



## SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes June 8, 2011 – 7:00 PM Renton City Hall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Welcome, Roll Call and Introduction of Guests</b></li> </ul> <p>PIC Chair, Sonny Putter, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 29 cities were represented (Attachment 1 to these minutes). Guests included Bill Block from Committee to End Homelessness, Grace Yuan from Puget Sound Schools Coalition, De'Sean Quinn from King County Executive's office, Michelle Allison from the Metropolitan King County Council, Emiko Atherton from the Metropolitan King County Council, Lori Cloud from Maple Valley Economic Development Committee.</p>
MSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>Approval of Minutes</u></b></li> </ul> <p>To approve the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting of the PIC.</p>
MSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>Action Items</u></b></li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Veterans and Human Services Levy</u></b>  <p>To recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA amend its policy position on the Veterans and Human Services Levy and that the policy adopted on February 14, 2011 be stricken, and replaced by the following:            SCA supports the renewal of the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy in 2011 at the current level of five cents per \$1,000 of assessed value and with the continued 50-50% split between funding for services targeted specifically for veterans and their families and services for other King County residents as adopted on May 2, 2011 by the King County Council to the voters on the August ballot.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> </li> <li>2. <b><u>King County Flood Control District – Seattle Seawall</u></b>  <p>To recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA amend its policy position on Flood Control District Funding and that the policy adopted June 16, 2010 be stricken, and replaced by the following:            SCA supports partial funding, up to the additional \$24.5 million requested, for the Seattle seawall replacement project from funds available through the King County Flood Control District as part of its 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Program. Support for such expenditure is contingent on 1) not creating a precedent that establishes FCD support for coastal zone projects as a general policy, and 2) not jeopardizing other significant flood control projects funded through the CIP.</p> <p>Members shared concerns of funding for coastal projects and encouraged the representatives to the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC) to develop a policy to address funding for coastal projects.</p> <p>Motion passed with 23 yes votes and 5 no votes.</p> </li> <li>3. <b><u>New Regional Growth Centers</u></b>  <p>To recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA support the update of the Procedures and Criteria for new Regional Growth Centers, including criteria for existing densities of 18 Activity Units per gross acre and planned growth levels of 45 Activity Units per gross acre as proposed by PSRC staff conditioned on the addition of criteria to the current proposal to require applicants for new centers designation to demonstrate the regional significance of the proposed center and a commitment to accommodate housing and jobs at densities sufficient to support high-capacity transit through long-term growth and development over the 20-year comprehensive planning period and beyond. Future phases of PSRC work to implement Vision 2040 through a regional centers strategy should consider, as needed, additional amendments to criteria for new and existing centers to promote the success of that strategy through focused public and private investments.</p> <p>Motion passed with 22 yes votes and 4 no votes.</p> </li> <li>4. <b><u>Recommended appointment to the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)</u></b>  <p>Jim Haggerton reported on the meeting of the PIC Nominating Committee to review nominees and recommend an alternate member that would provide geographic balance to this regional council for the vacant, unexpired term ending December 31, 2011.</p> </li> </ol> <p>MSP To recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA appoint Auburn Councilmember Lynn Norman to the unexpired alternate seat on the Growth Management Planning Council.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>

▪ **Presentations/Updates**

***1. Update and Recommendation on Proposed Amendment for SCA Policy Position on Metro Transit Strategic Plan (RTC)***

Bob Sternoff provided an update on the work of the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) concerning the Metro Transit Strategic Plan. The PIC recognized the members and staff to the RTC for their hard work on the plan. Bob explained that this is still a work in progress and that additional clarifying language is recommended.

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To move forward for possible action as early as the next meeting of the PIC: the recommendation to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA support amendments to its position on the King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 subject to the following conditions:

- a. That robust policies and strategies that achieve administrative, overhead, and other system-wide efficiencies and cost are included in the Strategic Plan update, and that the plan require that Metro periodically report on actions taken and outcomes related to efficiency, especially prior to considering any significant service changes.
- b. That the plan represents balanced prioritization of productivity, geographic value, and social equity in the guidelines for providing transit service fairly throughout the county. ~~Weighted factors~~ for the reduction of services ~~of specific percentages for related to~~ productivity, geographic value, and social equity shall be clearly stated in the strategic plan. ~~Weighted factors~~ for the addition of services ~~of specific percentages for related to~~ productivity, geographic value, and social equity shall be clearly stated in the strategic plan.
- c. That the plan includes performance measures and service guidelines that reflect the land use, growth, and travel patterns that characterize suburban and rural areas of King County, rapid growth and changing demographics of suburban and rural communities as evidenced in the most recent Census data, and system design elements that effectively link suburban and rural city residents to bus transit, such as park-n-ride facilities.
- d. That measures that will ensure geographic balance in the distribution of transit service are included in the Strategic Plan update. Specifically, at a minimum, SCA supports several current proposed plan elements, including:
  - o Prioritizing service to urban and activity centers that are located in communities throughout urban King County
  - o Tailoring productivity measures to different categories of routes, such as frequent all-day service vs. peak service and corridors serving central Seattle and University of Washington locations vs. corridors for travel exclusively between suburban locations
- e. That adoption of the plan includes a requirement to develop and market expanded “alternative” transit services in areas with relatively low productivity that may face significant cuts under the proposed guidelines.
- f. That adoption of the plan includes a requirement that Metro will initiate a collaborative process to identify concerns about the service guidelines as they pertain to additions to the system with a report and recommendations transmitted to the RTC along and with timely opportunity to consider and recommend amendments to the plan and guidelines as needed, preferably prior to seeking council or public approval for long-term funding for transit in the county.
- g. That the plan includes social equity guidelines that focus on transit dependent populations, specifically low-income people, seniors, students, and disabled individuals without access to automobiles or otherwise dependent on bus transportation to meet daily needs.
- h. That the plan includes explicit feedback procedures and opportunities to evaluate within a stated period of time whether service guidelines are performing as intended and, if needed, amend the service guidelines based on performance over time
- i. That Metro provides to policy makers sufficient information on scenarios for system cuts, system growth, and system restructures for the purposes of understanding, prior to plan adoption, the potential impacts of the proposed service guidelines on transit service levels to communities and subareas of King County”

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To declare an emergency and recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA support the King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 subject to the following conditions:

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- b. That the plan represents balanced prioritization of productivity, geographic value, and social equity in the guidelines for providing transit service fairly throughout the county. Factors for the reduction of services related to productivity, geographic value, and social equity shall be clearly stated in the strategic plan. Factors for the addition of services related to productivity, geographic value, and social equity shall be clearly stated in the strategic plan.
- c. That the plan includes performance measures and service guidelines that reflect the land use, growth, and travel patterns that characterize suburban and rural areas of King County, rapid growth and changing demographics of suburban and rural communities as evidenced in the most recent Census data, and system design elements that effectively link suburban and rural city residents to bus transit, such as park-n-ride facilities.
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Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Special Presentation***

Members of the PIC recognized Michael Hubner, SCA Staff, with a cupcake cake for his dedication and hard work on many committees during his employment with SCA. Michael will be taking on a new role with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) that will be beneficial for the region and valuable to cities.

### ***2. Presentation and Recommendation on Adopting Guiding Principles (SCAAC)***

Bob Hensel provided an update and recommendation on the work of the South Central Action Area Caucus (SCAAC). The SCA Caucus of the SCAAC is recommending that the PIC approve guidelines that will inform the SCA Caucus’s review of the SCAAC Action Briefs.

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To move forward for possible action as early as the next meeting of the PIC the recommendation to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA support the following guidelines in support of proposed action briefs:

1. The SCAAC may encourage or recommend local government to make certain regulatory or policy additions, revisions, and updates to support Puget Sound recovery efforts; however, the SCAAC should not put into place plans or policies that require local governments to adopt more stringent regulations/plans/policies than currently exist.
2. The SCAAC may collect existing information/data/studies from local governments. Governments will make available existing information/data/studies in a timely manner, as resources are available.
3. The SCAAC may encourage local governments to prioritize actions consistent with the Action Agenda and SCAAC priorities. Local governments should consider such prioritization requests if they are consistent with local policies, regulations, and work plans.
4. The SCAAC may encourage local governments to work collaboratively with other organizations on achieving Action Area goals.
5. The SCAAC may lead a communication effort among members in an effort to meet Action Agenda priorities in a more consistent manner. Local governments should consider participation, as resources are available.

### ***3. Sewer Expansion in Rural Areas to Serve Schools (GMPC)***

Bob Sternoff reported on the recommendation from the SCA-GMPC Caucus to the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) concerning sewer expansion in rural areas to serve public schools. He reminded the members of the PIC that SCA has supported planned growth, not urban sprawl, as an effort to help protect the environment. Members expressed their concerns through a series of failed amendments and through two successful amendments.

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To move forward for possible action as early as the next meeting of the PIC the recommendation to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA support countywide planning policies that protect the rural and resource lands in the county by focusing urban growth and land uses within the UGA, and that SCA support strict limits on locating urban public facilities and infrastructure outside the UGA, and that SCA support amending the CPPs to prohibit the extension of sewer lines into the rural area, including to schools, on the condition that such prohibition not extend to rural area properties currently

<p><b>MSP</b></p>	<p>owned by public school districts and intended to be developed as schools. If the school district sells its property outside of the UGA to a third party, the prohibition of the extension of sewer lines will be applied.</p> <p>To declare an emergency and recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA support countywide planning policies that protect the rural and resource lands in the county by focusing urban growth and land uses within the UGA, and that SCA support strict limits on locating urban public facilities and infrastructure outside the UGA, and that SCA support amending the CPPs to prohibit the extension of sewer lines into the rural area, including to schools, on the condition that such prohibition not extend to rural area properties currently owned by public school districts and intended to be developed as schools. If the school district sells its property outside of the UGA to a third party, the prohibition of the extension of sewer lines will be applied.</p> <p>Motion passed with 28 yes votes and 1 no vote.</p> <p><b>4. Transfer Station and Interlocal Update (MSWMAC)</b>  Jessica Greenway provided an update on the Transfer Station and Interlocal Agreement of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC). Most transfer station infrastructures are aging and in need of maintenance. The current Interlocal Agreement (ILA) will fund maintenance of the transfer stations with fifteen-year bonds. A new ILA is being proposed and would allow for longer term bonds, less expensive financing than the current fifteen-year bonds. She encouraged cities to adopt the new ILA to assure cities of being a part of the countywide solid waste system.</p> <p><b>5. Update on Levee Certification Policy (KCFCDAC)</b>  Bob Lee provided an update on the Levee Certification Policy of the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC). The KCFCDAC supported and forwarded to the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors two simplified recommendations proposed by Fred Jarrett:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the City of Kent’s initiative to secure certification on their levees with the caveat that future levee maintenance is based on a risk-based approach; and that</li> <li>2. There shall be on-going discussions between interested stakeholders about long-term strategies for ameliorating issues between natural stream forces and residential/commercial land use floodplains.</li> </ol>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Reports</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Small Cities Subcommittee</b>  Barre Seibert reported that Tom Phillips, Building Official for the City of Kirkland gave a presentation on the International Building Code. It was a very valuable meeting with background on the building codes provided. The permitting process is heavily inundated with paper documents and plans and a number of cities are working together and moving to an electronic permitting system, including submission and inspections, to conserve resources and provide better customer service.</li> <li>2. <b>Executive Director’s Report</b>  Karen reported that there is an ordinance before the Metropolitan King County Council (MKCC) related to electronic billboards. She encouraged members to look at legislation on this issue and discuss with their City Council.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>For the Good of the Order</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Matt Pina announced that the King County Library System (KCLS) is planning to remove all surveillance cameras in libraries. He encouraged cities that have agreements with KCLS to discuss safety concerns in and around libraries and the benefits of the cameras to law enforcement when investigating a crime, such as child abduction.</li> <li>2. Bob Sternoff announced that the annexation for the City of Kirkland was official at midnight on May 31, 2011.</li> <li>3. Don Gerend announced that the SCA Finance Committee has agreed that a brochure to market to potential Regional Associate Members on the value of collaborating with SCA is being created with the help of City of Renton staff. He encouraged members to use these materials.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Other</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SCA Networking Dinner – June 15, 2011</li> <li>2. July 13, 2011 PIC Meeting – 7:00 PM  Small Cities Subcommittee – 6:00 PM</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Adjourn</b>  The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.</li> </ul>

AFIS – Automated Fingerprint Identification System  
BoH – Board of Health  
RTC – Regional Transit Committee  
CEH – Committee to End Homelessness in King County  
CPPs – Countywide Planning Policies  
EDDBD – PSRC’s Economic Development District Board  
ETP – Eastside Transportation Partnership  
GMA – Growth Management Act  
GMPB – PSRC’s Growth Management Policy Board  
GMPC – Growth Management Policy Committee  
KCD – King Conservation District  
KCPEC- King County Project Evaluation Committee  
FCDAC – Flood Control District Advisory Committee  
LEOFF 1 –Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Board  
LHWMP – Local Hazardous Waste Management Program  
MIDD – Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Plan  
MKCC – Metropolitan King County Council  
MPP – Multi-county Planning Policies

MSWMAC – Metropolitan SW Management Advisory Committee  
MVET – Motor Vehicles Excise Tax  
PAA – Potential Annexation Area  
PIC – Public Issues Committee  
PSRC – Puget Sound Regional Council  
REET – Real Estate Excise Tax  
REPC – Radio Executive Policy Committee  
RPEC – PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
RLSJ – Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee  
RTTF – Regional Transit Task Force  
RWQC – Regional Water Quality Committee  
SCA – Suburban Cities Association  
SCATBd – South County Area Transportation Board  
SeaShore – Seashore Transportation Forum  
SWAC – Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
TPB – PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board  
UGA – Urban Growth Area  
WRIA – Water Resource Inventory Area (often called Watershed Resource Inventory Area and/or WIRA)

## 2011 Roll Call –Public Issues Committee Meeting June 8, 2011

City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
<b>Algona</b>	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
<b>Auburn</b>	Pete Lewis	Sue Singer	Bill Peloza	
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider			
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Rebecca Olness	Bill Boston		
<b>Bothell</b>	Tom Agnew	Patrick Ewing		
<b>Burien</b>	Brian Bennett	Jerry Robison		Lisa Clausen
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
<b>Covington</b>	Marlla Mhoon	Mark Lanza		
<b>Des Moines</b>	Matt Pina			
<b>Duvall</b>	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
Enumclaw	Liz Reynolds			
<b>Federal Way</b>	Linda Kochmar	Jeanne Burbidge		
Hunts Point	Fred McConkey			
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	John Traeger		
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Allan Van Ness	Bob Hensel	
<b>Kent</b>	Dennis Higgins	Suzette Cooke		
<b>Kirkland</b>	Amy Walen	Bob Sternoff	Jessica Greenway	
<b>Lake Forest Pk</b>	Sandy Koppenol	Dave Hutchinson	Bob Lee	
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
<b>Milton</b>	Bryan Ott	Debra Perry	Bart Taylor	
<b>Newcastle</b>	Sonny Putter	Lisa Jensen		
<b>Normandy Pk</b>	Shawn McEvoy	Doug Osterman		
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
Pacific	Leanne Guier	John Jones		
<b>Redmond</b>	Hank Margeson	Richard Cole		
<b>Renton</b>	King Parker	Denis Law	Greg Taylor	
<b>Sammamish</b>	Nancy Whitten	Tom Odell	Don Gerend, Mark Cross	
<b>SeaTac</b>	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
<b>Shoreline</b>	Shari Winstead	Will Hall	Chris Eggen	Scott MacColl
<b>Skykomish</b>	Henry Sladek			
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Matt Larson	Kingston Wall		
<b>Tukwila</b>	Jim Haggerton	Kathy Hougardy		
<b>Woodinville</b>	Bernie Talmas			
SCA				<b>Karen Goroski Michael Hubner Doreen Booth Kristy Burwell</b>

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