



SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION

SCA Public Issues Committee

April 8, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall, Council Chambers

AGENDA

- 1) **Welcome and Roll Call – Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, PIC Chair** 5 Minutes
- 2) **Public Comment** 5 Minutes
- 3) [Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2026 Meeting](#) 5 Minutes
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- 4) **Chair’s Report – Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, PIC Chair** 5 Minutes
- 5) **Executive Director’s Report – Robert Feldstein, Executive Director** 5 Minutes
- 6) [Regional Boards & Committees Mid-Year Appointments](#) 5 Minutes
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Robert Feldstein, Executive Director
- 7) [2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter](#) 30 Minutes
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Laura Belmont, Policy Analyst
- 8) [State Legislative Update & Panel Discussion](#) 40 Minutes
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Aj Foltz, Senior Policy Analyst
- 9) **Updates/Informational Items** 20 Minutes
 - a. [Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues](#)
 - b. [Levies & Ballot Measures](#)
 - c. [2026 PIC Work Plan](#)
- 10) **For the good of the order**
- 11) **Adjourn**

Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – April 15 – Renton City Hall
- b. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 13 – Virtual
- c. SCA Summer Social – Evening of Wednesday, July 22 – Lake Wilderness Lodge, Maple Valley

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

SCA will lead policy change to make the Puget Sound region the best in the world for our diverse communities.

Values

SCA is committed to creating 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. SCA acknowledges the systemic racism and inequities in our society and continues its commitment to the work needed to address them.

Guiding Principles

- Assume that others are acting with good intent
- No surprises!
- Have each other's backs
- Think about who is not at the table
- Be candid, but kind
- Once a decision is made, work together to make it work
- Show up to meetings prepared
- Be fully present and engaged during meetings
- Extend grace to others – cut them some slack
- Remain open-minded
- Respect differing views

Commonly Used Acronyms

ADS Advisory Council	Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services
AHC	Affordable Housing Committee
AFIS Advisory Committee	Automated Fingerprint Identification System Advisory Committee
AWC	Association of Washington Cities
BOH	Board of Health
BPAC	PSRC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
CJTC	Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
CPPs	Countywide Planning Policies
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflows
CYAB	Children and Youth Advisory Board
DCHS	King County Department of Community and Human Services
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
GMA	Growth Management Act
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board
GMPC	King County Growth Management Planning Council
GSP	Greater Seattle Partners
HIJT	Affordable Housing Interjurisdictional Team
IJT	Interjurisdictional Team – staff support to the GMPC
ICA	Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
ILA	Interlocal Agreement
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
KCEC	King County Project Evaluation Committee
KCRHA	King County Regional Homelessness Authority
LEOFF1 Disability Board	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board
MCC	Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency
MKCC	Metropolitan King County Council
MRSC	Municipal Research Services Center
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
MWPAAC	Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee
OPMA	Open Public Meetings Act
PHSKC	Public Health – Seattle & King County
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
PRA	Public Records Act
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
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
SKHHP	South King Housing and Homelessness Partners
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
TPB	PSRC Transportation Policy Board
WTD	King County Wastewater Treatment Division



SCA Public Issues Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

March 11, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Online Meeting

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 32 cities were represented. ([Attachment A](#)).

Guests present included: *Naren Briar, Bellevue (PIC Alternate); Adam Olen, Duvall (PIC Alternate); Susan Honda, Federal Way (PIC Alternate); Paul Adair, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Kelli Curtis, Kirkland (PIC Alternate); Dennis Martinez, Tukwila (PIC Alternate); Tom McLeod, Tukwila; Katie Halse, Bellevue Staff; Chris Searcy, Enumclaw Staff; Andreana Campbell, Kirkland Staff; Ken Courter, Normandy Park Staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond Staff; Eric Perry, Renton Staff; Carmela Ennis, King County Council Staff; John Sheller, King County Library System; Sophie Glass, A Regional Coalition for Housing; and Patience Malaba, Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County.*

Chair Assefa-Dawson noted that any discussion in the chat for those joining online would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes ([Attachment B](#)).

2. Public Comment

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment and encouraged any individuals with comment to contact sca@soundcities.org .

Hearing none, Chair Assefa-Dawson closed this portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2026 Meeting

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, asked for any questions or amendments to the minutes of the February 11, 2026 SCA PIC meeting.

Deputy Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, moved, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Porter, Covington, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 SCA PIC Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, stated that she had no items to report.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein shared that the March networking event was highly successful and that attendees were engaged. Feldstein provided context for today's PIC discussion, stating that the sales tax being considered by the King County Transportation is an item where a vote could happen in about two weeks and therefore may need an emergency action, whereas Item 8 is on a two- or three-year timeframe for early feedback.

6. Regional Board and Committee Appointments

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz briefed members on appointments recommended by the PIC Nominating Committee as shown in the packet ([here](#)) on pages 16-20.

Councilmember Shilpa Prem, Kirkland, asked whether there were any updates regarding the appointment for Greater Seattle Partnerships. SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein shared that there were some applicants from the previous application cycle who did not realize they had to resubmit an application, and that staff are following up with them.

Redmond Council President Melissa Stuart, SCA PIC Vice Chair, thanked members for their interest in serving on regional boards and committees. She stated that the committee cannot consider applications that do not exist and encouraged members to apply in future application cycles. Vice Chair Stuart added that there was a late vacancy due to the resignation from former Issaquah Council President Barb de Michele and the recommendations in the packet reflect this.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, asked for the packet link to be shared in the chat.

Kruller moved, seconded by Vice Chair Stuart to recommend the SCA Board approve the 2026 Regional Board and Committee appointments as recommended by the PIC Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax

Presentation by SCA staff. Materials attached and available [here](#).

SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate overviewed that state law allows county or city legislative authorities to create Transportation Benefit Districts (TBDs) to fund and implement transportation improvements. TBDs have access to a number of funding options, including councilmanic and voter-approved sales taxes and vehicle license fees. These funds are to be used for transportation improvement, which may include investment in new or existing transportation projects and programs of regional or statewide significance, or the operation, preservation, and maintenance of those facilities or programs. King County, Seattle, and 21 SCA cities have TBDs.

TBD funding sources include councilmanic vehicle license fees, which are not stackable with those imposed by local TBDs. For instance, Seattle has already passed the maximum councilmanic vehicle license fee, meaning that if King County's TBD passes a councilmanic vehicle license fee, they cannot collect any money from Seattle. A councilmanic vehicle license fee requires revenues of the fee to be distributed to each city within the district by interlocal agreement.

The King County Transportation District (KCTD) was created in 2014 with support from SCA. It is governed by the KCTD Board consisting of all 9 King County Councilmembers. In February 2014, KCTD placed a transit funding measure on the ballot, which was also supported by SCA. This measure would have instituted a \$60 vehicle license fee and 0.1% sales tax, which revenue distributed 60% to Metro and 40% to Roads and local jurisdictions. This measure was not approved by voters. In March 2020, the possibility of a 10-year 0.2% sales tax was discussed by the KCTD Board but not pursued due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year, KCTD proposed a 10-year, 0.1% sales tax for Roads and Metro. PIC approved an SCA letter expressing concerns with the timeline for engagement and the number of new taxes. A decision on the tax was postponed, and KCTD Board Member Perry met with SCA members to follow up.

King County's Road Services Division (Roads) is supported by property tax on unincorporated properties, gas tax, and grant funding. Property tax has decreased due to annexation, and the gas tax has remained flat. Roads estimates that the capital program will run out of funding by 2028. King County Metro also faces significant funding challenges, as they are projecting not meeting their reserve requirements by 2031 and having a negative fund balance by 2033.

KCTD met on February 25 where they were briefed on funding challenges and revenue options. KCTD has not put forward a proposal, but discussion has centered on a 0.1% councilmanic sales tax to address Roads funding challenges. KCTD is an independent government, so this would not require review by the King County Executive, regional committees, or other governing bodies. To begin collection this year and prevent possible Roads cuts, KCTD must approve and submit information to the Washington Department of Revenue by April 17.

SCA staff have compiled a policy position document with shared priorities for SCA members regarding a new KCTD revenue proposal. If approved, this document would serve as a guiding document for SCA staff, Board members, and caucus leaders from transportation committees as they engage with KCTD Board members. Because KCTD is likely to adopt a proposal before the April 15 SCA Board of Directors meeting, SCA staff recommend that PIC approves the SCA Policy Position as an emergency action.

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein stated that emergency action is not a preferred course of action, but that discussions of this tax began after the previous PIC meeting, and a decision is likely to be made prior to the next PIC meeting. He also shared that it is challenging to respond given that KCTD has not announced a formal proposal.

Tate reviewed the SCA emergency action procedure. The first step is to move and declare an emergency action, which requires an 85% vote. Next, the Policy Position document will be discussed and amendment, with each amendment requiring a simple majority vote. A two-thirds vote is then needed to recommend the document to the SCA Board of Directors. If

recommended, the SCA Board of Directors would review and vote whether to approve the Policy Position document at their March 18 meeting.

Tate summarized the Policy Position document. It begins with a summary of the current context and SCA's policy priorities. It then acknowledges the reality of County funding challenges while recognizing city funding constraints and the challenges of a new sales tax. The document then states that cities would like any countywide KCTD revenue proposal to include city funding and some form of city involvement in decision-making processes.

Federal Way Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, shared that a National League of Cities is scheduled for March 18 and could pose a potential challenge in voting at the SCA Board of Directors meeting.

Mayor Sarah Moore, Burien, shared that she has been unable to speak with her city regarding this item. Foltz stated that while members are recommended to run these actions by their city councils, members are welcome to abstain if they do not feel comfortable voting or can vote as they see fit.

Mayor Vic Kave, Pacific, asked about the stackability of sales taxes and tab fees. He cited that the sales taxes being stackable means a city with one will get 0.1% and a county will get 0.1% but asked whether a city or a county gets priority for receiving funds in the case that they each have a nonstackable tab fee. Tate stated that his understanding that the first jurisdiction to pose the fee is likely to receive priority for funds. Feldstein added that a vehicle license fee is unlikely to be proposed as the KCTD would be unable to receive revenues from Seattle.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ronn Mercer, Duvall, asked whether the KCTD has provided a list of prioritized projects. He stated that given the intent to prioritize high-priority road and bridge projects, it would be interesting to see whether the prioritized projects align with the revenue target they are hoping to gain. Tate stated that Roads was asked this at a meeting and that Roads has an annual plan with general prioritization criteria, but no list of projects is available.

Councilmember Bill Boyce, Kent, stated that most roads in Kent are maintained by the city and only 20% of the roads are maintained by King County. He stated that if a city maintains most of the roads, one would assume they should receive most of the funding.

Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation, asked whether staff is calling for a vote on emergency action first, and then later to discuss the policy document. Tate clarified that is correct. Ribail added that he agrees with many points, but had a few differences in viewpoints.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, stated she has been on the Regional Transit Committee for a while and that there are long-running bridge and road problems.

Ribail moved, seconded by Kruller to declare emergency action on the KCTD Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Dean Hachamovitch, Clyde Hill, expressed that he feels jammed by King County. He stated that he is unclear on the purpose of the vote and whether King County is planning to move forward with a tax no matter what. Tate stated that KCTD can move ahead with the tax regardless of SCA, and that the intent is to adopt a policy position document to guide SCA members and staff in conversations with KCTD. Feldstein shared that last year KCTD proposed a tax and chose to pause following SCA sending a letter. He stated that there was a sense a month ago that this tax was going to happen, but as of earlier in the day (after distribution of the PIC packet), he has heard it is less clear King County will drive this proposal through this year. Feldstein shared that he is regularly conversing with KCTD Board members, the King County Executive, and Roads around this topic and that therefore a policy position document will be noticed and have an impact.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, stated that for members who feel they cannot vote right now, the two positions stated are not detrimental to a city and are very positive for a city. She expressed that if a tax is to move forward, cities should receive a portion of the funding and be part of the decision-making, and that she doubts a city would be against what is in the SCA position document.

Mayor Eric Zimmerman, Normandy Park, stated that KCTD has had access to resources but has not allocated them properly, indicating a planning problem. He expressed that a planning problem should be solved via better planning rather than implementing a tax, and that Normandy Park would oppose a tax and instead ask for better resource allocation and planning and revisit a funding ask down the line.

Ribail stated that Carnation is not in favor of the tax, but that if it does go through, it is preferable to have a city voice in it and have a portion of funding going toward the city. However, he stated that he feels Roads going bankrupt and needing to reorganize might be for the best. Ribail stated that every city's average tax rate is over ten percent and adding another tax would hurt residents.

Councilmember Syd Dawson, Maple Valley, stated that his Council felt any tax increase impacts cities greatly. He stated that Maple Valley is looking at potentially increasing their revenues and is therefore not in favor of the 0.1% sales tax increase. He stated that it is unclear what projects are being prioritized. Dawson added that Maple Valley has two buses that run through the city each day and that he therefore has a hard time seeing how the funding would impact them beyond the roads in unincorporated King County adjacent to them. He agreed with Zimmerman that better planning would be preferred. Dawson expressed that Maple Valley wants to see a specific amount of funding going back to the cities before agreeing to a tax.

Councilmember Shilpa Prem, Kirkland, stated that KCTD will pass the tax regardless of whether cities agree and that therefore she sees a lot of benefit in passing a letter that states what steps cities want KCTD to take. She stated that including only at a high level what portion of funds cities want is not enough, and that cities need to state a specific percentage that is not unreasonable.

Prem suggested putting a rate of 20 percent in the letter since a similar percentage had been allocated to cities in other instances such as the Medic One Levy that allocated 27.5 percent to cities. She overviewed Kirkland's proposed amendment to Policy Priority #1 as shown in the document attached [here](#) .

Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, stated that Issaquah's unincorporated neighbors have key roads issues and therefore Issaquah felt that the flexibility of the position document is useful. He shared that Issaquah agrees with Kirkland about putting in a specific percentage. Marts expressed that Issaquah had discussed proposing 20-25 percent as they had a sense that unincorporated King County needs a lot of help right now but no money to cities would send a bad message to voters in a time where there is tax fatigue.

Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue, stated that he agrees with many comments thus far. He shared that the county-wide measure will make it difficult for cities to fund their own projects due to tax fatigue. He shared that Bellevue is considering a measure for their own TBD later this year. He expressed support for specifying a percentage for a pass-through to cities but that he would like to see a higher number closer to 25 percent. Nieuwenhuis asked whether there are any restrictions on what the pass-through money can be used for. Tate stated that the funding would be restricted to transportation improvements.

Deputy Mayor Debbie Treen, Sammamish, stated that her Council is split. One member wants all of the funding to go the County, but the rest of the Council agrees with comments made earlier in the meeting and are looking to see 25 percent of the funding. Treen stated that the policy language straddles the line of being supportive yet concerned. She expressed that many unfunded mandates are coming to cities and that this is a way to raise money. Treen stated that Eastside members outside of city limits drive on County roads to get to cities like Bellevue, Issaquah, and Redmond and therefore need to pay some share of that cost. She expressed support for the 25 percent split.

Councilmember Nathan Loutsis, Kenmore, stated that Kenmore opposes this tax. He shared Kenmore is planning for their own sales tax and that the timing is not ideal. Loutsis stated that he agrees the position should include language about members not supporting the tax but stating their ideas for if it were to go through. He also stated he agrees cities should receive funding but that he feels the percentage should be higher.

Kave stated that Pacific opposes the tax but that if it were to go through, they would like to see the items included in the document. Kave also stated that he would like to begin with a higher percentage such as 30-40 percent and negotiate down.

Boyce agreed that SCA should ask for a higher percentage as it is likely that the County will negotiate down. He added that cities will also be losing some sales taxes from items like diapers.

Dawson asked whether the amount the tax would raise county-wide per year is \$100 million. Dax confirmed that was correct. Dawson stated that this is \$1 billion over ten years, with no amount of money going back to cities.

Prem agreed with the concept of negotiation but expressed concern that if SCA proposes a very high percentage, the County will assume SCA has not looked into previous allocations. She added that the County is not likely to negotiate and rather will decide whether they agree with the percentage or not.

Chair Assefa-Dawson asked whether the document could propose “no less than 20 percent”. Kave replied he felt the number should be higher.

Kave expressed that the Medic One EMS levy is not a true representative of a pass-through and that the two levies given as examples are voter-approved, whereas the potential sales tax would be councilmanic. He added that he could not support anything less than 30 percent.

Feldstein clarified that while a specific percentage is one of the amendments Kirkland made, they also proposed other amendments.

Marts stated that it is likely to be difficult to reach the vote threshold with a specific percentage, as he cannot support anything higher than 20 percent based on discussion with his Council.

Backus expressed her support for proposing cities receive 25 percent of the entire sales tax revenue. She stated that if SCA were to ask for 20 percent of the revenue in the city where it was generate, money would be left on the table, so she would like to remove the phrase, “generated in that city” from Policy Priority #1 in Kirkland’s amendment.

Foltz suggested members vote on only the amendment pertaining to a percentage of pass-through revenue.

Dawson asked whether a vote of 85 percent or simple majority was needed for the amendments. Tate clarified that the vote to take emergency action required 85 percent, amendments require a simple majority vote, and final approval of the document requires a two-thirds vote.

Treen asked whether any of the money will go through a grant-making process cities could apply for in the chance cities do not receive an allocation of the revenue. Tate replied that his understanding is that funds would go solely to County roads.

Boyce asked Backus to restate what phrase she wanted to strike. Foltz replied that “generated in that city” was struck so it now reflects percentage of total revenue.

Backus moved, seconded by Ribail, to amend Kirkland’s proposal by changing the percentage to 25 percent and striking the phrase “generated by that city,” such that Policy Priority #1 reads: “Any countywide revenue proposal from KCTD should include a 25% pass through to

each city of the sales tax revenue”. The motion passed by roll call vote with 29 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, North Bend, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point voted in favor. The cities of Kent and Pacific voted in opposition. Milton abstained.

Prem then overviewed the other amendments proposed by Kirkland. She stated that the amendment in the summary is meant to suggest that the proposal only needs to include funding or city involvement in allocation of funds, but not both. The amendment to Policy Context #3 is to indicate that cities, like the County, also have constrained budgets and are in a similar situation. The amendment to Policy Context #5 was to provide additional examples of levies that have passed that include a direct pass-through to cities. She stated that Policy Context #6 was confusing to her and therefore she proposed to strike it.

Tate clarified that the intent of Policy Context #6 was to indicate that sales taxes are a far from perfect tool for solving long-term structural funding issues, but that he can see how it may not fit into funding conversations. Prem stated that she felt the bullet point was not relevant. She added that Kirkland’s amendment to SCA Policy Priorities #2 was to indicate that if the County does not want to move forward with a specific pass-through percentage, cities should at least be involved in decision-making.

Prem moved, seconded by Kruller, to amend the letter as shown in Kirkland’s redlined proposal. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point voted in favor. Milton abstained.

Councilmember Heija Nunn, Medina, stated that she likes the amendments overall but wants to keep Policy Context #6 as she likes the framing and thinks it helps with SCA’s messaging.

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Des Moines, agreed with Kave and Nunn that adding more taxes is regressive. She agreed with Kave’s points regarding pass-throughs from voter-approved levies not being relevant and suggested shifting the language to focus on the fact that SCA thinks those other pass-throughs are going well.

Kruller stated that she likes the idea of striking the first sentence of Policy Context #6 as she does not like the structural solution portion while keeping the second sentence.

Kruller proposed a change to Policy Context #3 (described in meeting as “friendly amendment”) to replace “like” with “just as.” The PIC incorporated this change.

Dawson suggested voting on each amendment line-by-line.

Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline, stated that she did not understand the amendment to “or” in the Summary section as she did not understand why SCA would not want to be involved in conversations about projects. Prem replied that the current phrasing suggests SCA wants King County to both provide funding for cities and have cities involved in the process of allocating funds, while “or” suggests it could be either.

Nieuwenhuis proposed a change to Policy Context #5 (described in the meeting as a “friendly amendment”) to remove the allusion to the King County EMS (Medic One) levy. The PIC incorporated this change.

Dawson proposed a change (described in the meeting as a “friendly amendment”) to revert “or” back to “and” in the Summary and to remove the phrase, “...with no pass through for cities...” from Policy Priority #2. The PIC incorporated this change.

Nunn asked whether members wanted to keep the phrase “to the extent permissible” or end the sentence prior to that in Policy Priority #2. Tate stated that he included it as the governance structure for oversight is unclear. Feldstein expressed that it is understood SCA would not go beyond how members can be engaged.

Mork stated that she does not think the group has reached consensus on whether to remove or retain Policy Context #6.

Kave proposed a change (described in the meeting as a “friendly amendment”) to remove the strike-through of Policy Context #6. The PIC incorporated this change.

Vice Chair Stuart expressed that she and her city are in favor of Policy Context #6 and that it is reflective of the SCA coalition.

Councilmember Mark Joselyn, North Bend, stated that a proposed amendment is before the body and requires a vote. He also reminded the group that an additional decision on an amendment to the Summary needed to be revisited.

Kave moved, seconded by Nunn, to remove the phrase, “to the extent permissible” from the document. The motion passed by roll call vote, with 30 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point voted in favor. The city of Kent voted in opposition. Milton abstained.

Mork moved, seconded by Deady, to leave Policy Context #6 in the document. A point of order was raised and the motion was not considered.

Councilmember Nathan Loutsis, Kenmore, stated that almost all members have expressed opposition to the sales tax and that he therefore feels it is worthwhile to include in the document to convey to KCTD the collective position on the topic.

Loutsis moved, seconded by Kave, to add a new item to the beginning of the Policy Priorities section that reads, “SCA opposes the addition of a 0.1% councilmanic TBD sales tax”.

Nunn stated that this language would preclude the Policy Priorities section from following an “if then” format.

Vice Chair Stuart expressed that Redmond would not support this amendment since SCA has been engaged with the County on this topic for several months. She stated that SCA’s letter last summer stopped the process of moving forward with a sales tax to allow for continued dialogue. Stuart said that the tax is very likely to happen at this point and therefore having a document that states SCA’s major highlights will be helpful for staff having conversations on behalf of SCA, while having a coalition saying no will likely be unhelpful.

Joselyn agreed with Stuart and stated North Bend will not vote in favor of the amendment for the same reasons. He expressed that North Bend is surrounded by King County roads.

Treen suggested that the document include a stronger statement referencing tax fatigue more strongly and that any tax on the ballot in the next year or two would be difficult to pass.

Kave proposed a change to Loutsis’s amendment (described in the meeting as a “friendly amendment”) to revise the proposed language to be an introductory clause to Policy Priorities #1, rather than an independent bullet point in the section, that reads, “SCA generally opposes the implementation of a sales tax due to tax fatigue, but any countywide...” The PIC incorporated this change to the amendment.

Mayor Troy Linnell stated that Algona does not support either phrasing of the amendment.

Marts stated that he agrees with Redmond and explained that if SCA is trying to get KCTD to support its request, SCA should not preface by saying the entire tax is a bad idea. He expressed that this amendment will make us more likely to not be heard by the County.

Ribail agreed with Marts and Stuart. He stated that while he likes the intention, SCA is going into a negotiation with little power and is likely to get more by being friendlier.

Kave expressed that SCA could begin the conversation by stating its opposition and continuing by saying that if the tax is to happen, this is what SCA would like to see.

Matsui called the question. The motion passed by roll call vote, with 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Black Diamond, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Milton, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point voted in favor. Bellevue abstained.

The amended motion that adds an introductory clause to Policy Priorities #1 that reads, “SCA generally opposes the implementation of a sales tax due to tax fatigue, but any countywide...” failed by a show-of-hands vote, with 6 in favor, 24 opposed, and 2 abstentions. The cities of Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Medina, Mercer Island, Pacific, and Sammamish voted in favor. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Black Diamond, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kirkland, Maple Valley, Normandy Park, North Bend, Redmond, Renton, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point voted in opposition. Bellevue and Milton abstained.

Ribail moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tracy Furutani, Lake Forest Park, to recommend adoption of the Draft SCA Policy Position on the KCTD Revenue Proposal, as amended, to the SCA Board of Directors. The motion passed by a voice vote, with 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point voted in favor. Milton abstained.

8. Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative

This item was moved to a future PIC meeting due to time constraints.

9. Updates/Informational Items

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz presented this standing agenda item to offer an opportunity for questions from PIC members. Foltz thanked Tate for his facilitation and members for their engagement on the King County Transportation District item. She shared that items from the Regional Water Quality Committee are slated to come to PIC at future meetings.

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein shared that King County Library System staff stated that they are no longer moving forward on a levy lid lift that had been mentioned at a prior PIC meeting.

Foltz asked members to email her with any upcoming levies and ballot measures in their cities. She reviewed the discussion items for the April PIC meeting, which include a possible sewer rate response letter and discussions of the flood response survey. The Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative discussion will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

10. For the Good of the Order

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein thanked members for their high attendance and engagement.

Deputy Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, shared that former Council President Barb de Michele stepped down from the Issaquah council last week, with over 40 years of service including being on school board, a 20-year career with the library system, and being instrumental in human services on the Eastside. Marts shared he would be happy to be a conduit for any messages members want to get to her while she focuses on recovering her health.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting
March 11, 2026**

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	David White	Troy Linnell
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Tracy Taylor
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Jared Nieuwenhuis	Naren Briar
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	
Bothell		
Burien	Sarah Moore	Alex Andrade
Carnation	Jim Ribail	Sam Harrison
Clyde Hill	Dean Hachamovitch	
Covington	Elizabeth Porter	Kiristina Soltys
Des Moines	Yoshiko Grace Matsui	Harry Steinmetz
Duvall	Ronn Mercer	Adam Olen
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Jan Martinelli
Federal Way	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Susan Honda
Hunts Point	Joe Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Paul Adair
Kenmore	Eric Adman	Nathan Loutsis
Kent	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
Kirkland	Shilpa Prem	Kelli Curtis
Lake Forest Park	Tracy Furutani	Larry Goldman
Maple Valley	Syd Dawson	Dana Parnello
Medina	Heija Nunn	
Mercer Island	Wendy Weiker	Julie Hsieh
Milton	Jason Roberts	Bruce White
Newcastle	Paul Charbonneau	Andy Jacobs
Normandy Park	Eric Zimmerman	Sue-Ann Hohimer
North Bend	Errol Tremolada	Mark Joselyn
Pacific	Vic Kave	
Redmond	Melissa Stuart	Vikek Prakriya
Renton	Ruth Pérez	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Debbie Treen	Josh Amato
SeaTac	Peter Kwon	Mohamed Egal
Shoreline	Laura Mork	
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Louis Washington	Dan Murphy
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Dennis Martinez
Woodinville	David Edwards	James Randolph
Yarrow Point	Katy Kinney Harris	

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

Attachment B: Chat Log

19:01:47 From Tola Marts, Issaquah to Hosts and panelists:

Sorry I'm late- we had a bear on the deck...

19:09:20 From Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island to Hosts and panelists:

wendy weiker/MI here, sorry to be late

19:11:40 From Henry Sladek to Hosts and panelists:

just joined, sorry....power is out here. awesome!

19:17:39 From Aj Foltz, SCA (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

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19:41:26 From Aj Foltz, SCA (she/her) to Brady Nordstrom, HDC, Hosts and panelists:

Hi Brady! We are currently discussing the item before the HDC presentation. I will promote you to panelist following this discussion for your agenda item!

19:41:39 From Aj Foltz, SCA (she/her) to Patience Malaba, HDC, Hosts and panelists:

Hi Patience! We are currently discussing the item before the HDC presentation. I will promote you to panelist following this discussion for your agenda item!

20:15:34 From Heija Nunn, Medina to Everyone:

Can we strengthen the framing?

20:15:55 From Robert Feldstein, SCA (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Process suggestion: Maybe we separate the other Kirkland suggestions about language changes from the specific percentage...

20:16:31 From Elizabeth Porter, Covington to Hosts and panelists:

We should probably vote on the original amendment and if it fails, try another amount.

20:29:32 From Heija Nunn, Medina to Everyone:

I appreciate the additional framing language. Number 6 buries the lede but is helpful language.

20:36:22 From Debbie Treen, Sammamish to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you Robert

20:46:13 From Ronn Mercer, MPT, Duvall to Hosts and panelists:

We are experiencing power surges here in Duvall due to the high winds. I'm hoping that we don't lose power and/or internet, but if my connection drops unexpectedly that is the reason why.

20:48:54 From Debbie Treen, Sammamish to Hosts and panelists:

Power's coming and going, may end up losing Internet...

21:00:34 From Shilpa Prem, Kirkland to Hosts and panelists:

agree with what others are saying that this is too negative at the outset

21:00:44 From Heija Nunn, Medina to Everyone:

We may all be losing power.

21:00:47 From Shilpa Prem, Kirkland to Hosts and panelists:

and does not put us in a good place to negotiate

21:01:22 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to Hosts and panelists:

Note: Some of us are starting to loose power and internet options do to weather

21:01:35 From Shilpa Prem, Kirkland to Hosts and panelists:

can we vote?

21:12:01 From Dan Murphy, Snoqualmie to Hosts and panelists:

Sorry, I lost power and missed the amendment. I was a “nay’

21:12:45 From Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Des Moines to Hosts and panelists:

The nays had it.

21:12:56 From Syd Dawson, Maple Valley to Hosts and panelists:

i dropped out also for a few minutes.



April 8, 2026
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 6:
Regional Board and Committee Appointments
ACTION

Staff Contact

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SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members

Council President Ruth Pérez, Renton, Chair; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Mayor Pro Tem Ronn Mercer, Duvall; Council President Melissa Stuart, Redmond

Action

The PIC Nominating Committee met on March 25 2026 to recommend mid-2026 SCA Board and Committee Appointments for consideration by the PIC. The PIC is anticipated to take action at the April 8, 2026 PIC meeting to recommend appointments to the SCA Board of Directors, who will consider PIC's recommendations at their meeting on April 15, 2026.

Background

A nominating committee of the Public Issues Committee (PIC) consisting of one representative of each SCA Regional Caucus (South, North, South Valley, and Snoqualmie Valley) is appointed annually by the Chair of the PIC, and makes recommendations to the PIC on appointments. The PIC in turn makes recommendations on regional board and committee appointments to the SCA Board of Directors.

Per SCA Bylaws, appointees to major regional committees shall be selected from among elected officials otherwise qualified to serve in such positions, in accordance with the terms of the enabling documents for creating such boards and committees. Appointees shall represent the positions of all SCA member cities. Equitable geographic distribution shall be considered in recommending appointments to the Board of Directors.

No member shall serve more than six (6) consecutive years on a regional board or committee appointed by SCA. This limitation shall not apply to alternates to regional boards and committees. Once a member has served six (6) consecutive years on a regional board or committee, they shall be ineligible to serve on said committee for a minimum of one (1) year. Pursuant to a bylaw amendment adopted on December 2, 2015, "In extraordinary circumstances, the Board may make exceptions to the six-year term limit upon the recommendation of the PIC nominating committee and the PIC when a supermajority (2/3) of Board members present and voting at a meeting finds that doing so would be in the best interests of SCA and its member cities."

The PIC Nominating Committee met on March 25, 2026 to review applications for vacancies on the following committees:

- Greater Seattle Partners (GSP)
- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council (PSCAAAC)
- Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Included in the Nominating Committee's recommendations is a finding of extraordinary circumstances to make an exception to the six-year term limit for the appointment to PSCAAAC. The recommendation is limited to a shortened one-year term. This recommendation is informed by a request from the Executive Director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to provide the Council additional time to train up new committee leadership.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following appointments to 2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees:

- Council President Ryan McIrvine, Renton, as Member to the Greater Seattle Partners
- Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent, as Member to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council for a term of 1 (one) year
- Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation, as Member to the Regional Transit Committee

These PIC Nominating Committee recommendations are shown in [Attachment A](#) .

The following committee positions remained unfilled following the Nominating Committee's meeting on March 25, including new vacancies:

- Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council (1 Member)
- Board of Health (1 Member)
- Joint Recommendations Committee (1 Alternate)
- King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC) (1 Alternate)
- Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (MCC) (1 Alternate)
- PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB) (1 Alternate)

Next Steps

Following action by the PIC, recommendations will be forwarded to the SCA Board for final approval at their next meeting on April 15, 2026.

2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services (ADS Advisory Council)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Boyd	Kent	S
Member			

Affordable Housing

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nigel Herbig	Kenmore	N
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Member	Dana Parnello	Maple Valley	S
Member	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Hugo Garcia	Burien	S
Alternate	Claire Sumadiwirya	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Christina Rustik	North Bend	SnoV

Board of Health (BOH)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Member	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N
Member	Victoria Schroff	Maple Valley	S
Alternate	Hugo Garcia	Burien	S
Alternate	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Alternate	Cheryl Paquette	Carnation	SnoV

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board (EDDB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Member	James Alberson	Renton	S
Alternate	Michelle Evans	Woodinville	N
Alternate	Tracy Taylor	Auburn	S

Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ariana Sherlock	Newcastle	N
Member	Hanan Amer	Auburn	S

Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	John Tymczyszyn	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Alex Andrade	Burien	S
Alternate	Paula Goode	Lake Forest Park	N
Alternate	Josh Amato	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Lisa Stirgus	Auburn	S

Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Cat Cotton	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Member	Kate Kruller	Tukwila	S
Alternate	Valerie Snider	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Josh Amato	Sammamish	N
Alternate	John Herbert	Maple Valley	S

Greater Seattle Partners

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan Mclrvin	Renton	S

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N
Member	Ryan Mclrvin	Renton	S
Member	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Member	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV
Member	Kate Baldwin	Auburn	S
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Mark Joselyn	North Bend	SnoV
Alternate	Lisa Wissner-Slivka	Clyde Hill	N
Alternate	Marli Larimer	Kent	S

HealthierHere Governing Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Sharn Shoker	Kent	S
Alternate	Trina Ternes	Milton	SV

2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Member	Jessica Merizan	Carnation	SnoV
Member	Jane Ho	Tukwila	S
Member	James Mayhew	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Alternate	Sun Burford	Newcastle	N
Alternate			

King Conservation District Advisory Committee (KCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Member	Tracy Furutani	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	Jessica Merizan	Carnation	SnoV
Alternate	Rocco DeVito	Burien	S
Alternate	Kevin Nichols	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Deborah Treen	Sammamish	N

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Henry Sladek	Skykomish	SnoV
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Kelly Jiang	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Vic Kave	Pacific	SV
Alternate	Darcey Peterson	Black Diamond	SV
Alternate			

KC Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 1 (LEOFF1) Disability Retirement Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Vic Kave	Pacific	SV

King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Kelly Jiang	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Betsy Robertson	Shoreline	N

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (MCC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Boyd	Kent	S
Alternate			

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Oversight Committee King County

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N
Alternate	Jane Ho	Tukwila	S

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Advisory Council

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S

PSRC Executive Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Thomas McLeod	Tukwila	S
Member	Jeff Wagner	Covington	S
Member	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Katy Harris	Yarrow Point	N
Alternate	Mark Joselyn	North Bend	SnoV

PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Pamela Stuart	Sammamish	N
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Mark Mullet	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Alternate	Cheryl Paquette	Carnation	SnoV

PSRC Operations Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S

2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Member	Peter Kwon	SeaTac	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Ruth Pérez	Renton	S
Alternate	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N

Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Zandria Michaud	Kent	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	Steve Sinwell	Clyde Hill	N
Member	Eric Zimmerman	Normandy Park	S
Member	Carmen Rivera	Renton	S
Member	Suzan Torguson	North Bend	SnoV
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S

Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Armondo Pavone	Renton	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Member	Lynne Robinson	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Alternate	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvin	Renton	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Toni Troutner	Kent	S
Member	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV
Member	Tracy Taylor	Auburn	S
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Pamela Stuart	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Larry Goldman	Lake Forest Park	N
Alternate	Vishal Bhargava	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Julie Hsiesh	Mercer Island	N
Alternate	James Mayhew	Snoqualmie	SnoV

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N
Member	Jessica Rossman	Medina	N
Member	Sarah Moore	Burien	S
Member	Dave Hamilton	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Hanan Amer	Auburn	S

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N

Key

New Appointment

Alternate to Member

Item 7:

2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter

DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION

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SCA Regional Water Quality Committee Members

Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline; Mayor Jessica Rossman, Medina; Mayor Sarah Moore, Burien; Deputy Mayor Dave Hamilton, Bellevue; Councilmember Hanan Amer, Auburn; Council President Melissa Stuart, Redmond

Discussion/Potential Action

The Wastewater Treatment Division has been preparing the 2027 sewer rate proposal, which has been presented to the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) and the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC). For 2027, the monthly sewer rate is proposed to increase by 12.75%. The sewer rate is forecasted to continue rising by double-digit percentages through 2032, resulting in the monthly sewer rate doubling by 2032 and more than tripling by 2042. SCA members have consistently expressed concern about the compounding impact of sharp increases across utilities on ratepayer affordability, which ultimately spurred the creation of a Regional Utilities Rate Summit.

At the April PIC meeting, **members will review the first draft of a letter to the King County Council and vote on whether this is an issue on which PIC wants to consider adopting a position.** This represents the first touch on the draft letter, which will return to PIC in May for final approval if PIC votes in favor of taking a position this month. A timeline is included in this memorandum outlining the process.

Background Information

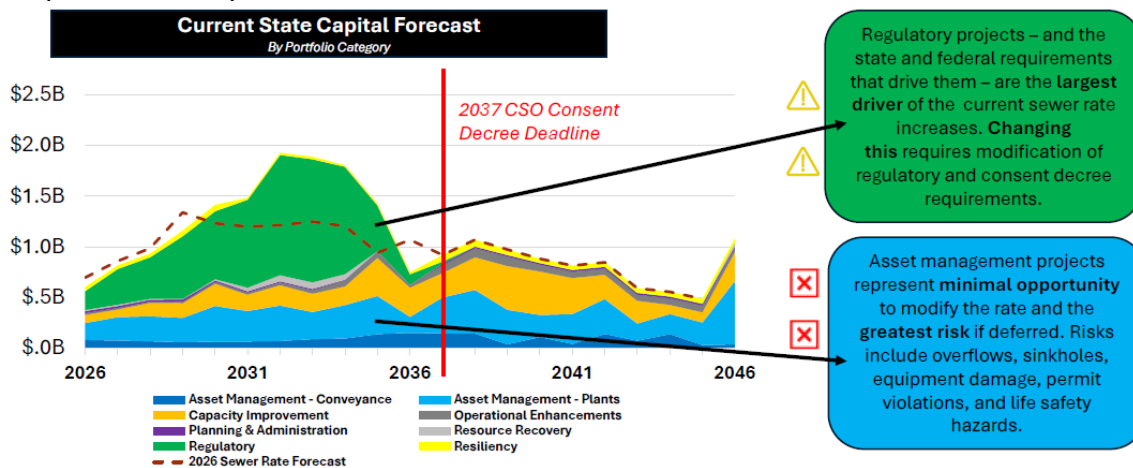
The Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) has presented their 2027 proposed sewer rate along with forecasts that extend through 2046. Costs are rising significantly, leading to proposed rate increases. Rising costs are driven by regulatory deadlines, aging infrastructure, and a growing system demand. Lower risk projects have already been deferred to reduce rate increases.

WTD is currently recommending a 12.75% monthly sewer rate increase, which raises the current monthly rate of \$62.66 to \$70.65. WTD has also presented two alternative scenarios

that they do not recommend, as those scenarios have modest value in reducing rates and add risk of system failure and/or compliance. Note that the King County Executive has not yet transmitted his official sewer rate proposal; the number provided above represents WTD's proposal.

WTD currently forecasts capital spending at \$14.2 billion from 2026 to 2036 and \$10.3 billion from 2037 to 2046. This spending is driving an increase in the revenue requirement, and therefore also an increase in the sewer rate. The capital forecast accompanying the Draft WTD Proposal is shown below, followed by the 20-year rate forecast.

Capital Forecast for the Recommended Rate Scenario



Capital forecast as provided in Regional Water Quality Committee meeting materials for April 2026.

Forecasted Rate Path for WTD's Recommended Rate

2026 Rate Forecast:

	Adopted	Proposed									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Rate Increase %	7.50%	12.75%	12.75%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	7.25%	7.25%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Monthly Sewer Rate	\$62.66	\$70.65	\$79.66	\$90.42	\$102.63	\$116.49	\$124.94	\$134.00	\$136.68	\$139.42	\$142.21
Rate Increase \$	\$4.38	\$7.99	\$9.01	\$10.76	\$12.21	\$13.86	\$8.45	\$9.06	\$2.68	\$2.74	\$2.79
All-In Debt Service Coverage	1.48x	1.47x	1.57x	1.50x	1.47x	1.57x	1.59x	1.57x	1.55x	1.53x	1.44x

		2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046
Rate Increase %		4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	1.75%	1.75%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	
Monthly Sewer Rate		\$148.61	\$155.30	\$162.29	\$165.14	\$168.03	\$170.98	\$171.84	\$172.70	\$173.57	
Rate Increase \$		\$6.40	\$6.69	\$6.99	\$2.85	\$2.89	\$2.95	\$0.86	\$0.86	\$0.87	
All-In Debt Service Coverage		1.55x	1.66x	1.78x	1.83x	1.88x	1.93x	1.95x	1.96x	1.98x	

2027 WTD's Recommended Rate Forecast:

	Adopted	Proposed									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Rate Increase %	7.50%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	11.25%	11.25%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	1.75%
Monthly Sewer Rate	\$62.66	\$70.65	\$79.66	\$89.82	\$101.28	\$112.68	\$125.36	\$135.39	\$146.23	\$157.93	\$160.70
Rate Increase \$	\$4.38	\$7.99	\$9.01	\$10.16	\$11.46	\$11.40	\$12.68	\$10.03	\$10.84	\$11.70	\$2.77
All-In Debt Service Coverage	1.62x	1.60x	1.74x	1.68x	1.60x	1.58x	1.61x	1.49x	1.51x	1.55x	1.55x

		2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046
Rate Increase %		1.75%	3.75%	3.75%	3.75%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	0.50%	0.50%	0.00%
Monthly Sewer Rate		\$163.52	\$169.66	\$176.03	\$182.64	\$186.75	\$190.96	\$195.26	\$196.24	\$197.23	\$197.23
Rate Increase \$		\$2.82	\$6.14	\$6.37	\$6.61	\$4.11	\$4.21	\$4.30	\$0.98	\$0.99	\$0.00
All-In Debt Service Coverage		1.52x	1.54x	1.58x	1.61x	1.60x	1.63x	1.64x	1.66x	1.67x	1.69x

Forecasted rates provided in Regional Water Quality Committee meeting materials for April 2026.

It is important to note that the rates shown above only represent the wholesale or regional rate, which funds the regional wastewater system. WTD contracts with cities and local sewer districts that deliver customer-facing services and set rates to fund the local portion of the system, called the local or retail component. Therefore, exact rates paid by ratepayers will vary

by jurisdiction. Further, increases in wholesale rates limit the ability of local agencies to increase their rates and fund the needs of local systems.

Sewer Rate Proposal Timeline

WTD began presenting rate scenarios to members of the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) and the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) in February. Rate conversations have been ongoing since in the two bodies; MWPAAC submitted a rate response letter following their March meeting, and RWQC is currently drafting its letter. The King County Executive is expected to transmit his 2027 Rate Proposal later this month, which will then be considered by the King County Budget and Fiscal Management Committee and by King County Council. Possible action by the King County Council is expected in June, as the rate must be adopted by July 1. The full timeline for the process is below.

Detailed Sewer Rate Proposal Timeline

Month	Date	Agency	Briefing
January	1/29/2026	Executive Budget Office	2027 WTD Preliminary Sewer Rate Proposal
	2/4/2026	RWQC	2027 WTD Preliminary Sewer Rate Proposal
February	2/5/2026	MWPAAC Rates & Finance	2027 WTD Preliminary Sewer Rate Proposal
	2/25/2026	MWPAAC General	2027 WTD Preliminary Sewer Rate Proposal
	2/26/2026	E-Team	2027 WTD Sewer Rate Proposal
	3/4/2026	RWQC	2027 WTD Sewer Rate Proposal
March	3/5/2026	MWPAAC Rates & Finance	2027 WTD Sewer Rate Proposal
	3/19/2026	Executive	2027 WTD Sewer Rate Proposal
	3/25/2026	MWPAAC General	2027 WTD Sewer Rate Proposal, vote on letter to KC Executive
	3/26/2026	Executive	Tech Memo due to the Executive
	4/1/2026	RWQC	Discuss contents of rate letter to be sent to KC Executive prior to transmittal
April	4/3/2026	MWPAAC Rates & Finance	Discuss potential letter to KC Council
	4/24/2026	KC Council	Executive transmits 2027 Rate Proposal to Council
	4/29/2026	MWPAAC General	Action on potential letter to KC Council
May	5/6/2026	RWQC Budget and Fiscal Mgmt	Briefing
	5/28/2026	Committee	Discussion only
June	6/4/2026	RWQC Budget and Fiscal Mgmt	Briefing only
	6/11/2026	Committee	Possible Action
	6/17/2026	KC Council	Consideration/Possible Adoption
	6/24/2026	KC Council	Consideration/Possible Adoption (backup date)
	7/1/2026	Approval required by this date	

Rate timeline adapted from Regional Water Quality Committee meeting materials for March 2026.

SCA RWQC Caucus Discussions and Rate Summit

The SCA RWQC Caucus raised significant concerns throughout the 2026 sewer rate setting process about rapidly rising rates and affordability, especially around how multiple double-digit

rate increases will compound for ratepayers. This culminated in the SCA RWQC Caucus declaring support for and participating in the Regional Utility Rate Summit in November 2025. At the Summit, local elected officials heard from major regional utilities and discussed the combined impact of rate increases and the drivers of rising rates. SCA members have continued to express concern around the growing rate affordability crisis and included utility rate affordability as a priority area on SCA’s County Priorities document.

The SCA RWQC Caucus has continued to raise concerns about the compounding impact of multiple sharp increases across utilities, including the year-over-year effect of double-digit sewer rate increases, during the 2027 sewer rate setting process. The Caucus has recommended that SCA consider sending a rate response letter to further raise awareness around the issue of utility rate affordability and relay requests to address their concerns.

SCA Rate Response Letter Review & Approval Timeline

April

Wednesday 4/8
April PIC meeting
First Touch

Staff present information and draft letter.

PIC votes on whether it is an issue on which they want to consider adopting a position. A majority of members present must vote in favor to bring the issue back to the next meeting for possible adoption.

In discussion, amendments to the draft (if applicable) would be noted.
**This is when the amendment process starts; amendments offered by members at the meeting or afterwards will be included in the May PIC packet.*

Wednesday 4/15
April Board meeting

SCA Board of Directors discusses the item and reviews the first draft of the letter.

Between April & May PIC meetings

PIC members can seek feedback from their city council, their mayor, and/or city staff.

Proposed amendments can be sent to SCA staff:
 Policy Analyst Laura Belmont: laura@soundcities.org

SCA Staff will send regular updates on proposed amendments to PIC members and staff during this time, so conversations remain up to date.

May

Friday 5/1 **Amendment collection process closes**

If PIC members wish to propose additional amendments after May 1, members must propose the amendment at the May PIC meeting.

Wednesday 5/13
May PIC meeting
Second Touch

The draft letter comes back to PIC for a vote. Proposed amendments are reviewed in succession.

Additional amendments can be made at this time, either by:

- Introducing individual motions for amendments, or
- Live-updating document and moving to recommend it to the Board as shown on screen.

PIC votes to recommend the final letter to the Board for approval.

Wednesday 5/20
May Board meeting

The Board of Directors reviews the letter as drafted and amended by PIC and makes the final decision to adopt the letter.

Draft SCA 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter

Metropolitan King County Council
516 3rd Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Chair Sarah Perry and King County Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Sound Cities Association (SCA), I am writing regarding Proposed Ordinance [X] 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge. SCA is deeply concerned about the affordability of the sewer rates proposed for 2027 and forecasted in the near-term. Ratepayers are facing the compounding impacts of multiple years of double-digit sewer rate increases and sharp rate increases from other utilities. This trend is unsustainable. We request that WTD continue its Sewer Rate and Capital Work Plan including third-party review and multi-year rate options, incorporate a longer-range financial outlook, provide transparent reporting on system health and policy alignment, and clearly articulate the steps taken to identify and achieve cost savings.

We are aware of the 2027 proposed monthly sewer rate of \$70.65, a 12.75% increase over the current monthly sewer rate of \$62.66. Currently, monthly sewer rates are projected to double by 2033 and triple over the course of the forecasting period. These increases only account for the regional portion of the sewer rate, as cities and sewer districts levy their own rate increases to fund their local systems, further adding to ratepayer burden. In light of this, we encourage WTD to more holistically incorporate an understanding of the significant impact of rates on people living in the County. Sharp wholesale rate increases mean cities need to more acutely track their own ability to increase rates to address local system needs. We request that rate examinations not be siloed, such that increases to other utilities' rates, especially by the County, are factored into future sewer rate proposals.

We are committed to the health of Puget Sound and the people living around it. We understand the importance of maintaining dependable infrastructure to ensure the system continues to protect public and environmental health and acknowledge that rate increases may be necessary to do so. However, rate increases must be balanced with ratepayer needs.

To address these concerns, we support the recommendations proposed in letters by the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) and Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC). We therefore request WTD:

- Continue the work on the Sewer Rate and Capital Work Plan, including third-party capital program review and work towards multi-year rate options.
- Ensure future rate conversations include a focus on a longer-range view beyond the current 10- to 20-year window.
- Continue to consider and present information on the needs of the system and whether rates have kept up with those needs.
- Articulate steps WTD has taken to find savings across its categories of expenditure and the communicate the amount of those savings.
- Provide clear reporting on how WTD has aligned with its adopted policies. While we appreciate the inclusion of multiple rate scenarios in this year's process, exact policy levers available to affect sewer rates remain unclear, as does how policy choices made thus far have contributed to rate growth.
- Work with the RWQC to determine policies regarding rate affordability for future cycles.
- Collaborate with regulators to develop a data-informed regulatory approach to achieve meaningful environmental outcomes. Alternative pathways for regulatory capital projects should also provide relief from the stacking of expensive projects.

Thank you for your increased transparency during this year's sewer rate development process and for your continued partnership. We look forward to continuing to collaborate on ways to address the growing affordability crisis for our ratepayers.

Sincerely,
[SCA Board of Directors]

Cc: Girmay Zahilay, King County Executive
John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division
Sharman Herrin, Government Relations, Wastewater Treatment Division
Regional Water Quality Committee Members

Item 8:
State Legislative Update & Panel Discussion

DISCUSSION

SCA Staff Contact

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Discussion

At the April meeting, SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz will host a panel discussion with staff from SCA member cities on the 2026 state legislative session. The session will begin with a brief presentation focused on the SCA 2026 State Legislative Agenda ([Attachment A](#)), followed by a moderated panel discussion and an opportunity for Q&A.

The Washington State legislative session ran from January 12 to March 12. Each year, SCA develops a state legislative agenda through a process that begins with the SCA Legislative Committee. The agenda is then reviewed, amended, and approved by PIC and the SCA Board of Directors. The 2026 State Legislative Agenda includes the following topics:

- Fund & Support Indigent Defense Services
- Expand Access for Public Safety Local Options
- Support Local Housing Priorities
- Invest in Local Climate Action
- Fund & Support Local Transportation Priorities
- Support for Safe Use of E-Bikes and E-Motorcycles/E-Dirt Bikes
- Modernize Liability Laws to Protect Cities and Taxpayers

Additionally, SCA supports legislation that aligns with the following guiding principles:

- Advance racial equity and social justice
- Improve the social safety net
- Make no unfunded mandates to cities
- Preserve local decision-making authority

SCA staff monitored the actions of the Washington State legislature throughout the duration of the session. If you are seeking additional information on a topic, please reach out to the SCA policy analyst whose portfolio matches the issue at hand:

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SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION

2026 State Legislative Agenda

The Sound Cities Association (SCA) urges the Washington State Legislature to adopt a balanced and equitable approach to policymaking that empowers cities to meet the varied and unique needs of communities in King County.

Fund & Support Indigent Defense Services

Cities require sustained state funding, workforce development, and guidance to meet the new indigent defense caseload standards, which are expected to significantly strain local budgets and operations. The projected cost increase for surveyed SCA cities is nearly 700% over ten years, with local funding models disproportionately impacting cities with the most indigent defense cases.

SCA supports:

- State funding for most—if not all—public defense to ensure equity and stability; and,
- Policies that strengthen the public defense workforce.

Expand Access for Public Safety Local Options

SCA cities support a range of state funding sources for public safety and the flexibility to allocate funds based on local priorities. While cities appreciate HB 2015's criminal justice sales tax, restrictive requirements limit cities' ability to access and use the funding effectively.

SCA supports:

- Easing restrictions on eligibility for the HB 2015 sales tax; and,
- Increasing support for public safety workforce and alternative crisis response programs.

Support Local Housing Priorities

Cities request adequate time to implement existing housing regulations before new policies are introduced, along with flexible funding tools to meet both state and local housing goals.

SCA supports:

- Prioritization of incentives over mandates that allow locally tailored approaches that focus on outcomes rather than prescriptive methods;
- Increasing the HB 1590 revenue allocation to cities for housing and behavioral health services from 40% to 50%; and,
- State engagement with cities throughout the legislative process and aligning regulatory efforts, including environmental regulations, with a broader strategy to expand housing supply.

Invest in Local Climate Action

SCA cities ask the state to collaborate more directly with cities to support local climate action. While cities have developed robust climate resilience plans, funding remains a major challenge.

SCA supports:

- Investment in local sustainability efforts; and,
- Providing transparent communication about Climate Commitment Act funding, including outcomes, impacts, and future resources.

Fund & Support Local Transportation Priorities

SCA cities ask the state to provide flexible options for funding local transportation. SCA cities in King County face a major transportation funding gap: the Puget Sound Regional Council's Regional Transportation Plan shows a 45% shortfall for cities compared to much lower gaps for counties and WSDOT.

SCA supports:

- Sustainable state transportation revenue that provides funding for local preservation, maintenance, operations, and safety improvements;
- Implementing a Road Usage Charge with a more balanced revenue distribution than the current gas tax; and,
- Instituting flexible funding options to address growing infrastructure demands.

Support for Safe Use of E-Bikes and E-Motorcycles/E-Dirt Bikes

SCA cities support the use of regulatory and law enforcement strategies to promote the safe and appropriate use of e-bikes and e-motorcycles/e-dirt bikes.

SCA supports:

- Expanded State regulations to address the rising popularity of e-bikes and e-motorcycles/e-dirt bikes among youth to ensure safe use while promoting sustainable transportation
- Adding a definition for e-motorcycles/e-dirt bikes in state code. As e-motorcycles/e-dirt bikes are distinct from both e-bikes and traditional electric motorcycles, a clarifying statewide definition will ensure these emerging technologies are correctly classified and uniformly regulated to ensure public safety and responsible use.

Modernize Liability Laws to Protect Cities and Taxpayers

Cities across King County face rapidly escalating liability costs that strain local budgets, jeopardize essential services, and contribute to long-term fiscal instability. Outdated state liability statutes, including rules governing joint and several liability, admissible medical damages, and the presentation of non-economic damages in court, create conditions where municipalities may be held disproportionately responsible for financial judgments even when their share of fault is limited. These escalating pressures reduce cities' ability to invest in public safety, infrastructure, human services, and other core functions. SCA supports balanced, statewide liability reforms that ensure fair compensation for injured parties while preventing municipalities and taxpayers from bearing disproportionate financial burdens.

SCA supports:

- Updating joint and several liability statutes to ensure that financial responsibility aligns with actual fault, including limiting full liability for defendants whose share of fault is minimal or triggering joint responsibility only when a defendant is found to be primarily at fault.
- Reforming the calculation of medical damages by allowing only actual amounts paid or owed rather than inflated, billed charges—to be considered in settlement and judgment calculations.
- Promoting fairness and transparency in jury awards by ensuring that any stated amounts of non-economic damages presented to a jury are directly tied to evidence rather than arbitrary or speculative anchors.
- Pursuing statewide reforms that protect the long-term financial health of local governments while maintaining equitable access to justice for injured individuals.

SCA Legislative Guiding Principles

SCA supports legislation that aligns with the following guiding principles:

- Advance racial equity and social justice
- Improve the social safety net
- Make no unfunded mandates to cities
- Preserve local decision-making authority



Item 9.a:
Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues

This memorandum 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:

- **Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)**
 - The first meeting of the GMPC will take place on Thursday, April 30. The SCA Caucus has emphasized its priorities in Interjurisdictional Team meetings and in the Draft GMPC Work Plan. Following discussion at the April meeting, the GMPC will vote on approval of the work plan. Priorities for 2026 include:
 - Review of Countywide Center applications
 - Strategic Climate Action Plan updates
 - Advising on the King County Housing Monitoring process
 - Collaborating with the SCA Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) Caucus

- **Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative**
 - Staff are tracking Sound Transit’s Enterprise Initiative and possible impacts to SCA members across the region, with an expected vote by the end of May.
 - PIC members may be interested in recommending that the SCA Board releases a statement calling on Sound Transit to prioritize a regional system.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the SCA staff assigned to the committee; SCA staff assignments can be found on the [SCA website](#) .

Committee	SCA Caucus	Next Meeting	Upcoming Issues
Regional Policy Committee (RPC)	Caucus Chair: Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn Caucus Vice Chair: Councilmember Jay Arnold, Kirkland Councilmember Lynne Robinson, Bellevue; Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton; Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent; Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation	April 8	The April RPC meeting has been cancelled.

<p>Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board (TPB)</p>	<p>Caucus Chair: Councilmember Jay Arnold, Kirkland; Caucus Vice Chair: Council President Susan Honda, Federal Way; Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent; Councilmember Peter Kwon, SeaTac; Council President Ruth Pérez, Renton</p>	<p>Apr 9</p>	<p>Reviewing and incorporating feedback on Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with planned final vote in late May. Reviewing federal priorities and project selection process for 2027.</p>
<p>Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)</p>	<p>Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish; Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline</p>	<p>Apr 10</p>	<p>Briefings and discussions on the 2027 Solid Waste Rate, comprehensive solid waste management plan, curbside organics and recycling, waste acceptance rule update. Possible action on an advisory committee letter on King County Title 10 Legislation.</p>
<p>KCRHA Governing Board</p>	<p>Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Councilmember Kelly Jiang, Issaquah; Mayor Betsy Robinson, Shoreline</p>	<p>April 10</p>	<p>KCRHA Board Retreat Review proposal to start a Finance Committee, responsible for providing financial oversight, ensuring fiscal health, maintaining internal controls, and providing informed recommendations to the Governing Board regarding the financial status of KCRHA.</p>
<p>King County Regional Transit Committee (RTC)</p>	<p>Caucus Chair: Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvine, Renton Caucus Vice Chair: Deputy Mayor Neal Black, Kirkland Council President Susan Honda, Federal Way; Councilmember Toni Troutner, Kent; Councilmember Tracy Taylor, Auburn; Councilmember JC Harris, Des Moines; Councilmember Pamela Stuart, Sammamish; Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation; Councilmember Larry Goldman, Lake Forest Park; Councilmember Vishal Bhargava, Bellevue; Councilmember Julie Hsieh, Mercer Island; Mayor Jim Mayhew, Snoqualmie.</p>	<p>Apr 19</p>	<p>Joint RTC/King County Transportation, Economy, and Environment (TrEE) Committee meeting on FIFA World Cup preparedness</p>
<p>Board of Health (BOH)</p>	<p>Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland; Councilmember Victoria Schroff, Maple Valley; Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia, Burien; Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent; Councilmember Cheryl Paquette, Carnation</p>	<p>Apr 29</p>	<p>Briefings on Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention, life expectancy and mortality rates of Black males, King County Regional Homelessness Authority, overdose prevention and</p>

			response, pet business/zoonotic code and rates, sexual health.
King County Regional Law, Safety, & Justice Committee (RLSJC)	Caucus Chair: Deputy Mayor Neal Black, Kirkland; Councilmember Zandria Michaud, Kent; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Councilmember Steve Sinwell, Clyde Hill; Mayor Eric Zimmerman, Normandy Park; Councilmember Carmen Rivera, Renton; Councilmember Suzan Torguson, North Bend; Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	Apr 23	FIFA Men’s World Cup Briefing
Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)	Kelli Curtis, Kirkland; Ryan McIrvine, Renton; Melissa Stuart, Redmond; Amy McHenry, Duvall; Jim Ribail, Carnation; Kate Baldwin, Auburn; Annette Ademasu, Shoreline; Mark Joselyn, North Bend; Lisa Wissner-Slivka, Clyde Hill; Marli Larimer, Kent	April 30	Draft Agenda: Action: Approve GMPC 2026 Work Program State Legislative Session Update Federal Legislative Update Housing Monitoring Program GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update
Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)	Chair: Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline Vice Chair: Mayor Jessica Rossman, Medina Mayor Sarah Moore, Burien; Deputy Mayor Dave Hamilton, Bellevue; Councilmember Hanan Amer, Auburn; Council President Melissa Stuart, Redmond	May 6	Regional Wastewater Services Plan update discussions, sewer rate and capacity charge discussions and response letter
Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)	Mayor Nigel Herbig, Kenmore; Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland; Deputy Mayor Dana Parnello, Maple Valley; Councilmember Lindsey Walsh, Issaquah; Councilmember Annette Ademasu, Shoreline; Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia, Burien; Councilmember Claire Sumadiwirya, Bellevue; Councilmember Christina Rustik, North Bend	May 7	Briefing: King County Countywide Housing Needs Assessment policy implications Briefing: 2026 Financial and policy outlook
Local Hazardous Waste Program Management Coordination Committee (MCC)	Councilmember John Boyd, Kent	May 19	Briefings on performance and financial updates, legislative report, annual report, regional engagement and outreach. Executive sessions on household hazardous waste facilities, capital assets, and service level/facility improvements.



Item 9.b:
Levies and Ballot Measures

The upcoming King County and special district levies and ballot measures are below. PIC members are encouraged to share upcoming or recently approved city and special districts levies and ballot measures with SCA staff.

Upcoming Ballot Measures – King County				
Year	Month	Measure	Proposal	Status Update
2027	TBD	Best Starts for Kids levy renewal	TBD	Scheduled renewal for BSK levy

Tracking Potential Taxes & Levies			
Year	Measure	Proposal	Status Update
2026	King County Transportation District councilmanic sales tax	0.1% sales tax; 100% dedicated to roads SCA advocating for 25% pass-through and cities involved in decision making	Decision delayed until next hearing in May (exact date TBD) KCTD debated the 25% pass-through, proposing additional numbers (20%, 15%, and 12.5%) ultimately deciding to continue work over the next month
2027 or 2028	King County Transportation District voter-approved sales tax	0.2% sales tax focused on Metro	Early stages of informal discussion
2027 or 2028	Housing Levy	Proposal TBD	On March 31, Executive Zahilay issued Executive Order with commitment to “Explore a new dedicated revenue source for housing.”

Newly available by the State	House Bill 2442: Authorizes a new city/county local sales and use tax to fund services for children and families	0.01% sales and use for things such as: workforce development, childcare, after-school programs, client transportation, rental assistance, and more	TBD Counties and cities have non-compounding authority; counties that take the increment must offer a credit to any cities that take the increment. There is no implementation date or requirement for cities to adopt before the county
Newly available by the State	House Bill 2442: Authorizes a new county property tax levy for public health clinic expenses	\$.05/\$1,000 AV authority for the operation, maintenance, and capital expense of public health clinics	TBD Anticipated King County will choose to take it

Upcoming Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Election	City	Measure	Proposal
2026/2027	Yarrow Point	Public Safety Levy	TBD

Upcoming Ballot Measures - Special Districts			
Election	Special District	Measure	Proposal
TBD	Covington	Parks District	TBD – Fact-finding stage

Other Renewals – King County		
Year	Renewal	Status Update

Item 9.c:
2026 PIC Work Plan

This document 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. **Items listed below are not finalized unless formally listed on an upcoming PIC agenda.**

Month	Agenda Items	Potential Topics
April <i>In-Person Meeting</i>	ACTION: Regional Boards & Committees Mid-Year Appointments DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION: 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter DISCUSSION: State Legislative Update & Panel Discussion	<i>Countywide Levies/Levy Follow-Up</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIDD III Implementation Plan King County Transportation District Tax - 0.2% voter-approved tax for King County Metro
May	DISCUSSION: Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative POTENTIAL ACTION: 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter DISCUSSION: SCA Flood Response Survey	<i>Utilities/Utility Affordability</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Utility Affordability Rate Summit follow-up Solid Waste Long Term Disposal Plan <i>Environment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organics Rulemaking Regional Wastewater Services Plan
June	DISCUSSION: Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) Guiding Principles	<i>Public Safety</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigent Defense Transit Safety Gun Violence Prevention
July	POTENTIAL ACTION: Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) Guiding Principles	<i>Emergency Management</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Response
August		<i>Regional Committees</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSRC Representation
September	DISCUSSION: State & County Legislative Agendas DISCUSSION: 2027 Appointments Briefing	<i>Identified by PIC Members</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land use regulations Affordable housing

October	ACTION: State & County Legislative Agendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral health • Protections for immigrant communities • Economic development • Human services • Local areas/regional assets (e.g., SeaTac airport expansion; North Bend trucking facilities) • Surveillance and privacy, related to Flock and Ring cameras • AI and technology • Criminal Justice Sales Tax • Flood response & emergency management • Regional utility rates
November		
December	ACTION: 2027 Committee Appointments	

Past 2026 Meetings

Month	Agenda Items
January	<i>**No January PIC Meeting**</i>
February	ACTION: 2026 PIC Schedule DISCUSSION: PIC Orientation & New Member Welcome DISCUSSION: Looking Back & Looking Forward
March	ACTION: Regional Board & Committee Appointments EMERGENCY ACTION: Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax