



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda Regional Policy Committee

*Councilmembers: Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;
Rod Dembowski, Girmay Zahiray
Alternate: Sarah Perry*

*Sound Cities Association: Nancy Backus, Auburn, Vice Chair; Jay Arnold, Kirkland;
Angela Birney, Redmond; Armondo Pavone, Renton
Alternates: Dana Ralph, Kent; Debra Srebnik, Kenmore*

*City of Seattle: Cathy Moore, Alexis Mercedes Rinck
Alternates: Sara Nelson, Mark Solomon*

*Lead Staff: Miranda Leskinen (206-263-5783)
Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)*

3:00 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA

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1. Call to Order

To show a PDF of the written materials for an agenda item, click on the agenda item below.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes p. 4

Minutes of January 8, 2025 meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action

4. RPC Resolution No. RPC2025-01 p. 8



Miranda Leskinen, Council staff

Briefing

5. Briefing No. 2025-B0020 p. 20

Briefing on the Regional Horse Racing Industry

Phil Ziegler and Ron Crockett, Emerald Downs
Doug Moore and Amanda Benton, Washington Horse Racing Commission
MaryAnn O'Connell, Washington HBPA

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- 6. Briefing No. 2025-B0021 **p. 22**

General Update from Solid Waste

John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Pat McLaughlin, Solid Waste Division Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks

- 7. Briefing No. 2025-B0023 **p. 23**



Crisis Care Centers Update

Kelly Rider, Director, Department of Community and Human Services

Susan McLaughlin, Director, BHRD, DCHS

Other Business

Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

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1. **Call to Order**

Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 11 - Arnold, Backus, Balducci, Birney, Moore, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Mercedes Rinck, Zahilay, Srebnik and Barón

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Backus moved approval of the November 20, 2024 Special meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Briefing

4. **Briefing No. 2024-B0132**

Selection of the Vice Chair

Mayor Birney moved that Mayor Backus be appointed as the new vice chair. The motion passed unanimously.

This matter was Presented

5. **Briefing No. 2024-B0133**

RPC Work Plan for 2025

Miranda Leskinen, Council staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

6. Proposed Motion No. 2024-0225

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the 2023 health through housing annual report, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 24.30.

Sponsors: Balducci

Olivia Brey, Council staff, briefed the legislation to the Committee and answered questions from the members.

Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:

Votes: Yes: 12 von Reichbauer, Balducci, Zahilay, Moore, Rinck, Arnold, Backus, Birney, Pavone.
No: 0
Excused: 0

A motion was made by Mayor Backus that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Arnold, Backus, Birney, Balducci, Moore, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Mercedes Rinck, Zahilay, Srebnik and Barón

7. Proposed Motion No. 2024-0243

A MOTION approving the 2023 annual mental illness and drug dependency evaluation summary report, in compliance with K.C.C. 4A.500.309.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

Sam Porter, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Susan McLaughlin, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD), DCHS and Robin Pfohman, MIDD Coordinator, BHRD, DCHS, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

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Votes: Yes: 12 von Reichbauer, Balducci, Zahilay, Rinck, Moore, Arnold, Backus, Birney, Pavone.
No: 0
Excused: 0

A motion was made by Mayor Backus that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Arnold, Backus, Birney, Balducci, Moore, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Mercedes Rinck, Zahilay, Srebnik and Barón

8. Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0402

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special

election to be held in King County on April 22, 2025, of a proposition to reauthorize an expired regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, for a consecutive seven year period beginning in 2026 at the rate of not more than \$0.0275 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, with the 2026 levy amount being the base for computing maximum allowable levy amounts under chapter 84.55 RCW for years two through seven (2027-2032), for the purpose of funding the continued operation of the regional automated fingerprint identification system, also known as AFIS, which maintains expanded crime scene and arrest identification technology and services for all local criminal justice agencies in King County.

Sponsors: Zahilay and von Reichbauer

Sam Porter and Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members.

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Votes: Yes: 12 von Reichbauer, Balducci, Zahilay, Rinck, Moore, Arnold, Backus, Birney, Pavone.
No: 0
Excused: 0

A motion was made by Mayor Backus that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Arnold, Backus, Birney, Balducci, Moore, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Mercedes Rinck, Zahilay, Srebnik and Barón

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Regional Policy Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	4	Name:	Miranda Leskinen
Proposed No.:	RPC2025-01	Date:	February 12, 2025

SUBJECT

A Resolution adopting the Regional Policy Committee’s annual work program for 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan King County Charter includes specific language regarding the responsibilities and operation of the Regional Policy Committee (RPC). The RPC is one of three committees formed when voters approved the merger of Metro (transit and wastewater treatment services) and King County. The charter, as amended in 2008 states the following regarding regional committees (emphasis added on the work program adoption and relation to the referral of legislation):

270.30 Powers and Duties.

*Each regional committee shall develop, propose, review, and recommend action on ordinances and motions adopting, repealing, or amending transit, water quality or other regional countywide policies and plans within the subject matter area of the committee. **The subject matter area of the regional policies committee shall consist of those countywide plans and policies included in the committee's work program by a majority of the members present and voting, with no fewer than three and one-half affirmative votes.***

ANALYSIS

Resolution RPC2025-01 would adopt the RPC work program for 2025, which is Attachment A to the Resolution. Attachment A was developed after hearing feedback from RPC Committee members at the January 8, 2025, committee meeting. The work program includes language to indicate that, for the purpose of determining a subject matter for mandatory referral, listed in in Section I of the work program, pursuant to the King County Charter Section 270 and K.C.C. 1.24.065, the numbered topics, as well as the subsets of lettered topics, should be liberally construed.

Legislation relative to the topics included in Section II are not subject to mandatory referral, but rather indicate potential briefings on matters that would benefit from interjurisdictional discussion.

Additionally, Resolution RPC2025-01 indicates that the work program shall remain in effect until it is superseded by a work program that is adopted by a resolution of the Regional Policy Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution RPC2025-01
 - A. Regional Policy Committee 2025 Work Program, dated February 12, 2025
2. Illustrative Purposes Only: Track changes document comparing the 2025 RPC work program to the 2024 RPC work program



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Signature Report

RPC Resolution

ATTACHMENT 1

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Proposed No. RPC2025-01

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION concerning the regional policy
2 committee work program for 2025.

3 WHEREAS, the King County Charter establishes regional committees to develop,
4 recommend, and review regional policies and plans for consideration by the metropolitan
5 King County council, one of which is the regional policy committee, and

6 WHEREAS, the charter establishes the subject matter areas for the regional policy
7 committee to be those countywide plans and policies included in the committee's work
8 program, and

9 WHEREAS, the charter and K.C.C. 1.24.065 establish timeframes for the
10 legislative review process for these countywide plans and policies within the subject
11 matter adopted by the regional policy committee, and

12 WHEREAS, K.C.C. 1.24.065 and past practices have provided for the regional
13 policy committee to consider, examine, and comment on pending issues that are not
14 countywide policies or plans within its subject matter and therefore are not subject to the
15 mandatory review process, and

16 WHEREAS, the regional policy committee and King County council are
17 committed to effective and efficient legislative review processes that respect the charter-
18 mandated legislative process for the review of countywide plans and policies, and

19 WHEREAS, the regional policy committee has expressed interest in examining
20 emergent and enduring issues that are of countywide significance and may be a subject of
21 the committee's future policy development efforts;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the King County regional policy
23 committee:

24 The regional policy committee work program for 2025, Attachment A to this
25 resolution, is hereby approved. The work program shall remain in effect until it is

- 26 superseded by a work program that is adopted by a resolution of the regional policy
27 committee.

Attachments: A. Regional Policy Committee 2025 Work Program, dated February 12, 2025

Attachment A



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Metropolitan King County Council

Regional Policy Committee 2025 Work Program

I. Subject matters for mandatory referral of legislation¹:

- 1. Solid Waste ²**
- 2. Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Renewal Levy (VSHSL)**
- 3. Crisis Care Centers Levy (CCC)**
- 4. Homelessness, including the King County Regional Homeless Authority and Health through Housing**
- 5. Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)**
- 6. Regional Transportation (not including transit)**
- 7. Affordable Housing**
- 8. Best Starts for Kids (BSK) Levy**
- 9. Cultural/Sports/Tourism Resources and Access**
- 10. King County Doors Open Program and Implementation Plan**
- 11. Proposed new and renewal levies and bonds to be imposed countywide**
- 12. Implementation Plans for levies and bonds imposed countywide**
- 13. EMS Levy Renewal**
- 14. Parks Levy Renewal**

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² RPC acting in its capacity as the Solid Waste Interlocal Forum

II. Briefings on subject matters that would benefit from interjurisdictional discussion³

- **RPC Acting in its capacity as the Solid Waste Interlocal Forum**
 - a. Potential briefings - Planning, Recycling, Composting, Collection, Disposal, Transfer, Finance
 - b. Next disposal option
 - c. King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan
 - d. RePlus+ implementation and the economy
- **Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Renewal Levy (VSHSL)**
 - a. VSHSL Annual Report
- **Land Conservation**
- **Parks, Recreation, and Sports**
- **Homelessness**
- **Health through Housing**
 - a. Health through Housing Annual Report
- **Public Health**
 - a. Opioid and fentanyl crisis response
 - b. Winding down of federal ARPA funds
- **Regional Affordable Housing Strategies**
- **Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)**
 - a. MIDD Annual Report
- **Best Starts for Kids (BSK)**
 - a. BSK Annual Report
- **Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs**
- **Regional Transportation**
 - a. Briefings on county-wide road needs: conditions, bridges, funding and traffic
 - b. Traffic safety
- **Elections**
- **Natural Disasters**
 - a. Briefing from Office of Emergency Management on community outreach and preparedness for natural and human-caused disasters
 - b. Evacuation planning and shelter planning
- **Flood Control**
 - a. Briefing from the King County Flood Control District

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- **King County International Airport Expansion and Regional Airport Needs**
 - a. Briefing on the impacts of siting a new airport in King County
 - b. Briefing on the regional importance of KCIA
- **State of Agriculture in King County**
- **Regional Approach to Public Safety**
 - a. Briefing on Restorative Community Pathways
 - b. Briefing from the King County Sheriff's Office
 - c. Briefing from the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
 - d. Briefing from the King County Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention
- **King County's Regional Wastewater Services Plan**
- **Climate Change and Response to Motion 16463**
- **Doors Open Program**
 - a. Doors Open Annual Report
- **Briefing on World Cup Preparations**

Attachment A

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- **Doors Open Program**

~~Cultural Access 2024 One-Time Operating and Capital Grant Programs~~
Doors Open Annual Report

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- **Briefing on World Cup Preparations**



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Regional Policy Committee

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Agenda Item No. 5

Briefing No. 2025-B0020

Briefing on the Regional Horse Racing Industry

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**Agenda Item No. 6
Briefing No. 2025-B0021**

General Update from Solid Waste

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**Agenda Item No. 7
Briefing No. 2025-B0023**

Crisis Care Centers Update

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