



SCA Public Issues Committee

October 14, 2026 - 7:00 PM

IN-PERSON ONLY

Renton Technical College

3000 NE 4th St., Renton WA 98506

Room C111

AGENDA

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| 1) Welcome and Roll Call – Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, PIC Chair | 5 Minutes |
| 2) Public Comment | 5 Minutes |
| 3) Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2026 Meeting
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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) Appointment of the 2027 SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members
ACTION
Lydia Assefa-Dawson, PIC Chair | 15 Minutes |
| 7) Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update
DISCUSSION
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Aj Foltz, Senior Policy Analyst | 20 Minutes |
| 8) SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & County Priorities
ACTION
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Aj Foltz, Senior Policy Analyst | 45 Minutes |
| 9) Updates/Informational Items
a. Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues
b. Levies & Ballot Measures
c. 2026 PIC Work Plan | 15 Minutes |
| 10) For the good of the order | |

11) Adjourn

Upcoming Events

- a. Solid Waste Long-Term Disposal Public Comment Period Lunch and Learn – October 19 – 12 PM-1PM – Virtual
- a. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – October 21 – 10 AM - 12 PM – Renton City Hall
- b. AWC Districts 7 and 13 Meeting & SCA Fall Event – October 28 – 5:30 – 8:00pm - Maplewood Greens, Renton [Register on AWC Website Here](#)
- c. **SCA PIC Meeting – November 4 (due to holiday) - 7 PM – 9 PM - Virtual**
- d. SCA 2026 Annual Meeting – Evening of Wednesday, December 2 – The Museum of Flight

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
KCEPC	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

September 9, 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. 26 cities were represented. ([Attachment A](#)).

Guests present included: Tracy Taylor, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Vikek Prakriya, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Megan Utemei, Auburn Staff; Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Bellevue Staff; Anthony Hemstad, Des Moines Staff; Andreana Campbell, Kirkland Staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond Staff; Cassie Byerly, King County Executive Staff; Marissa Chávez, King County Executive Staff; Emma Palumbo, King County Executive Staff; Tania Mondaca, King County Council Staff; and Ali Blum, King County Solid Waste Division Staff.

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 – July 8, 2026 Meeting

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, asked for any questions or amendments to the minutes of the July 8, 2026 SCA PIC meeting.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, moved, seconded by Mayor Vic Kave, Pacific, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026 SCA PIC Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, reviewed discussions from the July PIC meeting and overviewed the September PIC meeting agenda. She encouraged members to reach out to SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz with any future PIC meeting topics.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein stated that the King County Executive has announced that he will submit legislation to merge KCTD into the King County government. Feldstein also stated that SCA is at the table on the Breaking the Cycle Investments and Revenue Workgroup as well as the Regional Transit Safety Taskforce and expressed enthusiasm for greater participation from members. He also mentioned that the King County Behavioral Health Bridge, formerly known as MIDD, Implementation Plan is currently being reviewed by both the King County Council and Regional Policy Committee. King County Council has asked for additional time to review the Plan and will likely vote on it in November or December. Feldstein also stated that SCA is working to collect early feedback on the Best Starts for Kids Levy Renewal.

Feldstein mentioned that the SCA call for nominations for regional boards and committees will open later this month. He expressed that members should encourage their colleagues to apply.

Feldstein then opened discussion on the structure and format of PIC meetings. Members discussed interest in alternating between virtual and in-person formats, with possible hybrid formats, timing of meetings, and possible alternation of locations.

6. Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update

Marissa Chávez, Director of Policy and Innovation, King County Executive Office, provided members with a presentation regarding the Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup. Materials are available on the SCA website [here](#).

Marissa Chávez, Director of Policy and Innovation, King County Executive Office, introduced Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, who spoke about her experiences on the workgroup. Chávez overviewed that Executive Zahilay's Breaking the Cycle Executive Order has multiple components, including a workgroup. She overviewed the steering committee's members and objective, which is to hear from a variety of individuals from around the County. The Breaking the Cycle (BTC) Investments and Revenue Workgroup is working to discuss the recommended dedicated revenue source, rate of revenue, and recommended investments to support emergency shelter and affordable housing in King County. She mentioned that the County is also looking holistically at other related investments such as the Veterans, Senior, and Human Services Levy to determine where to pivot and how to bring new resources into the landscape.

Chávez overviewed the timeline of the committee's work and recommendations, as well as what engagement has been done and is planned. She mentioned that she is working with SCA staff to incorporate feedback regarding the current levy landscape. She shared possible County estimates for different levy rates: a \$0.10 levy would raise \$950 million over 10 years while a \$0.50 levy would raise \$4.5 billion over 10 years.

Chávez also presented a housing investment spectrum to visualize possible options for levy investment allocation. She mentioned that 0-30% AMI is where housing investment is currently falling short, as is investment in 0-50% AMI for rental assistance and stability services. She stated that creating new units and preserving existing units are both key considerations that have been

factored into their investment planning. Chávez stated that, of the categories, rental assistance and stability services is currently estimated to need the lightest level of investment.

She overviewed that the committee is looking at existing housing levies within Washington. Three cities in Washington have a housing levy: Seattle, Bellingham, and Vancouver. Seattle's levy rate is the highest at \$0.50, with their investments primarily used for rental production and preservation, followed by operation, maintenance, and services. They do not fund emergency shelters via their levy. Bellingham's investment includes emergency housing and makes a larger investment in rental assistance and housing services; Vancouver's levy is similar.

PIC members emphasized the importance of clearly defined outcomes and accountability for any future housing funding measure. They also expressed interest in a regional governance structure that builds on existing subregional partnerships while giving cities a meaningful role in decision-making. Members expressed concerns that the task force may not have enough meetings to fully address outcomes and implementation details. PIC members also stated that housing affordability differs significantly across cities, making it important to view affordable housing as a workforce investment that allows residents to live closer to where they work rather than focusing solely on housing production.

Members also raised that relying on property taxes to fund housing may further strain affordability for residents, and housing investments should be paired with job training and supportive services to help people achieve long-term self-sufficiency. They also shared that smaller cities depend heavily on regional housing partnerships and should continue to have a voice. PIC members also expressed that additional taxes can worsen affordability pressures for residents, making it important to understand how levy revenues would be distributed among cities and what allocation formula would be used.

7. SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & County Priorities

SCA staff provided members with a presentation regarding the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda and County Priorities. Materials are available on the SCA website [here](#).

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz overviewed the draft SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda and County Priorities and encouraged members to reach out between the September and October PIC meetings with any amendments. She began by stating that the purpose of the State Legislative Agenda is to communicate state legislative priorities to the Washington State Legislature for the 2027 session. A new section on local budget sustainability was added to align with city priorities and the Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) agenda. Some topics, including indigent defense and liability laws, were carried over from SCA's 2026 Agenda due to a lack of action during the 2026 legislative session, while other topics were updated. New sections were added to align state asks with local priorities and to address small city priorities. Foltz mentioned that the agenda was quite lengthy and asked members to consider that when submitting amendments.

She then overviewed the draft County Priorities, highlighting that its purpose is to provide a roadmap for SCA and King County to collaborate on key issues and strengthen jurisdictional partnerships. She stated that it builds on a strong foundation of collaboration with the County following last year's document, allows SCA staff to act on these priorities in conversations with the County and regional partners, and also includes a new section for small cities priorities.

Foltz overviewed the timeline for review and amendments to these documents and encouraged members to seek feedback from their city councils.

Some members stated that they plan to introduce an amendment relating to the expansion of SEA Airport and mitigation measures at the state level. PIC members expressed appreciation for the agenda's handling of land use and pointed out that AWC's legislative priorities document calls for more clarity around HB 1220's housing requirements. Members also shared that they would like land use conversations to include consideration of local median incomes and the challenges of requiring housing in smaller communities that lack access to services and transportation. One recommendation was to focus funding in these communities on the services and infrastructure that would allow for affordable housing, rather than the housing itself. One member called for an awareness of the impacts of energy infrastructure on local communities.

8. Levies & Ballot Measures Round Table

SCA staff provided members with a presentation regarding the SCA levies and ballot measures tracker. Materials are available on the SCA website [here](#).

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz expressed that in recent months SCA has become known for tracking regional levies and ballot measures. She stated that SCA wishes to make its tracker more useful both internally and for external partners. Foltz overviewed the structure of the tracker, which includes upcoming ballot measures in King County, potential taxes and levies, upcoming ballot measures in SCA cities, and past taxes and levies.

Members discussed their cities' upcoming levies and ballot measures, which will be reflected in the tracker for the October PIC meeting. Members also shared that continuing to ask cities for their upcoming levies and ballot measures in PIC meetings is their preferred way to share upcoming items. Additionally, they shared that tracking special district measures such as fire departments and schools would be useful for cities and external partners. They also expressed that having an interactive levies & ballot measure tracker would be helpful, though members acknowledged capacity restraints of SCA staff.

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 highlighted that the Behavioral Health Bridge, formerly MIDD, Implementation Plan is currently before the Regional Policy Committee. She also highlighted the regional transit safety taskforce is currently assembling workgroups to funnel down priorities identified in a large survey.

Foltz overviewed the PIC work plan for the upcoming October meeting, which includes an additional update on the Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Work Group as well as an action item to vote on the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda and County Priorities. She encouraged members to reach out with agenda items.

10. For the Good of the Order

SCA Executive Director, Robert Feldstein, encouraged members to attend the upcoming SCA networking event scheduled for October 28.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting
September 9, 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	
Burien	Sarah Moore	Alex Andrade
Carnation	Jim Ribail	Max Voelker
Clyde Hill	Dean Hachamovitch	
Covington	Elizabeth Porter	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Yoshiko Grace Matsui	Harry Steinmetz
Duvall	Ronn Mercer	Adam Olen
Enumclaw	Ed Storton	Jan Martinelli
Federal Way	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Les Sessoms
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	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Eric Zimmerman
North Bend	Errol Tremolada	Mark Joselyn
Pacific	Vic Kave	
Redmond	Melissa Stuart	Vikek Prakriya
Renton	Ruth Pérez	Ed Prince
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: Zoom Chat Log

2026-09-09 19:02:54 From Tracy Taylor - City of Auburn to Hosts and panelists:

Not sure if everyone knows - Tracy Buxton had a stroke and she's home - but send some prayers her way

2026-09-09 19:15:41 From Yoshiko Grace Matsui - City of Des Moines to SCA (direct message):

Mohamed Egal of SeaTac is trying to log in - he's in the waiting room

2026-09-09 19:18:11 From Heija Nunn - City of Medina to Hosts and panelists:

I really enjoyed the last meeting with small groups

2026-09-09 19:18:33 From Eric Adman - City of Kenmore to Hosts and panelists:

Maybe a poll on this topic?

2026-09-09 19:19:34 From Shilpa Prem - City of Kirkland to Hosts and panelists:

poll sounds great

2026-09-09 19:20:03 From Heija Nunn - City of Medina to Hosts and panelists:

Come to Medina!

2026-09-09 19:21:41 From Heija Nunn - City of Medina to Hosts and panelists:

Agree on timing and hybrid

2026-09-09 19:23:00 From Jim Ribail Mayor Carnation to Hosts and panelists:

What I'm hearing is the State and County need to have a better road program.

2026-09-09 19:55:26 From Heija Nunn - City of Medina to Hosts and panelists:

Wasn't one of the member concerns that a countywide levy would actually constrain cities from delivering their own goals because now we will be contributing to a county initiative, perhaps with little ability to influence formal cities, while still having to deliver on state mandates with our own limited resources and opportunities to drive buy in

2026-09-09 19:59:47 From Wendy Weiker - City of Mercer Island to Hosts and panelists:

Regional challenge needs regional solution.

2026-09-09 20:02:51 From Robert Feldstein - SCA to Hosts and panelists:

@Heija Nunn - City of Medina - when Marissa mentioned the issue of "regional credit," that touches on the same issue of how cities address their individual goals. If County is raising money in cities through a county affordable housing, how is that reflected in the work cities are doing in their city....

2026-09-09 20:24:56 From Jim Ribail Mayor Carnation to Hosts and panelists:

Exactly. We are outside the transit bubble in the Snoqualmie Valley.

2026-09-09 20:37:19 From Wendy Weiker - City of Mercer Island to Hosts and panelists:

No levy or ballot measure for Mercer Island this cycle

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Attachment: 1 Draft Minutes of the SCA PIC September 9, 2026

2026-09-09 20:37:37 From Sarah Moore - City of Burien to Hosts and panelists:
Burien just starting to talk about it for 2027 or 28

2026-09-09 20:38:26 From Yoshiko Grace Matsui - City of Des Moines to Hosts and panelists:
Questions about House Bill 2442, when we get to that item.

2026-09-09 20:38:46 From Sarah Moore - City of Burien to Hosts and panelists:
This is a really important project. The kind where I wonder what did we do without this?

2026-09-09 20:38:51 From Jim Ribail Mayor Carnation to Hosts and panelists:
Carnation has no levies or increased ballot measures. We cut one of our taxes by 50% and F&O is recommending no increase on utility taxes next year.

2026-09-09 20:39:13 From Mayor Egal to Hosts and panelists:
I haven't seen Mayor Backus since the Seahawks beat New England! She must be dancing over the moon! 🥳

2026-09-09 20:39:34 From Yoshiko Grace Matsui - City of Des Moines to Hosts and panelists:

2026-09-09 20:40:43 From Yoshiko Grace Matsui - City of Des Moines to Hosts and panelists:
Does SCA ever host an "after-action report" to discuss the success or less-than successful ballots and levies?

2026-09-09 20:41:25 From Kate Kruller - City of Tukwila to Hosts and panelists:
Kate is still here! We celebrated while I stayed online in the meeting!

2026-09-09 20:42:00 From Robert Feldstein - SCA to Hosts and panelists:
@Yoshiko Grace Matsui - City of Des Moines - Not that I know of (although I've seen some discussion at the CM/CA meetings...). I think it's a great idea - chance for peers to learn from each other.

2026-09-09 20:42:27 From Yoshiko Grace Matsui - City of Des Moines to Hosts and panelists:
Highline Schools 2026 Bond & Technology Levy)Prop 1) will be on the ballot in Nov.

2026-09-09 20:42:28 From Wendy Weiker - City of Mercer Island to Hosts and panelists:
Do quick search of PDC by deadline for getting city items on ballot

2026-09-09 20:46:50 From Jim Ribail Mayor Carnation to Hosts and panelists:
AJ you are always on the right track!

2026-09-09 20:51:42 From Wendy Weiker - City of Mercer Island to Hosts and panelists:
Thanks for an informative meeting!

2026-09-09 20:51:56 From Yoshiko Grace Matsui - City of Des Moines to Hosts and panelists:
Thank you!

Item 7:**Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update****Discussion**

SCA Staff Contact

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Discussion

At the October PIC meeting, Marissa Chávez, Director of Policy and Innovation for the King County Executive, will once again brief members on the work of the Breaking the Cycle (BTC) Investments & Revenue Workgroup to date.

PIC members have discussed a potential affordable housing revenue option with HDC and in breakout groups amongst yourselves. The purpose of the October presentation is to provide additional updates for PIC members to remain engaged in the discussion. Redmond Mayor Angela Birney and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus represent SCA on the BTC Investments & Revenue Workgroup.

Background

Earlier this year, the Housing Development Consortium (HDC) initiated conversations about a potential affordable housing levy with a group that included King County, Seattle, SCA member city leadership, affordable housing developers, and other partners.

On March 31, 2026, Executive Girmay Zahilay issued an [Executive Order](#) (part of the Breaking the Cycle initiative) emphasizing the need to identify new, dedicated revenue sources to address King County's affordable housing shortage. The order directed a cross-sector workgroup, the BTC Investments & Revenue Work Group, to develop sustainable funding strategies to support the development, preservation, and operation of emergency shelter and affordable housing. At the July meeting, PIC members discussed the potential levy amongst each other, leading to a list of takeaways for the SCA representatives on the BTC Investments & Revenue Workgroup.

BTC Investments & Revenue Workgroup

The most recent meeting of the Investments & Revenue Work Group took place on Monday, September 28. The work group is tasked with:

[Developing] policy, structural, and funding recommendations to improve outcomes and coordination in the homelessness, addiction, behavioral health, and incarceration continuum. Recommendations developed by the workgroup should include policies and programs that demonstrably improve outcomes; strategies to shift toward performance-based metrics that prioritize what works; and opportunities to eliminate or restructure ineffective investments.

The specific goal of the Investments & Revenue Work Group is to “...explore a dedicated revenue source, including a countywide housing levy, to support the building, siting, preservation, maintenance, and operations of emergency shelter and affordable housing in King County.”

The work group will meet three more times in September, October, and November, with the goal of providing a summary report by December 31, 2026.

Representatives on the BTC Investments & Revenue Work Group:

- Mayor Angela Birney (Redmond), Sound Cities Association
- Mayor Nancy Backus (Auburn), Sound Cities Association
- Alison Eisinger, Coalition to End Homelessness
- Adam Glickman, SEIU 775
- Councilmember Dionne Foster, Seattle City Council
- Dorsol Plants, South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP)
- Senator Emily Alvarado, WA State Senate
- Joe Nguyen, Seattle Chamber of Commerce
- Jon Scholes (Dennis Sills), Downtown Seattle Association
- Katie Garrow, MLK Labor
- Lindsay Masters, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH)
- Jane Broom Davidson, Microsoft
- Representative Nicole Macri, WA State House of Representatives
- Nicole Vallesterro-Soper, City of Seattle Mayor’s Office
- Patience Malaba, Housing Development Consortium (HDC)
- Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, King County Council

Item 8:**SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & County Priorities****Discussion**

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2026-2027 Legislative Committee Members

The SCA Legislative Committee is a subcommittee of the SCA Board and generally includes 5-6 members representing the geographic caucuses. In 2026-2027 the members are:

Councilmember Lynne Robinson, Bellevue (Chair); Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way; Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond; Mayor Amy McHenry, Duvall; Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton; Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent

Discussion

The SCA Legislative Committee met several times in July and August to develop the draft 2027 SCA Legislative Agenda and the 2027 SCA County Priorities.

At the September meeting, PIC reviewed and discussed both documents and offered initial feedback. At the October meeting, **PIC will review proposed amendments and vote to recommend both documents to the SCA Board of Directors for final approval.**

The SCA Board of Directors is expected to formally adopt both agendas at their October 21 meeting. SCA cities are encouraged to share their respective cities' legislative agendas with SCA policy staff as they become available.

Proposed amendments can be found in [Attachment C](#).

2027 State Legislative Agenda

The Legislative Committee updated the underlying details and priorities of some of the previous year's topics and added other new areas of interest to our cities. The development of this document was informed by the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda Input survey. The legislative agenda includes the following topic areas:

- Local Budget Sustainability*
- Fund & Support Indigent Defense Services
- Expand Access for Public Safety Local Options
- Support Local Housing Priorities
- Foster Economic Development*

- Utility Affordability*
- Fund & Support Local Transportation Priorities
- Modernize Liability Laws to Protect Cities and Taxpayers
- Supporting Small City Priorities*

The document will also include the following Legislative Guiding Principles, which have not changed since last year.

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

PIC members may suggest amendments or additional topic areas to include in the legislative agenda.

2026 County Priorities

The County Priorities document is intended to suggest ways for cities and King County to strengthen their existing partnerships. With the broad theme of improving the County's communication and collaboration with cities, each topic area focuses on city issues and provides suggestions for improvements. The other function of this document is to direct SCA staff to work on these priorities at the county level throughout the next year.

The following topics are included in the County Priorities document:

- Transparency in Land Use Strategies & Decision-Making*
- Coordination on Transportation Priorities
- Utility Affordability & Planning**
- Public Safety Funding
- Supporting Small City Priorities*

PIC members may suggest amendments or additional topic areas to include in the County Priorities.

Next Steps

The SCA Board of Directors is expected to formally adopt both agendas at their October 21 meeting as amended by PIC.

**New 2027 topics*

***Was included on 2026 County Priorities; title and content adjusted for 2027*

SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda

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The Sound Cities Association (SCA) urges the Washington State Legislature to adopt an equitable approach to policymaking that empowers cities to meet their unique challenges.

SCA appreciates the state’s work to address city needs in 2025, including the adjustment of HB 2015 public safety funding requirements and the passage of SB 6110 to clarify e-bike definitions and establish a taskforce. SCA looks forward to early and frequent collaboration in these areas and the priorities below.

Local Budget Sustainability

SCA cities advocate for policies that strengthen local revenue authority and increase funding flexibility for essential local government services to support long-term fiscal health. SCA cities face persistent and growing budget challenges as revenue sources fail to keep pace with inflation, economic uncertainty, and increasing service demands.

SCA supports:

- Preserving existing revenue-sharing provisions across state policies, balancing the state budget without shifting costs to cities, and no new unfunded mandates;
- Expanding and reforming local revenue tools, including transportation benefit districts, short-term rental taxes for affordable housing, and lifting the property tax cap;
- Providing cities with more flexible and equitable funding options that are not tied solely to local retail activity and can better support a range of local government services; and,
- Developing a long-term fiscal sustainability framework that offsets revenue losses, shares revenue, and keeps pace with inflation and service demands.

Fund & Support Indigent Defense Services

SCA 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 Washington’s local funding model 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 the creation and preservation of a local option toolbox for public safety and the flexibility to allocate funds based on local priorities. While cities appreciate the sales tax authority and Public Safety Funding Program grants established by ESHB 2015, additional funding sources and flexibility are needed to effectively meet local public safety needs.

SCA supports:

- Maintaining cooperation between the Criminal Justice Training Commission and cities to ease eligibility requirements; and,
- Increasing support for ongoing public safety workforce needs and alternative crisis response programs.

Support Local Housing Priorities

SCA cities strongly support inclusionary zoning and other local housing tools that have successfully increased the number of affordable housing units in cities. Following the 2024 Comprehensive Planning process, cities are working diligently towards the set targets and request the following changes to meet state and local housing goals. The state, however, continues to pass conflicting legislation that impedes this work.

SCA supports:

- Providing adequate time for cities to implement and measure the success of existing regulations before requiring new changes;
- Utilizing performance management strategies to assess the effectiveness of housing regulations to support efficient housing development; and,
- Collecting local, regional, and statewide housing data and sharing with cities and counties to aid reporting requirements.

Foster Economic Development

SCA cities support fiscally sustainable policy approaches that encourage equitable economic growth and business investment. The state should prioritize stable and reliable revenue sources that balance fiscal needs with the potential impacts on cities, residents, and local economies.

SCA supports:

- Implementing a proactive economic development strategy that encourages investment and job growth in communities across Washington;
- Expanding economic development resources, particularly for small cities with limited capacity to pursue opportunities for growth; and,
- Strengthening state-local fiscal partnerships to ensure cities have the resources needed to serve growing communities.

Utility Affordability

SCA cities are on the frontlines where ratepayers are impacted, often directly providing utility services to ratepayers and maintaining local infrastructure. **SCA cities request the state to collaborate with utility agencies to explore data-driven regulatory approaches that achieve measurable environmental outcomes while mitigating ratepayer burden.**

SCA supports:

- A data-driven regulatory approach that ensures that infrastructure investments deliver meaningful benefits; and,
- Coordinating regulatory obligations, such as nutrient permitting, to prevent stacking of requirements that contribute to rate pressure on households.

Fund & Support Local Transportation Priorities

SCA cities ask the state to provide flexible options for funding local transportation. Cities 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:

- State transportation revenue that preserves and improves on local revenue sharing and provides funding for preservation, maintenance, operations, and safety improvements, particularly in rural or underserved areas;
- Exploration of a sustainable alternative to the gas tax, such as a Road Usage Charge or Highway Use Fee; and,
- Creation of flexible local funding options to address growing infrastructure demands.

Modernize Liability Laws to Protect Cities and Taxpayers

Like the state, SCA cities face rapidly escalating liability costs that strain budgets and jeopardize essential services. 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 liability statutes to ensure that financial responsibility is proportional to actual fault;
- Reforming the calculation of medical damages by allowing only actual amounts paid or owed rather than inflated, billed charges; and,
- 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.

Supporting Small City Priorities

SCA advocates for state legislation that recognizes the unique circumstances and priorities of small cities. Limited budgets and staff capacity can make it difficult for small cities to implement state regulations, and increasing administrative requirements diverts resources from delivering essential local services. Addressing these considerations will not only support small cities but also strengthen outcomes for cities of all sizes.

SCA supports:

- Strengthening coordination between state agencies to better align affordable housing, land use, and environmental regulations;
- Evaluating the cumulative impacts of existing state requirements on local staff capacity, and allow additional time as needed, before changing or imposing additional regulatory or administrative obligations; and,
- Reducing and streamlining reporting requirements under the Growth Management Act to improve administrative efficiency and allow staff to focus on core city responsibilities.

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

SCA 2027 County Priorities

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SCA appreciates King County's increased engagement with cities over the past year, particularly through early involvement in the affordable housing levy discussions and the 2027 Best Starts for Kids levy renewal. **Building on this progress, SCA encourages continued early and ongoing collaboration with cities on regional decisions that affect local communities.** This commitment should apply across County policies, plans, funding decisions, and initiatives, as well as the specific areas below.

Transparency in Land Use Strategies & Decision-Making

Following the 2024 Comprehensive Plan development process, **SCA cities are focused on utilizing growth management strategies to streamline the creation of affordable housing in their communities.** Cities look to King County to set the direction and regional strategy to reach these goals, while allowing cities to adapt these strategies to match their community's needs.

SCA supports:

- Ensuring new and ongoing housing, transportation, behavioral health and other King County initiatives such as Breaking the Cycle are integrated into the regional land use and growth management vision in the Countywide Planning Policies; and,
- Collaborating with SCA representatives on the Growth Management Planning Council to ensure local perspectives are included in the comprehensive regional growth strategy.

Coordination on Transportation Priorities

Residents rely on an interconnected transportation system that requires city, county, and state cooperation to function. **SCA cities appreciate King County's partnership as the region works to address emerging issues around safety, funding, access, and more.**

SCA supports:

- Continued partnership in implementing the solutions identified by the Regional Transit Safety Task Force;
- City engagement in implementation of the King County Transportation District's 0.1% sales tax Road Services Division, particularly around spending and reporting requirements for the City Transportation Improvement Program;
- City input as the King County Transportation District develops a possible future funding measure for King County Metro; and,
- Ongoing work to expand transit access for rural areas and underserved populations in King County.

Utility Affordability & Planning

SCA cities remain committed to ongoing engagement to ensure utility rates remain sustainable and affordable for residents. Cities are particularly interested in mitigating rate increases while ensuring long-term sustainability of local and regional utility systems.

SCA supports:

- Continued collaboration following the 2025 Regional Utility Rate Summit, including a second Summit on the compounding impacts of rate increases and rate relief strategies;
- Investing in infrastructure to ensure long-term sustainability of utility systems to protect public and environmental health while balancing ratepayer needs;
- A comprehensive rate-setting approach that factors in the cumulative impacts of multiple rate increases on households in King County; and,
- Long-range financial forecasting to promote stability for ratepayers and local partners.

Public Safety Funding

Rising costs in public safety, particularly abrupt or unexpected price increases for contracted county services, pose significant challenges for city budgets. **SCA cities request greater involvement in decision-making related to public safety funding** to ensure they are consistently engaged in and adequately prepared for any potential changes.

SCA supports:

- Engagement with cities during the public safety contracting process to ensure mutual communication of potential rising court fees and other costs and city priorities;
- Incorporating a phased-in approach for cities to implement rate changes where possible; and,
- Aligning city and county public safety funding priorities where possible, including allocation of House Bill 2015 (2025 Session) funds.

Supporting Small City Priorities

SCA supports county-level policies and partnerships that recognize the unique challenges of small cities. Countywide requirements can have a disproportionate impact on small cities, primarily due to staff capacity and budget constraints. Progress toward housing goals is also influenced by factors beyond a city's control, including the availability of transit, healthcare, and other essential services that support affordable housing growth. Addressing the following considerations will not only support small cities but also strengthen implementation outcomes for all King County jurisdictions.

SCA supports:

- Increasing communication, engagement, and collaboration with small cities throughout the King County Affordable Housing Committee’s 5-year annual reporting and assess & adjust period;
- Promoting greater collaboration between small cities and King County to advance coordinated engagement with the Washington State Legislature; and,
- Reducing reporting requirements throughout the comprehensive planning review process.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

DRAFT 2027 SCA State Legislative Agenda

The following amendments will add additional issue areas and language to the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda.

Proposed Amendment #1: Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) SCA Caucus

This amendment would add a new section to the state agenda.

Supporting Clean Air Agencies

Local clean air agencies are the primary point of contact for cities on air quality enforcement, monitoring, forecasting, and community education. State funding was cut by 65% in 2025 - a reduction of \$1.6 million statewide. Cities are already seeing impacts, including reduced complaint response, scaled-back monitoring, and decreased community education.

SCA supports:

- Restoring the \$1.6 million cut through the Department of Ecology; and,
- Establishing a stable, long-term funding source.

Proposed Amendment #2: SCA Staff Recommendation in collaboration with the King County Wastewater Treatment Division

This amendment would clarify existing language in the utility affordability section.

Utility Affordability

Cities are on the frontlines where ratepayers are impacted, often directly providing utility services to ratepayers and maintaining local infrastructure **or partnering with utility districts for those services**. SCA cities ask the state to collaborate with utility agencies to explore data-driven regulatory approaches that achieve measurable environmental outcomes while mitigating ratepayer burden.

SCA supports:

- A data-driven regulatory approach that ensures that infrastructure investments deliver meaningful **environmental or public health benefits**; and,
- Coordinating regulatory requirements to prevent **and reduce** stacking of requirements that contribute to upward rate pressure on ratepayers
- **Policies that shift the costs of end-of-life management of various products from ratepayers and local governments to producers via extended producer responsibility (EPR).**

Proposed Amendment #3: SCA Staff Recommendation

This amendment would add a bullet point to the local housing priorities section.

Support Local Housing Priorities

SCA cities strongly support inclusionary zoning and other local housing tools that have successfully increased the number of affordable housing units in cities. Following the 2024 Comprehensive Planning process, cities are working diligently towards the set targets and request the following changes to meet state and local housing goals. The state, however, continues to pass conflicting legislation that impedes this work.

SCA supports:

- Clarifying that the HB 1220 obligation to plan for and accommodate growth by income level is a planning-level responsibility, rather than a requirement to identify funding;
- Providing adequate time for cities to implement and measure the success of existing regulations before requiring new changes;
- Utilizing performance management strategies to assess the effectiveness of housing regulations to support efficient housing development; and,
- Collecting local, regional, and statewide housing data and sharing with cities and counties to aid reporting requirements.

Proposed Amendment #4: City of Des Moines

This amendment would add a new section to the state agenda.

Mitigation for Airport Impacts

SCA cities support state legislation for ongoing mitigation for health impacts and disparate economic development in Airport communities. A world-class, international airport is crucial to the economic development of the Puget Sound region and the State of Washington. Airport growth and expansion result in increased operations that impact airport communities disproportionately. Mitigation should address sound and air pollution, resultant negative health impacts, lower property values, and limited economic development potential.

SCA supports:

- Increased funding to replace failing port packages;
- On-going economic development support; and,
- Structural support for impacts to public safety, resident health, and lowered property values.

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:

- **Regional Policy Committee**
 - The King County Council renewed the Behavioral Health Bridge (Bridge) Sales Tax Fund, formerly known as MIDD, in September 2025. The Bridge Implementation Plan is currently under county review.
 - On October 6, the King County Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee (HHHS) reviewed and amended the implementation plan. The plan will be considered by the Regional Policy Committee on October 14, followed by a final vote at the November 5 special meeting.

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	Oct. 14	Behavioral Health Bridge Implementation Plan Oct. 14: Discussion Nov. 5 Special Meeting: Discussion & Possible Action
Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board (TPB)	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; Councilmember Erika Boyd, Issaquah	Oct. 8	PSRC Legislative Recommendations, and ongoing discussions around project selection framework update, including newly-developed Opportunity Index

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Planning Board (GMPB)	Caucus Chair: Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton Mayor Amy McHenry, Duval; Councilmember Pam Stuart, Sammamish; Mayor Mark Mullet, Issaquah; Councilmember Cheryl Paquette, Carnation; Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent	Oct. 15	TBD
Board of Health (BOH)	Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland; Councilmember Victoria Schroff, Maple Valley; Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia, Burien; Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent; Councilmember Cheryl Paquette, Carnation; Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Des Moines	Oct. 15	Pet business/zoonotic code and rates update, briefing on BOH membership plans and recruitment, Environmental Health Solid Waste future rate planning
King County Regional Transit Committee (RTC)	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.	Oct. 21	FIFA Men's World Cup debrief
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	Oct. 22	Behavioral health presentations
Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Advisory Committee (MIDD AC)	Deputy Mayor Paul Charbonneau, Newcastle; Councilmember Jane Ho, Tukwila	Oct. 22	Bridge Bylaws and Implementation Plan, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division Strategic Plan

Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board	Mayor Thomas McLeod, Tukwila; Mayor Jeff Wagner, Covington; Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish; Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline; Mayor Katy Harris, Yarrow Point; Councilmember Mark Joselyn, North Bend	Oct. 22	TBD
KCRHA Governing Board	Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Councilmember Kelly Jiang, Issaquah; Mayor Betsy Robinson, Shoreline	Oct. 23	TBD
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	Nov. 4	Regional Wastewater Services Plan update (rate structure) and 2027 schedule, briefing on Proposed Ordinance on Class A Biosolids.
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	Nov. 5	Draft 2027 AHC work plan 2026 CPP housing monitoring insights Possible action: Plan review program updates 2027 state legislative priorities
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish; Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline	Nov. 13	Comprehensive solid waste management plan, long-term disposal discussions, multi-family organics and organics enforcement, State policy forward look
Local Hazardous Waste Program Management Coordination Committee (MCC)	Councilmember John Boyd, Kent; Councilmember Sam Harrison, Carnation	Nov. 17	Proposed rate options, draft 2027 Program annual workplan

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)	Caucus Chair: Melissa Stuart, Redmond Vice Chair: Kelli Curtis, Kirkland Ryan McIrvin, Renton; Amy McHenry, Duvall; Jim Ribail, Carnation; Kate Baldwin, Auburn; Annette Ademasu, Shoreline; Mark Joselyn, North Bend; Lisa Wissner-Slivka, Clyde Hill; Marli Larimer, Kent	Nov. 18	
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Item 9.b:

Levies & 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 Previous renewal: Aug. 2021 Current rate: \$.19/\$1,000 AV	Scheduled renewal for BSK levy

Tracking Potential Taxes & Levies			
Year	Measure	Proposal	Status Update
2027	TBD	Affordable Housing Levy OR Levy Lid Lift	BTC Investments & Revenue Workgroup meetings currently taking place to shape the levy
2027 or 2028	King County Transportation District voter-approved sales tax	0.2% sales tax focused on Metro	Early stages of informal discussion
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 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
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Upcoming Ballot Measures – SCA Cities & Special Districts

This section relies on self-reported data from SCA cities and may not reflect the entire slate of upcoming ballot measures in all jurisdictions.

Election	City	Measure	Proposal
2026/2027	Yarrow Point	Public Safety Levy	TBD
November 2026	Kenmore	Levy lid lift	Levy lid lift to support and fund programs and services related to Climate and Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services. Expected to cost 36 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.
November 2026	Shoreline (Special District)	Parks District	Creation of Shoreline Metropolitan Park District. Initial property tax rate for the district is expected to be \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value
November 2026	Lake Forest Park	Public Safety Levy Lid Lift	\$0.22/1000 of assessed value to fund increases in public safety costs
November 2026	SeaTac	Public Safety Sales Tax	A 0.1% sales and use tax to fund public safety, with at least one-third dedicated to fire protection and/or criminal justice.
November 2026	Issaquah	Park Bond Renewal	Funding for park, trail, and recreation projects in the City's Park System Plan. \$0.08/1000 of assessed value
November 2026	Clyde Hill	Property Tax Levy Lid Lift	Tax levy rate would increase to \$0.50/1000 of assessed value. Proposed in light of costs of essential services rising faster than revenues.

Past Taxes and Levies (2025-2026)

Chronological order; most recent first

Year	Month	Measure	Proposal	Conclusion
2026	--	King County Transportation District councilmanic sales tax	0.1% sales tax; 100% dedicated to roads SCA position was to request a 25% city pass-through and city involvement in decision-making.	Approved at 6/12 KCTD meeting, with collection beginning 1/1/27. Implementation is ongoing. Key amendments included: 12.5% share for cities through City Transportation

				Improvement Program (CTIP), based on population. Initial 15% limit (only impacting Seattle) was removed.
2025	November	Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy renewal	\$0.250 per \$1000 of assessed value	Passed by 80.7% on the November 4 th ballot.
2025	September	Mental Illness & Drug Dependency (MIDD) sales tax renewal	Renewal of the 0.1% sales tax for behavioral health services	King County Council passed the renewal in September 2025.
2025	August	Parks Levy Renewal	\$0.2329 per \$1000 of assessed value (increase from current \$0.1973 levy rate)	Passed by 72.9% on the August 5 th ballot.
2025	April	Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Levy renewal	\$0.0275 per \$1000 of assessed property value (decrease from current \$0.03501 levy rate)	Approved by voters on the April 2025 ballot.

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
October	ACTION: Appointment of the 2027 SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members DISCUSSION: Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update ACTION: State & County Legislative Agendas	<i>Countywide Levies/Levy Follow-Up</i> - King County Transportation District Tax - 0.2% voter-approved tax for King County Metro <i>Utilities/Utility Affordability</i> - Regional Utility Affordability Rate Summit follow-up - Solid Waste Long Term Disposal Plan <i>Environment</i> - Organics Rulemaking - Regional Wastewater Services Plan <i>Public Safety</i> - Indigent Defense - Transit Safety - Gun Violence Prevention <i>Emergency Management</i> - Flood Response <i>Regional Committees</i> - PSRC Representation <i>Identified by PIC Members</i> - Land use regulations - Affordable housing - Behavioral health - Protections for immigrant communities - Economic development - Human services - Local areas/regional assets (e.g., SeaTac airport expansion; North Bend trucking facilities)
November	DISCUSSION: 2027 PIC Work Plan	
December	ACTION: 2027 Committee Appointments	

		• Surveillance and privacy, related to Flock and Ring cameras • AI and technology • Criminal Justice Sales Tax • Flood response & emergency management • Regional utility rates
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Past 2026 Meetings

Month	Agenda Items
January	**No January PIC Meeting**
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
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
May	DISCUSSION: Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative ACTION: 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter POTENTIAL ACTION: Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative
June	ACTION: Regional Boards & Committees Mid-Year Appointments POTENTIAL ACTION: 2027 Solid Waste Rate Response Letter DISCUSSION: December 2025 Flood Response – SCA Survey
July	ACTION: 2027 Solid Waste Rate Response Letter DISCUSSION: Affordable Housing Levy Discussion DISCUSSION: MIDD III Implementation Plan
August	**No August PIC Meeting **
September	DISCUSSION: Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update DISCUSSION: State & County Legislative Agendas DISCUSSION: Levies & Ballot Measures Round Table