



SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes

October 10, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
Renton City Hall Council Chambers
1055 S. Grady Way - Renton, WA 98057

Welcome and Roll Call

Mia Gregerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Twenty-one cities had representation. See [Attachment A](#) to these minutes. Guests included Maria Wood, Board of Health; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office; Dwight Dively, King County.

Chair Gregerson asked the members to move agenda item 4 concerning Mitigation in the Solid Waste Interlocal to 6a so that Mayor Lewis, Vice Chair of the Regional Policy Committee, where the issue of Mitigation in Solid Waste ILA was discussed earlier in the day, could be present for the potential action. Members agreed to move agenda item 4 to 6a.

Approval of the September 12, 2012 Minutes

David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Ross Loudenback, North Bend, to approve the September 12, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

Mia Gregerson, PIC Chair, asked if members are using their iPads or electronic tablets to view pdf documents with active bookmarks. Chair Gregerson noted that there are a number of free online Apps that make it possible to view the PIC packet with bookmarks including PDF Notes and Good Reader. The hope is to stop printing as many paper packets in the future. Chair Gregerson added that the King County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force 2012 Annual Report is available, <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ems/reports.aspx>. She also reported on the September 19 SCA Networking Dinner featuring UW President Michael Young. Dr. Young generously offered to partner with SCA member cities to provide research and internship opportunities.

Board of Health Medicine Take Back in King County

David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Kingston Wall, Snoqualmie, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors:

SCA supports a King County product stewardship program that provides a safe and effective means of disposal of pharmaceutical products.

During the discussion of this agenda item, Matt Pina, Des Moines, expressed concern for the challenge to dispose medications of homebound seniors. Legally, one should not possess another's prescription medication. Maria Wood, Board of Health Administrator, will bring up this issue to the Board of Health. Questions and comments can be directed to Maria Wood at maria.wood@kingcounty.gov or to Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, at Doreen@suburbancities.org.

Chris Roberts, Shoreline, introduced a friendly amendment to make the policy position more general by adding the words “and locally” after King County. Doreen Booth clarified that the Board of Health has the regulatory ability to require pharmaceutical companies to pay for the take back program. She continued that cities may or may not have the ability to deal with this issue. David Baker added that the Board of Health is trying to broaden this issue to include pharmacies in addition to cities. Baker encourages cities to lobby legislators to implement a statewide program. Roberts retracted his amendment. Booth added that taking back prescriptions can be a challenge for police departments and that the cost of disposal may transfer to a pharmaceutical program.

Many members shared that their councils have discussed support for proper disposal of pharmaceutical products, some through similar resolutions as provided as Attachment C in the September 12, 2012 PIC Minutes. Layne Barnes, Maple Valley, asked that City Councils consider including the nine cities that currently have programs that take back pharmaceuticals. Doreen Booth asked that copies of resolutions be forwarded to SCA, at Doreen@suburbancities.org or sca@suburbancities.org.

The motion passed unanimously.

King County 2013 Budget

Dwight Dively, Director of the King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, gave a report on the impact that the King County Budget for 2013 will have on cities. The King County Budget is transitioning from an annual to a biennial budget. Dively passed out copies of the Executive Summary of the 2013/2014 proposed budget. This document can be found at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/PSB/Budget/~media/exec/PSB/documents/2013-2014PropBudget/2013PropBudgetExecSummary.ashx>. Dively called attention to page 6 of the Executive Summary where the data shows that residents in King County are not spending as much on items that are subject to retail sales tax. On pages 10 and 12, Dively pointed out that the King County Executive’s goal, to find 3% efficiencies per year, is continuing with this proposed budget. Dively expressed concern for the Roads Fund which includes road maintenance in the unincorporated areas of the County as well as contract work with individual cities. Page 20 shows the decline in revenue available to the Roads fund. There is debate on whether there will be any paving projects in 2014. If a funding source is not found, rural roads that fail due to required maintenance, will be turned to gravel. Another major transportation challenge for the County is funding for transit. Once the \$20 car tab fee expires, Metro will be faced with cutting 17% of the system if another revenue source is not in place. Also, there will be a ballot measure to renew the Automated Fingerprint Information System (AFIS) levy. In 2013, it is likely that there will be two ballot measure renewals regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and parks levy or levies. Questions can be directed to Diane Carlson, Director of Regional Initiatives for the Office of the King County Executive, at diane.carlson@kingcounty.gov.

Discussion of the proposed 2013 King County budget included the topic of annexations. Dively explained that annexations are financially detrimental to the County. David Baker asked that the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) address impacts the King County budget has on cities. There was an extensive discussion about road funding and loss of funding for road maintenance. Mayor Lewis, Auburn, urged the PIC to bring issues involving King County to the Regional Policy Committee rather than having King County Staff make presentations to SCA members outside of PIC Workshops.

Topics of interest that PIC members would like the RPC to discuss include: mechanisms for helping cities to incorporate potential annexation area's (PAA's), less costly ways of delivering passenger ferry service, and transportation funding. Councilmember Kingston Wall mentioned that he has attended discussions that didn't have guidance; he finds it helpful to have an agency staff available to answer questions.

Matt Pina, Des Moines spoke about the need for transportation funding for road maintenance throughout the County.

Matt Pina, Des Moines, moved, seconded by David Baker, Kenmore, to bring back as early as the November 7, 2012 meeting of the PIC the following language for a potential policy position to be recommended to the SCA Board of Directors:

SCA supports new local funding options for transportation maintenance and preservation.

Pete Lewis, Auburn, commented that there are at least four different groups that have been discussing this issue and that SCA should bring information to the members of the PIC from those groups. Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, noted that the three Subarea Transportation Boards included similar language in their individual legislative agendas regarding local options. Whitman offered to bring additional information back to the PIC at the November meeting.

Public Policy Position Regarding Mitigation in Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

Pete Lewis commented that at the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) meeting, two sites for a new south King County Transfer Station were announced: one in Algona and one in Auburn. The site in Auburn is near a city park as well as existing businesses, such as the Super Mall and a regional bakery. This decision went against the recommendation of the Siting Advisory Committee for the new Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Pete Lewis, Auburn, moved, seconded by David Baker, Kenmore, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that:

SCA recognizes that Solid Waste Disposal is a regional issue and that cities that host facilities are impacted. SCA supports the Solid Waste Division mitigating the long term impacts of Transfer Stations and other regional facilities on host cities and recognizes that the maintenance of infrastructure and other impact mitigation are a cost of operating the Solid Waste System. King County Solid Waste should work with host cities to identify impacts and to determine how to address these impacts.

During discussion of this motion, Pete Lewis, called attention to a previous amendment not included in this potential public policy position language. Pete Lewis, Auburn, moved a friendly amendment, seconded by David Baker, Kenmore, to add the words "and adjacent" back into the last sentence after the word host and before the word cities. It was further clarified that the intent of this amendment is that all communities affected should have mitigation rights.

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The amendment to the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Gregerson asked if there was any further discussion on the main motion. Seeing none, she called for a vote on the main motion. The main motion as amended passed unanimously.

PSRC Transportation 2040 Plan Update

Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, gave an update on the PSRC Transportation 2040 Plan schedule and scope of work, and will report back to the PSRC transportation Policy Board (TPB). Transportation 2040 was adopted in 2010 and there are federal and state mandates that require the plan to be updated every four years. TPB is designating the Scope of Work as decision point A of the planning process at its October 11, 2012 meeting. The Scope of Work will be used to guide the work effort and will help staff set the budget, staffing, and schedule for the project. Decision point B is Strategy Development where staff will assess the projects using a score card approach and then weight each project. Preservation and Maintenance will be given the highest weight and money has been set aside for these types of projects. The federal government is now including arterials in preservation and maintenance. Layne Barnes, Maple Valley, commented that rural roads may not receive the maintenance that is required. Ross Loudenback, North Bend, commented that there will not be adequate revenue to justify tolling I-405. Whitman stated that she will look into this issue. Pete Lewis, Auburn, added that it was a difficult fight to establish that 25% of funds should be designated for preservation and maintenance projects. The draft plan is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2013. Whitman added that, at a minimum, the next update to the PIC will be before the next decision point, Strategy Development, in the spring of 2013.

RTC Linking Transit and Development Draft Preliminary Concept Report

Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) Linking Transit and Development Draft Preliminary Concept Report Preview is available for review. Whitman called attention to the Executive Summary of the Preliminary Draft Report for Linking Transit and Development where early concepts have been highlighted to include collaboration, certainty, and clarity. Collaboration between King County Metro, jurisdictions, and Sound Transit should be improved. More Certainty is needed regarding where future service will be located and how King County Metro will respond to growth. Clarity is important, as the process must be simple and clear. The preliminary report will be released on October 31, 2012. Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way, added that there is desire for greater clarity on the emphasis on the role of the activity center, based on its size and the size of the demand and what is meant by terms such as activity center and corridor.

Informational Items

Chair Gregerson noted that there are two informational items provided within the PIC material packet: (1) Growth Management Planning Council: Committee Update and (2) PSRC TPB: MAP-21 Transportation Funding. She asked that members share this information with their City Councils. There is no anticipated action on these items at this time.

Upcoming Events

The next SCA Networking Dinner is on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Tukwila. This event is also the Annual Meeting for the Membership.

The next Public Issues Committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the seventh floor of Renton City Hall. Prior to the meeting of the PIC, there will be a Workshop on the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda and Watershed Investment District (WID). The workshop will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Conferencing Center on the seventh floor of Renton City Hall.

Chair Gregerson mentioned that historically the members of the PIC decide to forego the December meeting of the PIC due to lack of agenda items. If there are necessary action items needing the attention of the members of the PIC, the December meeting may not be cancelled.

For the Good of the Order

Pete Lewis, Auburn, asked that members forward any Countywide issues to SCA that the members of the SCA-RPC Caucus should include in the RPC work plan. Please contact Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, for more information at Monica@suburbancities.org.

Vice Chair Margeson added that the deadline for the SCA 2013 Call for Nominations is this Friday, October 12, 2012. The slate of recommended appointees will be brought in front of the PIC at the November meeting for recommendation to the SCA Board of Directors.

Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way, commented that there is surplus of approximately \$26M available for Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) projects, due to low bids. There has been an additional funding added to the Urban and Small City Sidewalk projects as well as Urban Arterial projects. She encouraged member cities that have any pending or anticipated projects to forward their projects for consideration. Please contact Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, for more information at Monica@suburbancities.org.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attachment A to the October 10, 2012 PIC Minutes

**2012 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting
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City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
Algona	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
Auburn	Pete Lewis	Nancy Backus		
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider			
Black Diamond	Rebecca Olness			
Bothell	Andy Rheaume	Tom Agnew		
Burien	Jerry Robison	Bob Edgar		
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto		
Des Moines	Matt Pina	Melissa Musser		
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
Enumclaw	Liz Reynolds			
Federal Way	Linda Kochmar	Jeanne Burbidge	Susan Honda	
Hunts Point	Fred McConkey			
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Paul Winterstein		
Kenmore	David Baker	Allan Van Ness		
Kent	Jamie Perry	Suzette Cooke		
Kirkland	Amy Walen	Bob Sternoff		
Lake Forest Park	Sandy Koppenol	Tom French		
Maple Valley	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
Milton	Jim Manley	Debra Perry		
Newcastle	Lisa Jensen	Rich Crispo		
Normandy Park	Shawn McEvoy	Susan West		
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
Pacific	Leanne Guier	John Jones		
Redmond	Hank Margeson	John Stilin		
Renton	Rich Zwicker	Terri Briere		
Sammamish	Tom Vance	Tom Odell	Don Gerend	
SeaTac	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
Skykomish	Henry Sladek			
Snoqualmie	Matt Larson	Kingston Wall		
Tukwila	Jim Haggerton	Kate Kruller		
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas			
SCA				Deanna Dawson Monica Whitman Doreen Booth Kristy Burwell

Electeds present are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.