

SCA Public Issues Committee MINUTES April 9, 2025 – 7:00 PM Online Meeting

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Shoreline Mayor, Chris Roberts, Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 28 cities were represented. (<u>Attachment A</u>).

Guests present included: Tracy Taylor, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Kelly Jiang, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Mark Joselyn, North Bend (PIC Alternate); Amy Lam, Sammamish (PIC Alternate); James Alberson, Renton; Laura Mork, Shoreline; Katie Halse, Bellevue Staff; Carly Joerger, Kirkland Staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond Staff; Tania Mondaca, King County Staff; Courtney Black, King County Wastewater Treatment Division; Crystal Fleet, King County Wastewater Treatment Division; Olivia Robinson, King County Wastewater Treatment Division; and Candice Bock, Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

Chair Roberts noted that any discussion in the chat for those joining online would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes (<u>Attachment B</u>).

2. Public Comment

Shoreline Mayor, Chris Roberts, SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment, and encouraged any individuals with comment to contact <u>sca@soundcities.org</u>.

Hearing none, Chair Roberts closed this portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the March 12, 2025 PIC Meeting Minutes

Shoreline Mayor, Chris Roberts, PIC Chair asked for any questions or amendments to the minutes of the March 12, 2025 SCA PIC meeting.

Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz, Des Moines, moved, seconded by Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025 SCA PIC Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Shoreline Mayor, Chris Roberts, PIC Chair, stated that there is interest in holding the next PIC meeting in person.

Chair Roberts appointed Councilmember Cara Christensen, Snoqualmie, to the PIC Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy for the Snoqualmie Valley seat.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on possibility of in-person PIC meeting in May or June, and notes that Mercer Island has shared their willingness to host the meeting again. He thanked Councilmember Cara Christensen, Snoqualmie, for joining the PIC Nominating Committee and is excited to begin filling committee vacancies. Feldstein also encouraged attendees to tell their colleagues to join SCA and be part of our regional voice.

Feldstein also provided an update on the Parks Levy. He reported that its status was dual referral and had gone through Budget and Fiscal Management with Chair Dembowski. Items were named for Council Districts before arriving in RPC, giving us less room to maneuver. Feldstein shared that SCA still fought hard, and was honored by SCA's conduct across the board from policy staff, the RPC caucus, and their staff. He was glad to be able to change the levy in all three directions: making it smaller, getting more funding for cities, and securing changes to measure equity. A comparison of city totals by Executive Proposal, BFM Striker, and RPC Final can be found <u>here</u>. Feldstein shared he is happy to debrief with anyone who asks, and that he is already getting calls asking for SCA's thoughts, indicating that this has left a mark.

4. Legislative Update

Candice Bock, Director of Government Relations, Association of Washington Cities, provided an update on the Washington State Legislative Session. Bock shared that there are 18 days remaining in the Session, and that yesterday was the cutoff for bills to be passed out of the Fiscal Committee in the Opposite House. She shared that the focus is now on Floor Action in the Opposite House, with a deadline of April 16. Bock reported that attention has shifted to budget and revenue and highlighted that the revenue proposal to increase the cap for the local option property tax is still alive. She shared the Senate and House bills are slightly different, but both remain in the mix. Bock overviewed that other questions about new revenue still remain, as Governor Ferguson has expressed doubt on the wealth tax which would generate \$4 billion in funding for the budget that other funding would not be able to backfill. Bock said they are watching revenue proposals very closely and encouraged members to contact their legislators regarding the local option.

Bock also shared that both the Senate and House budgets have taken a swipe at the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA). She stated the Senate proposal looked a bit more favorable with a \$165 million sweep that would be repaid next year, while the House had proposed a \$288 million sweep on top of other diversions. However, the Senate has subsequently proposed permanent revenue sweeps from the PWAA to the general fund, so the House proposal currently looks better given that those cuts are not permanent; Bock expressed following the House's lead to back off of interconnectivity between budgets to preserve the PWAA. She stated that even if member cities have not used the account in a while, they may want to use it in the future, so legislators need to hear from members regarding the PWAA.

Bock also shared updates on various bills, including that the House has a higher gas tax proposed that shares a portion with cities. She also shared HB 1622 requiring bargaining around artificial intelligence did not advance and is considered dead. Bock stated that HB 2016 which provides additional public safety funding continues to work its way through the legislative process, and that it also provides a new sales tax the city and county can take if they meet eligibility criteria. SCA PIC April 9, 2025

Bock shared that the Housing Accountability Act may see onerous pieces rolled back. She also mentioned that AWC updated its hot sheet today and encouraged members to check it out.

Shoreline Mayor, Chris Roberts, SCA PIC Chair stated many bills with expenditures have language added to specify they only go into effect if funded, and asked Bock if she anticipates bills passed this year that contain this language will be funded in the budget. Bock answered that fiscal committees can put a null and void clause that would void any unfunded bills even if they were passed. She shared it is possible some bills will get funded and die, though expressed that bills passed are likely to be funded in some manner; she summarized that this is complicated, but not to count on it.

Councilmember Melissa Stuart, Redmond, emphasized that the AWC team moves very fast once session ends and immediately kicks off into the next session, and a few SCA members serve on the AWC Legislative Priorities Committees, which already has scheduled meetings. Stuart stated the story about the Parks Levy is a reminder of the power of coalitions, and wondered how PIC and SCA may take some lessons learned into the next session and show up. She gave the example of artificial intelligence in bargaining as a situation where an effort to increase cost in cities has been a concern for everyone. Stuart also asked Bock when to expect a survey from AWC on legislative priorities for the next session. Bock affirmed that AWC does begin working on the next legislative session immediately following the conclusion of another, and the survey will go out in early May even if a special session is called. She said the survey is an opportunity for members to share ideas to be considered in 2026. Bock also shared there is a webinar recapping this session on May 22nd, following the May 20th deadline for the Governor to sign or veto bills, and reminded members that bills that did not pass this session are eligible for action again during the second year of the biennium.

6. Wastewater Rate Proposal

Presentation by King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) staff. Materials attached and available <u>here</u>.

Laura Belmont, SCA Policy Analyst, overviewed that WTD staff would present and give a Q&A, and that SCA Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Caucus leaders were present: Shoreline Deputy Mayor Laura Mork, Caucus Chair; and Kirkland Councilmember Penny Sweet, Caucus Vice Chair. Belmont stated the goal is to connect the caucus to PIC and that this is part of a regional rates conversation, as PIC will be joined by the Solid Waste Division next month. Belmont then introduced the presenters from WTD: Courtney Black, Chief Financial Officer; Crystal Fleet, Capital Portfolio Planning and Analysis Unit Manager; and Olivia Robinson, Government Relations.

Black shared that the rate-setting calendar is unique since WTD is a wholesale agency; contracts with cities and sewer districts require adoption of the rate by the end of June. She overviewed that their first touch on the rates was with the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) in January where a preliminary rate forecast was overviewed before the fiscal year has closed. In mid-February, WTD has the freshest information to put together a sewer rate proposal, which then goes through a follow-up process. In April, the proposal has been before the RWQC for the first substantive rate presentation. MWPAAC also discusses their rate SCA PIC April 9, 2025

response letter in April. She shared April 24th is when the County Executive will transmit the sewer rate proposal to the County Council.

Black overviewed that emerging regulatory requirements and performing catch-up on managing assets are key drivers affecting the rate. She also stated that Council Motion 16449 extended the financial sewer rate forecast, meaning that a 20-year sewer rate forecast is used. This forecast length is unique as most forecasts do not extend beyond 5 years. Key assumptions for the rate include regulatory needs, especially combined sewer overflow (CSO) consent decree modification as the 2037 end date moves the costs earlier in the forecast. The Mouth of the Duwamish CSO (MDCSO) project has also seen cost increases as it has moved along the planning process. Other regulatory factors include nutrient reduction evaluation study and near-term optimization investments.

Asset management is another key driver, as many high-risk assets need to be replaced and renewed, as are contract obligations related to meeting the growing capacity needs of the region. Black shared that WTD has looked for every opportunity to defer lower-priority items.

She also shared that there is a rapidly changing environment when trying to forecast out 20 years into the future, and that there is a lot of uncertainty around future regulations and therefore future capital investment and planning.

Fleet stated that the capital forecast has changed in relation to last year's, particularly since the forecast now covers 20 years instead of 10. She presented a graph showing the previous forecast and the increased costs since then. Fleet stated some of these increases are driven by the MDCSO program, but that increases are seen across the entire capital program, driven by market conditions. She also overviewed the forecasts for 2035-2045, which were not included in the previous forecast and are impacted by uncertainties around items like future regulations.

Fleet then overviewed the different categories of investment in the capital program. She shared that the largest of the big three categories is regulatory, mostly related to the CSO consent decree. She described that there are very large investments, large program support, and significant major new infrastructure needed. She stated that this comprises about half of the capital forecast in the first ten years, the majority of which are MDCSO facilities (wet weather treatment, storage, conveyance, and outfall). Fleet stated the next largest category is asset management, particularly renewal and replacement of existing assets mainly due to their condition. She stated the majority of the wastewater system was built in the 1950s and 1990s, and therefore many assets are at or near the end of their lives and must be replaced. The third largest category is capacity, as WTD has contractual requirements to meet growth needs in the region. Other categories include items like seismic resiliency and resource recovery.

Fleet then reviewed how funding is mapped over the expenditure needs as shown in the capital funding forecast. She reviewed the cash-funded capital, which is what is collected from the sewer rate revenue, as well as how much is being funded through bonds, WIFIA loans/interim financing, state revolving fund loans, and other sources such as grants or settlements. Fleet stated that in recent history the County has been significantly leveraged, though MWPAAC has expressed

interest in WTD doing more cash funding to become less leveraged. The target is to be 60% leveraged by the end of the forecast period.

Fleet stated that WTD both builds and runs the system, and that there are growing gaps in resources as the system grows and facilities age. WTD must renew, replace, maintain, and grow assets. To do so, operations staff are needed; these emerging resource needs are spread over the next 5 years. WTD has held some successful training programs to assist with this.

Black reviewed the revenue requirement. She stated that existing debt service decreases as it is paid off over time, while new debt service increases. She also overviewed the portion of cash-funded capital, stating there is a policy to match it to depreciation. Together, these items and operating and maintenance expenses represent the revenue requirement. Black overviewed the revenues at existing and proposed sewer rates; proposed rates are forecasted at \$174 by 2045.

Black then overviewed the sewer rate forecast, mentioning that it is cumulative. In 2025, the adopted rate and 10 year forecast was around 7%, 8.25%, and 9.25%. She stated that since WTD has heard a desire from agencies for greater rate stability, they stuck close to the previously forecasted rate for 2026 at 7.25%, though there are significantly higher increases (such as 12.75% or 13.25%) to follow, primarily due to the MDCSO projects.

Black next overviewed rate impacts across the various agencies, which was a request by SCA. The chart is based on rates for a single-family residential household and exhibits a uniform portion for the county. Black shared that the rates team collects information from all agency websites on rate structures, assumptions, and utility taxes, and that the average cost was \$85. However, she stated this masks the affordability challenge, and shared that WTD bills local agencies, so their increases are a line item cost to all districts/agencies. She stated that there are customer assistance programs raising utility revenue to provide customer assistance, though the county is unable to do so given that they do not have a direct billing relationship with customers.

Black also reviewed the capacity charge, which is a utility connection charge, is adopted at the same time as the sewer rate. She stated that WTD is in the middle of a methodology update regarding the capacity charge, as they are working with MWPAAC and consultants for a more transparent methodology.

Black summarized that WTD is facing rising costs, which rates follow, and that main drivers continue to be regulatory requirements, asset management, and capacity.

Shoreline Mayor, Chris Roberts, SCA PIC Chair asked Shoreline Deputy Mayor Laura Mork, SCA RWQC Caucus Chair and Kirkland Councilmember Penny Sweet, SCA RWQC Caucus Vice Chair if they had anything to add. Sweet stated that she will overview a proposal at the end, but for now will reiterate that WTD has presented an accurate rundown of what we are facing. She stated that the caucus recognizes these are not sustainable increases and is doing everything they can to work in partnership with WTD to push back on the rates. Sweet stated that WTD Director Kamuron Gurol and RWQC Chair Claudia Balducci have been to Washington, D.C. to advocate for wastewater infrastructure funding. Sweet stated this discussion will be similar next month around solid waste rates. Mork echoed that Sweet covered the issue well; she stated the rates SCA PIC April 9, 2025

are unsustainable and that she is trying to figure out what can be done to make this work. Mork highlighted that cities and districts also have needs that must be addressed via the rates, which is leading to rate compression making it more difficult for everyone. Mork shared that the caucus has requested an executive session at the next RWQC meeting to review the consent decree.

Sweet added that she has spent a lot of time working on utilities, and that rates increasing on an annual basis is overwhelming, particularly as this is happening across electricity, drinking and waste water, and solid waste. She shared Kirkland feels this is untenable, and that there is no single body looking at all of the utilities. Therefore, Kirkland has developed a 1-page proposal for a utilities affordability summit in spring 2026 that brings together elected officials from every district like what was done to establish the Metro District, with the goal of determining what options or levers are available to leaders. Sweet asked for SCA to send out the proposal and said that Mayor Curtis will send out a sign-on letter for this proposal. Proposal available <u>here</u>.

Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue, expressed support for the proposal and felt the summit should occur sooner rather than later. He shared concern about the devastating impact of the rate on lower-income ratepayers. Nieuwenhuis stated that he understands SCA RWQC Caucus members have done a lot to advocate for long-term predictability and forecasting, and asked Mork whether the Caucus had considered guiding principles for long-term financial outlooks. He also asked Mork whether SCA would generally be supportive of the points expressed in MWPAAC's rate letter or are there any differences SCA members should be aware of. Mork replied that guiding principles are a great idea to bring back to the caucus, and mentioned WTD's work on the Vision for Clean Water and Regional Wastewater Service Plan includes guiding principles. Mork also summarized MWPAAC's letter, sharing that they supported the 2026 rate increases but expressed significant concerns about future rate increases. She said that the caucus is working to write a letter that reflects SCA views, and that it concurs with MWPAAC thus far. Sweet also stated that MWPAAC's letter is reflective of shared discussion between RWQC and MWPAAC, and that the two bodies are trying to be in alignment in their responses to issues.

Deputy Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation asked if there is any thought on a low-income discount on rates. Sweet replied that some agencies have it including Bellevue. Ribail clarified he meant on the King County Side. Black replied that the County has an inventory of the 34 agencies' versions of customer assistance programs, and mentioned Kirkland recently updated theirs and that it reflects current best practices. Black mentioned many programs limit by senior and disability status and significantly misses the low-income population. She also shared the state is doing studies on a state-wide program, though this remains to be seen given budget challenges. Black stated that the county does not have the customer relationship for customer assistance. Ribail stated it is a great thing to look at. He also stated that Carnation built a sewer treatment facility about 20 years ago and had added a 30% bill to customers to pay it off; he stated that it might be worth considering an alternative rate structure where citizens in Seattle pay an extra charge where their facilities are not built out to pay for these facilities. Ribail stated that this stacked charge may be more complicated but also does not feel it is fair for a city that has built out their capacity to pay extra.

Roberts stated that as much as the local area manages the sewers, most treatment is done regionally, meaning that the question is whether we are paying equitably into the system. Black said that they are currently looking at the Regional Wastewater Services Plan now and one of the financial policies they will consider is rate equity, and that modelling and analysis is planned to try to address it. She also referenced a prior agreement called the Robinswood Agreement, in which agencies agreed to a regional system under the policy of "all for one and one for all", which may be re-evaluated.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, expressed concern around hearing that there was deferred action on work that needed to be done, and that rates have gone up recently an annualized 5.2%, meaning that they have already gone up around 30%, with a planned 11% annualized increase over the next 8 years. Marts stated that this is outrageous and calls for another way of doing things. He expressed the regional summit is a good start but the size of the increases points to a more fundamental problem.

Roberts asked SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein if SCA had a copy of the summit proposal and if it could be distributed; Feldstein agreed. Roberts encouraged every city to discuss it as it will come back to PIC. Sweet said it could be featured on the next agenda in light of the solid waste rates discussion.

Councilmember Sue-Ann Hohimer, Normandy Park, expressed that regulatory concerns were brought up frequently and asked whether these are regulations from the state or federal level. Hohimer also asked if these are unfunded mandates. Sweet replied these are both from the state and federal level. Hohimer stated she supported the affordability summit, and that it is clear that the infrastructure in Washington state needs work. She also echoed concerns from residents around rising costs in the state, and how this has led to residents moving states. Hohimer expressed that a closer look into how Washington state is spending its money and prioritizing infrastructure is needed.

7. SCA Membership Survey Findings

Presentation by SCA staff. Materials attached and available here .

Aj Foltz and Laura Belmont gave a presentation on the 2025 SCA Membership Survey findings and analysis of the responses. This presentation included discussion questions (which can also be found in the chat log) for PIC members to engage and provide additional feedback that goes deeper on the initial findings. Foltz shared that 113 responses were collected, though not every respondent was routed to every question.

Belmont shared that for city council engagement, members wanted to see increased involvement of city councils beyond council leadership, education sessions on SCA's work, visits and presentations to city councils, and more personalized recruitment to boards and committees. They also shared that members had interest in increased collaboration across cities, including increased learning opportunities across cities, elevating city issues to the broader network, identifying issues across cities, and sharing brief information on key issues. Members also expressed interest in increasing SCA outreach, including increased transparency and communication, planning orientations and events in advance with varied time options, ensuring SCA PIC April 9, 2025 members are connected to SCA leadership, using social media, reinvigorating Lunch & Learns, and leveraging partnerships.

Foltz shared that for PIC, there was a misunderstanding of usefulness of PIC actions and discussions, as well as differing opinions on taking on meatier issues versus sticking to basics and on taking action items. She shared that members expressed outside presentations affect discussion, PIC and SCA staff should determine a roadmap for PIC, and that alternates should be engaged more during PIC meetings. Foltz also shared that members wanted to connect PIC to city councils and committee caucuses, including having clear messages to take back to councils, shareable content to distribute, and reports on boards and committees. She also shared members expressed a desire to increase PIC's regional impact by being proactive, elevating feedback to the executive, clarifying PIC's purpose and scope, increasing discourse on regional issues, and educating electeds on the purpose of PIC.

Belmont then overviewed responses around policy support. They stated that members wanted to see caucus materials that had standard formats, teased out policy questions, provided examples of successful policies, had summaries and breakdowns of materials, and included insights beyond the packet. Members also expressed interest in strengthened new appointee onboarding that included receiving calendars, updates, materials, and briefings ahead of time. They also shared members wanted to see policy support for the SCA network that includes policy analysis or position papers for issues affecting all cities, reports from caucuses to the wider network, and education sessions on regional policy issues.

Foltz next overviewed responses around networking and events. She shared members often cited location or scheduling conflicts as reasons they had not attended events. Foltz also stated members expressed interest in small group discussions on regional issues with discussion questions that engage the audience, as well as a welcoming space with one-on-one interactions with the Executive Director. She also shared that members are interested in rotating event locations and days and in seeing presentations that connect to city needs. Foltz stated members feel events are a great networking opportunity, and sponsors find events insightful and relevant.

Councilmember Melissa Stuart expressed that ideas that feel smaller, such as tours and visits, are helpful. Stuart gave the example that if PIC is held in Mercer Island, a visit to the new light rail station the hour before the meeting could be ideal. She shared that small things like this matter to help build relationships to fall back on during difficult discussions.

Belmont read a comment from Councilmember Errol Tremolada, North Bend, which stated it would be useful for PIC to define annual KPIs to measure actual effectiveness and influence.

Shoreline Mayor, Chris Roberts, SCA PIC Chair thanked staff for putting this together, and shared this is the first time he has seen SCA do internal polling and that it is valuable work.

Councilmember Carston Curd, Bothell, asked what a sponsor is in this context. Foltz replied that these are sponsors of our organization, such as Lumen or Boeing, but specified that the sponsors who replied are not always indicated in survey responses. SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein added that these are corporate companies who sponsor and attend SCA events. SCA PIC April 9, 2025 Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz, Des Moines, shared that many great ideas were expressed in the responses, such as networking with smaller, more targeted breakout session. He stated he felt this would encourage more interactions and stressed the value he has received from getting to know and interact with the people in nearby cities, particularly when discussing how to deal with certain issues.

Deputy Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation, thanked SCA staff for their work, and shared that when he came on board, Aj did a 20-minute introduction with him which he found very useful. Ribail added that most members work full-time jobs and do their work as electeds on a semi-volunteer, semi-paid basis, and that their responsibility is to report back to the meetings. He said that to this end, a breakdown of these meetings with key points, particularly with graphs, would be helpful. Ribail also expressed interest in having additional meetings in-person, ideally with a central location like Mercer Island.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, shared that the corporate world has found benefit for people meeting in person. He expressed sympathy for those who hold elective office and find it difficult to get to places, but that he hopes more meetings happen in person, as it would lead to higher participation. Marts stated he has heard there is an equity issue to physically meeting, but still finds value in getting together more often.

8. Regional Boards and Committees Update

Shoreline Mayor, Chris Roberts, SCA PIC Chair opened the floor for questions on the memo provided regarding this item. Seeing none, this portion of the agenda was closed. Chair Roberts thanked SCA staff for their work putting the memo together.

9. Levies and Ballot Measures

Aj Foltz, SCA Policy Analyst, opened the floor for questions on levies.

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein highlighted that there are three levies from the county this year; one for next year is included as SCA is aiming to get upstream on discussions. Feldstein shared that he is interested in hearing about city levies and will ask for them in the crib notes so they can be added to the calendar.

Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz, Des Moines, asked if anyone is aware of polling on levy fatigue as discussed regarding the Parks Levy. Feldstein replied that he is aware of the polling on the Parks Levy that showed it doing well a few months ago but is unaware of updated or further data.

Councilmember Melissa Stuart, Redmond, shared her appreciation for Mayor Backus's leadership on the Parks Levy, stating that it is a great space for us to begin to do something differently as Councilmember Sweet encouraged us to do. Stuart described the tension between trying to respond to County Initiatives while trying to respond to city issues and is curious to see how this looks in future large cycles. Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, thanked Stuart. She stated that SCA has an opportunity to be more proactive as the new King County Executives become established and to set an expectation early for SCA involvement. Backus mentioned that since SCA is involved in regional committees, where some items must first go, we can have early engagement to benefit the entire county. She stated that she will continue to push for early engagement between County staff and electeds and SCA members, and that it takes SCA members being wiling to have difficult conversations. Backus recounted that SCA members agreed years ago that they would support the Best Starts for Kids levy despite minimal details but that they would not do so again; she stated that she feels it has happened again. Backus stated that we must ensure SCA's voice is sought out and she is confident that although it will take time and effort to get our voice back, we will do so.

Deputy Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation, agreed with Backus. He shared that he has no problems having difficult conversations with constituents, but one of the good things that SCA could provide is tracking of county levies. Ribail stated he can track his own city's levies, but a synopsis of what is occurring at the county level in a simple format would help inform a more holistic view and would be useful to include as part of a binder of information available to citizens during Carnation's monthly coffee with Council.

11. For the Good of the Order

There were no items for the good of the order.

12. Adjourn

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, moved, seconded by Mayor Katy Kinney Harris, Yarrow Point, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Public Issues Committee Meeting – Attachment A April 9, 2025

City	Representative	Alternate
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Algona	Troy Linnell	Gordon Cook
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Tracy Taylor
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Jared Nieuwenhuis	Dave Hamilton
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	
Bothell	Carston Curd	Rami Al-Kabra
Burien	Kevin Schilling	
Carnation	Jim Ribail	
Clyde Hill	Steve Friedman	
Covington	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Harry Steinmetz	Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Duvall	Ronn Mercer	Mike Supple
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Corrie Koopman-Frazier
Federal Way	Susan Honda	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Kelly Jiang
Kenmore	Nigel Herbig	Melanie O'Cain
Kent	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	Penny Sweet
Lake Forest Park	Lorri Bodi	Tracy Furutani
Maple Valley	Syd Dawson	Dana Parnello
Medina	Michael Luis	
Mercer Island	Dave Rosenbaum	Ted Weinberg
Milton	Tim Ceder	Shanna Styron Sherrell
Newcastle	Paul Charbonneau	Ariana Sherlock
Normandy Park	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Jack Lamanna
North Bend	Errol Tremolada	Mark Joselyn
Pacific	Kerry Garberding	Vic Kave
Redmond	Melissa Stuart	Osman Salahuddin
Renton	Ruth Pérez	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Sid Gupta	Amy Lam
SeaTac	Jake Simpson	Iris Guzmán
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	John Ramsdell
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Cara Christensen	Louis Washington
Tukwila	Jovita McConnell	Armen Papyan
Woodinville	David Edwards	James Randolph
Yarrow Point	Katy Kinney Harris	·
	Racy Ramey Harris	

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

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Attachment B: Chat Log

19:12:31 From Jim Ribail, Carnation to Hosts and panelists: Could we get a list of the changes made to report back to our Councils? Thanks

20:19:19 From Jim Ribail, Carnation to Hosts and panelists:

I think that regional planning effort on the impacts on the system would be a great way to look at it. Thank you.

20:34:38 From Laura Belmont, SCA (they/them) to Everyone:

Questions posed thus far in the survey presentation:

In what ways can SCA best convene our network to foster collaboration?

What does collaboration look and feel like? Is it across geographic or subject areas? How can we identify issues?

With these topics in mind, if SCA started a monthly newsletter, what information would you want included?

20:37:16 From Errol Tremolada, North Bend to Hosts and panelists: Would be useful for PIC to define annual KPIs to measure actual effectiveness and influence.

20:37:31 From Laura Belmont, SCA (they/them) to Everyone:

How can SCA enhance the reciprocal relationship between PIC's work and SCA's board and committee caucuses?

What does a regionally impactful PIC look like, and what outcomes would result from this? What does proactivity look like for this body?

20:40:16 From Laura Belmont, SCA (they/them) to Everyone:

How can policy staff better incorporate a regional, systemic perspective to your work representing SCA? How can policy staff better support you in your role as policymakers?

20:42:01 From Laura Belmont, SCA (they/them) to Everyone:

How do we draw people together again in a meaningful way?

How should networking events tie into other areas of SCA's work as identified in this discussion?

20:42:58 From Melissa Stuart, Redmond (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

All of these questions might be well suited to some kind of warm-up/mixer at the in-person meeting next month. This is a great discussion to have in-person.

20:51:05 From Jim Ribail, Carnation to Hosts and panelists:

I just really want to thank SCA Staff for all the hard work in getting this information together.