SCA Public Issues Committee: *PIC Hot Sheet 11/4/2026*

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

Associated PIC packet materials can be found on the SCA website.

Item 6: Hazardous Waste Presentation

DISCUSSION

PIC will receive a briefing from the Local Hazardous Waste Program in King County regarding the Program's work and ongoing rate analysis and engagement.

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (Program) in King County works to protect public and environmental health from hazardous materials through work spanning hazardous waste collection, prevention, research, and policy. The Program is primarily funded through fees on solid waste and sewer services. These fees have remained the same since 2022, and the Program's fund balance is projected to fall below the required reserve beginning in 2029 without a rate adjustment. The Program is conducting stakeholder engagement exploring possible rate increase options, a 7% increase or a 9.5% increase (translating to about a 7 cent and 10 cent increase per month for a single-family residential customer, respectively).

****Questions for your Colleagues:**

- Which hazardous waste services are most important to you and your community?
- What community and local impacts should the Program consider?
- What are your thoughts on these rate options, given that actual rates may vary based on when an increase is implemented?

Item 7: SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda
DISCUSSION

At the November meeting, PIC will revisit a discussion regarding adding an amendment to the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda.

At the October PIC meeting, City of Des Moines proposed and subsequently withdrew an amendment to the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda to call on the state to pass legislation on mitigation for health impacts and disparate economic development in airport communities.

PIC discussion included recognition of the challenges that airport communities are facing, as well as concerns that amendment language could be construed broadly by the state to apply to local mitigation requirements or mitigation for other regional infrastructure such as municipal airports or rail corridors.

Item 8: 2026 SCA Impact & 2027 Work Plan Discussion
DISCUSSION

At the November Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting, SCA staff will lead a presentation on the work PIC has achieved in the past year and the items coming up in 2027. This discussion will serve as a brainstorming session for members to raise potential topics or action items for the year.

****Questions for your Colleagues:**

- What issues are important to your city council this upcoming year?
- What regional issues – or shared city challenges - do you think would benefit from discussion at PIC?
- What items would you like to learn more about in trainings/lunch-and-learns and Pre-PICS?

Item 9: Updates/Informational Items
DISCUSSION

Item 9.a: Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues

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

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

- **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.
    - King County HHHS approved significant additions to the Bridge Implementation Plan. Most notably, HHHS added a Phase 2 section that would allow King County Council oversight of pre-procurement processes to ensure alignment with the five strategy areas outlined in the implementation plan.
    - The SCA RPC Caucus has put forward amendments to ensure that 1) ZIP code level reporting is prolific throughout the Bridge Implementation Plan, and 2) RPC receives reports on pre-procurement processes at the same time as King County Council.
    - RPC's amendments will be discussed and voted on at the November 5 RPC meeting.

Item 9.b: Levies & Ballot Measures

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

Item 9.c: PIC 2026 Work Plan

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