



SCA Public Issues Committee

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.

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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.