and on their behalf and addressing all matters emergency management, as needed. The majority of our King County cities did not have the capacity to establish full time emergency management organizations, and roles were assigned to staff, in addition to their regular positions, to keep the cities in compliance with state law (RCW 38.52). Zone Coordinators were empowered to supplement and support those individuals with information, expertise, and coordination, as needed.

Coordinators also provided a liaison addressing issues and needs with KCOEM and the communities within Zone 3 and 5 (Seattle). It has always been clear that Zone Coordinators worked for and on behalf of their Zone stakeholders, independent from KCOEM and other specific agencies in King County.

Funding for Zone Coordinators came from an annually approved sub-grant from each FY SHSP award. Each year, since 2005, EMAC has met and approved the Zone Coordinators as a specific project within the overall grant award. Even when SHSP funding declined by 75%, EMAC continued to support this annual project, referencing its value on behalf of our stakeholders.

To illustrate, below find the investment justification from FY 08 Grant:

This continuing project is proposed in support of the Zone wide all-hazard preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery efforts. The Zone Coordinators will work with their respective Zone agencies and representatives to further the emergency management capabilities of the region. The Coordinators will provide several key and essential services for the region:

- ***A representative of Zone interest and planning effort at county and state emergency management events and meetings.***
- ***The Coordinators will act as primary facilitators at the Zone level cooperative meetings. These meetings are essential to consistent and comprehensive Zone activity and policy development.***
- ***The Coordinators will act as the resource for information regarding training and education for Zone responders and agency representatives. Additionally, the Coordinators will assist in facilitating training activities in support of this activity.***
- ***The Coordinators will act as facilitators and SME's in exercise design and delivery.***
- ***The Coordinators will work with Zone agencies and regionally to continue development of coordinated and cooperative resource management plans, process and policies.***
- ***The Coordinators will work inter-zone and cross borders to facilitate multi-discipline coordinated planning and training.***

The Zone Coordinators are essential to the on-going efforts of the region in preparing for and responding to all-hazard events in the region. The Coordinators have developed quality partnerships and cooperative endeavors that have kept regional participants on the forefront of the emergency management field. The Coordinators will continue to work as a resource for emergency management expertise and as a liaison to county and state agencies. They will act as a representative for their respective Zone in cross border activities and planning efforts.

To highlight the fact that the Zone Coordinators worked for the communities within their respective Zones, the sub-grant had been managed and supervised by a city within the Zone. In Zone One, different cities agreed to manage the grant for a two-year cycle, starting with Bellevue, then Issaquah, Shoreline, Kirkland, Clyde Hill and Mercer Island, respectively. In Zone Three, the City of Kent took on that responsibility and sustained it until 2016, when King County agreed to take on management of the project. Walt Hubbard, then DEM for King County, felt it would be easier to manage and would eliminate the need to rotate it across the region. At no time was there an understanding that Zone Coordinators were becoming part of KCOEM staff. Even now, the role is recognized as a liaison relationship, supplemental to the regular staff org chart.

It is our opinion that if King County no longer wanted to collaborate with the zone cities and manage the sub-grant contract, we could return to oversight by cities within the zone, as we did until 2016. Eliminating the position, however, would require input from the stakeholders served and EMAC, which has approved the projects each FY year since 2005.

Finally, after a week of asking, Director McCluskey notified the cities of the changes in plans via email. This email came after Zone Cities asked for clarification on two different occasions. At one point, in response to these queries, Director McCluskey stated that it was not his job to advise the cities. This is disheartening, at best, especially since positions seeming quite similar to the Zone Coordinator positions were posted to King County open positions employment page on Wednesday.

Again, please consider a one year contract extension with the current Zone 1 and 3 coordinators and bring together the respective cities to work together to find the best solution moving forward. We value our partnership with King County and appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean P. Kelly, Mayor



Laura Philpot, City Manager

cc: Maple Valley City Council
Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk & Emergency Manager
Brendan McCluskey, Director, King County Office of Emergency Management
King County Councilmembers
Carol Benson, Mayor, Black Diamond
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Deanna Dawson, Executive Director, Sound Cities Association
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Item 9:

Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

DISCUSSION

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Update

This is an ongoing, monthly PIC item noting issues that SCA members have asked to be brought to the PIC.

Potential Issues

The current COVID-19 crisis will have a substantial impact on SCA's ability to host educational and networking events.

Prior to the crisis, the SCA Board identified as policy priorities:

- Transportation
- Budget Challenges/Infrastructure Needs
- Homelessness
- Diversity/Equity/Inclusion

SCA staff and Board would appreciate feedback from all our member cities on priorities, and on ideas for how to engage during the public health crisis when meetings must be held virtually.

If you or your city has feedback, please contact SCA Policy Director Brian Parry, brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159 or SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson, deanna@soundcities.org or 206-495-3265.



June 10, 2020
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 10:
City Roundtable Discussion
DISCUSSION

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Discussion

At the June Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting, members will have the opportunity to briefly share what is happening in their communities this month.

Item 11a:**King County Regional Homelessness Authority*****INFORMATION***

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King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee Members

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton

Update

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCHRA) Governing Committee met for the first time on May 21. During this meeting, the Governing Committee reviewed a draft timeline for the standing up of the Regional Authority which includes milestones such as seating the Implementation Board, hiring the CEO, the CEO submitting staffing plan, seating the Advisory Committee, and the KCHRA becoming fully operational.

At the June meeting, the Governing Committee will decide on co-chairs, review a staff recommendation on the CEO recruitment firm, receive an update on seating of the Implementation Board, and review draft by-laws.

Discussion

The Regional Homelessness Authority, established by [Interlocal Agreement \(ILA\)](#) between King County and the City of Seattle in December 2019, is focused on homelessness crisis response and is charged with managing procurement for organizations that provide services to people experiencing homelessness or about to experience homelessness.

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCHRA) Governing Committee met for the first time on May 21. The Governing Committee serves as the primary oversight body and is responsible for evaluating and approving all plans for the Authority.

During the first meeting of the Governing Committee, King County Department of Community and Human Services staff along with Seattle Human Services Department staff presented the Committee with a proposed draft timeline for the standing up of the Regional Authority which includes milestones such as seating the Implementation Board, hiring the CEO, the CEO submitting staffing plan, seating the Advisory Committee, and the KCHRA becoming fully operational. The Governing Committee will meet monthly through 2020 to help stand up the Authority. The current goal is for the Authority to be initially operational by January 2021.

For the CEO recruitment process, a team including representatives from SCA, King County, Seattle, and members with lived experience has been formed to recommend a CEO recruitment firm for the new Authority. SCA's representatives include SCA Policy Director Brian Parry, Bellevue Intergovernmental Relations Director Joyce Nichols, and Auburn Human Resources Director Candis Martinson. The Governing Committee will review the recommendation from this group at the June meeting.

The Authority's structure also includes an Implementation Board that is responsible for developing and recommending organizational goals, policies and plans to the Governing Committee. The Implementation Board is comprised of individuals with expertise in a variety of subject matters associated with homelessness response. SCA has authority to appoint two members to the Implementation Board.

For additional information on the KCRHA and its authority structure, please refer to the [May PIC Packet](#).

Next Steps

The Governing Committee will meet next on June 18 at 10:00 AM..

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Item 11b:

Proclamation of Commitment to an Inclusive Community that Rejects Stigma and Bias Related to COVID-19

INFORMATION

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Update

At the May 13 meeting, the PIC recommended to the SCA Board of Directors a Proclamation of Commitment to an Inclusive Community that Rejects Stigma and Bias Related to COVID-19. The proclamation was adopted by the SCA Board of Directors on May 20, 2020. A copy of the approved [proclamation](#) and [press release](#) announcing its adoption are posted to the SCA website and a copy of the proclamation is included here as [Attachment A](#).

Attachments

- A. [Proclamation of Commitment to an Inclusive Community that Rejects Stigma and Bias Related to COVID-19](#)

Additional Resources

- [Anti-stigma Resources](#), King County
- [Anti-Stigma Social Media toolkit](#), King County
- [COVID-19 Resources](#), Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
- [Reducing Stigma During Disease Outbreaks](#), Washington State Department of Health
- [Equity Impact Awareness Toll for COVID-19 Quarantine and Recovery Sites](#), King County
- [Data Dashboard](#) - Impacts of COVID-19 by race and ethnicity in King County
- [Social stigma associated with COVID-19](#), UNICEF

For more information, contact SCA Policy Analyst Alexis Mercedes Rinck at alexis@soundcities.org or (206) 495-5238.



Proclamation

Whereas, the Sound Cities Association has declared a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion as an organizational priority; and

Whereas, since the outbreak of COVID-19, immigrant and refugee community leaders and civil rights organizations have reported a regional and national increase in bias, harassment, and hate crimes, particularly against Asian American and Pacific Islander, Black and African American, Hispanic and Latino, and other marginalized communities; and

Whereas, misinformation about coronavirus propagates fear that hurts people and impairs the ability of our first responders and other city services to provide necessary response to COVID-19; and

Whereas, each of us can and should promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, support all fellow community members, prevent the spread of misinformation, and reject hate and bias in all forms; and

Whereas, the Sound Cities Association and its member cities reject racially-based bias, harassment, and hate crimes due to COVID-19, will not tolerate discrimination of any kind, and denounces all COVID-19-related misnaming, blaming and harassment based on race, ethnicity, place of origin, physical ability, socio-economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or religion; and

Whereas, we ask community members who observe or are experiencing incidents of discrimination, harassment, or hate crimes are encouraged to call 911 in emergency circumstances, and/or to report the incident to the Washington State Human Rights Commission (Toll-free 1-800-233-3247) or the King County Office of Civil Rights at (206) 684-4500.

Now, therefore, we, the Sound Cities Association, do hereby proclaim

Our commitment to an inclusive community that rejects stigma and bias related to COVID-19

And we urge all our members and residents of our member cities to treat each other with respect and work together to overcome all expressions of hate and bigotry.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Ralph".

Dana Ralph, Sound Cities Association President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanna Dawson".

Deanna Dawson, Sound Cities Association Executive Director



June 10, 2020
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 11c:

Statement from SCA President Dana Ralph and Vice President Ed Prince
Condemning Racism

INFORMATION

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Information Item

SCA President Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent, and SCA Vice President Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, issued a statement on June 4, 2020 condemning racism and urging joint action toward a more just community. The statement is included in full in [Attachment A](#).

Attachments

- A. [Statement from SCA President Dana Ralph and Vice President Ed Prince Condemning Racism](#)



As leaders of the Sound Cities Association (SCA), we write to you today to share our thoughts on the recent tragedies that have rocked our nation.

We are shocked and angered by the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor. These deaths demand justice, and accountability. We write to you today to say in no uncertain terms that we at SCA denounce the acts that led to these deaths, and the racism that fueled the acts.

We are committed as leaders to not just speaking out today, but to working with you to make structural changes to reduce systemic racism and advance racial equity.

We know that this is a very challenging time for all our communities. We are in the midst of a global pandemic, and on the edge of a major recession. Our cities, our local businesses, and our residents are all feeling the strain. It can feel overwhelming to take on any additional issues.

But racism is not just another issue, and racial justice cannot wait for a more convenient time.

We urge you to join us in condemning racism, and to work with us in the coming weeks, months, and years toward a more just community. Together we can make a meaningful difference.

Dana Ralph, Mayor of Kent
SCA President

Ed Prince, Renton Councilmember
SCA Vice President

Item 11d:

Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

UPDATE

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Discussion

This is a monthly item on the PIC agenda to share information on recent and upcoming local levies and ballot measures in King County jurisdictions. Items identified as “potential future ballot measures” are under consideration or reflect potential renewal of an existing levy but have not been approved to be placed on the ballot and may not ultimately move forward.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the King County Council has determined not to move forward with a countywide transit levy in 2020. Similarly, the King County Library System rescinded action to place an operations levy on the August 2020 ballot and is now considering a potential measure in 2021. Other potential levies for 2020 that may also be impacted by the COVID-19 emergency include renewal of Seattle’s Transportation Benefit District (transit funding), and a potential levy lift for unincorporated King County roads. A proposed \$1.7 billion capital bond measure for Harborview Medical Center is still anticipated to still be placed on the ballot in November.

Please send information on any upcoming measures affecting your city to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.

Potential Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2020	November	Kirkland	Fire and Emergency Services Levy

Future Ballot Measures Other Jurisdictions and Special Purpose Districts

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2020	August	Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue	Authorization for continuation of benefit charges
2020	August	Mountain View Fire & Rescue	Operations levy at a rate of 30-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value
2020	August	South King Fire & Rescue	Maintenance and Operations levy at a rate of 19-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value

Potential Future Ballot Measures – Other Jurisdictions and Special Purpose Districts

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2020	November	Harborview Medical Center	\$1.7 billion capital construction bond measure at a rate of 15 to 18-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value*
2020		Seattle	Transportation Benefit District Renewal
2020		King County	Road Levy Lid Lift (unincorporated King County)

2021		King County Library System	Operations levy of 50-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, up from the current rate of 32-cents per \$1,000.
2021		King County	Best Starts for Kids Renewal

*Requires 60% yes vote for approval with a minimum of turnout of no less than 40% of voters voting in the district at the last general election

Next Steps

Please share this information with your city and provide information on upcoming elections in your city to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.