



SCA Public Issues Committee: PIC Hot Sheet 3/11/2026

Please review the details in this document for a quick overview of the PIC discussions and actions this month. More details are provided in the associated memorandums for each item. **The purpose of this document is to serve as a quick tool for PIC members to help them communicate with their elected and staff colleagues in your city.** Use this document – especially the ****Questions for your Colleagues** – to try and engage your peers so you can bring a more comprehensive view into the PIC. On some questions, you may also want to ask city staff for their perspective or knowledge.

(Note: This document is new and a work in progress, we welcome your feedback).

Associated PIC packet materials can be found on the [SCA website](#).

Item 6: Regional Board and Committee Appointments

ACTION

At the March meeting, PIC will review the PIC Nominating Committee recommendations to fill vacant seats on regional boards and committees. PIC will vote to recommend appointments to the SCA Board of Directors for final approval.

Item 7: Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax

POTENTIAL EMERGENCY ACTION

King County's Transportation Benefit District, the King County Transportation District (KCTD), is considering new revenue options to address funding needs for unincorporated county roads and King County Metro. SCA staff expect KCTD board members to approve a councilmanic 0.1% sales tax for unincorporated roads as soon as late March.

SCA staff have prepared a policy statement for approval by PIC which will give direction on SCA member priorities during upcoming conversations with KCTD while allowing the flexibility to respond to changes in a potential proposal.

****Questions for your Colleagues:**

- Do you support taking emergency action at PIC?
- Do you support PIC approving a policy statement on this issue?
- What suggestions do you have to ensure that the policy statement (included in the PIC packet) represents the consensus position of SCA?

Item 8: Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative

DISCUSSION

HDC is initiating early discussions about a countywide affordable housing levy to address King County's housing needs. **HDC is seeking early input on the feasibility and fundamentals of a potential affordable housing levy.** The conversation has been initiated with a group that includes King County, Seattle, and SCA member city leadership, along with affordable housing developers and other partners. HDC is willing to continue these discussions directly with cities and welcomes feedback on how to expand their outreach and engagement throughout this process. Development of an affordable housing levy is in the earliest stages and may be planned for a 2027 or 2028 ballot.

****Questions for your Colleagues:**

- What are the potential opportunities that come with this initiative?
- What are the potential barriers or challenges that come with this initiative?
- For this levy to be seen as a success or adding value to your city, what would the levy need to achieve?
- Beyond the need for more funding, what are additional barriers to building affordable housing in your community?
- How can HDC and regional partners best engage with cities throughout this process?

Item 9: Updates/Informational Items**DISCUSSION****Item 9.a: Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues**

This standing PIC item provides an overview of key issues scheduled for discussion on regional boards and committees to inform the Public Issues Committee and support proactive engagement and policy alignment.

The SCA policy staff have identified the following issues for consideration by PIC as potential items for discussion:

- **PSRC Transportation Policy Board: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**
 - Submit RTP feedback to PSRC by the March 12 TPB meeting to allow time for review and possible incorporation. The planned final vote to approve will take place at the PSRC General Assembly meeting in May.
- **Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC): Sewer Rates**
 - RWQC is in the middle of setting the 2027 sewer rate and capacity charge. The Wastewater Treatment Division has proposed a 12.75% increase to the monthly sewer rate. RWQC will consider adopting a rate response letter at their April 1 meeting. The Executive's proposed sewer rate will be transmitted to King County Council on April 23 and acted on by the Council in June. The SCA RWQC Caucus



has suggested that SCA submit a rate response letter, which would be discussed at the April PIC meeting and potentially approved at the May PIC meeting.

Item 9.b: Levies & Ballot Measures

This standing item details upcoming King County and special district levies and ballot measures. **PIC members are encouraged to share upcoming or recently approved city and special districts levies and ballot measures with SCA staff.**

Item 9.c: PIC 2026 Work Plan

This new standing item provides a look ahead at upcoming topics for PIC meetings. The PIC work plan is a living document, subject to change as issues arise or are identified for discussion. The items listed on the work plan are not finalized unless formally listed on an upcoming PIC agenda.