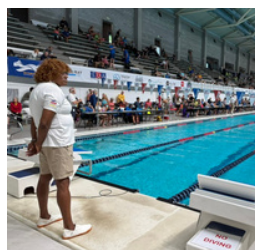
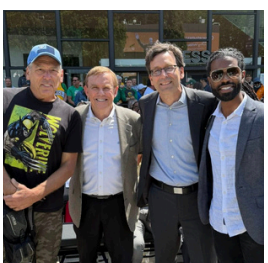




Pete von Reichbauer King County Councilmember

District 7 Fall 2025 Update



Dear Friends:

Happy Fall!

The transformation of fall mirrors the changes happening around us, and I remain grateful for the resilience of our community. It is an honor to collaborate with and support the invaluable efforts of local organizations in South King County that bring hope and create opportunities for many, especially during this time of significant transition.

I am also pleased to announce the upcoming arrival of light rail service to South King County on December 6, 2025, which will open new possibilities for families, workers, and transit riders alike.

Please take a moment to explore some of the highlights of the events I attended both locally and across King County.

With best wishes,



Pete von Reichbauer
King County Councilmember

Metropolitan King County Council King County Budget 2026-27

What is the King County Budget?

The King County budget is more than numbers — it's our community's plan for the next two years. It reflects the values we share as a region and sets the course for how we invest in health, safety, housing, transit, parks, and opportunity for all residents. Every dollar is a decision about what kind of community we want to be.

The process begins with the Executive's proposal in September and concludes in November after Council-led public hearings, deliberations, and amendments. This is one of the Council's most important responsibilities, because it determines how policy becomes action in people's daily lives.

[Click here to access the proposed budget, view committee meeting schedules, and share your comments.](#)

The Big Picture

Every dollar is an investment in safe, healthy, and sustainable communities.

TOTAL SIZE
\$19.7+
BILLION
Across many funds.

RESTRICTED FUNDS
83%
Must be spent on specific things, like wastewater and voter-approved levies.

GENERAL FUND
17%
Flexible fund that pays for local priorities.



*Based on numbers provided by the King County Executive's proposed budget.

Timeline



How to Get Involved

The budget belongs to the people of King County. Your participation ensures it reflects our shared values and priorities.

SUBMIT COMMENTS bit.ly/kcc-budget

EMAIL budget.council@kingcounty.gov

WATCH LIVE
KCTV (Channel 22) or online stream

TESTIFY Public hearings in October and November (in person or Zoom)
bit.ly/bfm-committee

REQUEST SUPPORT Free translation, interpretation, and accessibility services. Contact Tera Chea (206) 477-9259 or Tera.Chea2@kingcounty.gov, three days before the meeting.

Together, we can create a budget that invests in people, protects vital services, and sets the tone for responsible, values-driven policymaking across our region.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

- Property tax
- Sales tax
- State and federal funds
- Rates, fees, and fares

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

- Transit: buses, vans, Water Taxi
- Health: clinics, emergency medical services, public health
- Law and Justice: courts, Sheriff, transit security
- Healthy Environment: parks, trails, clean water, salmon recovery
- County Operations: elections, property assessments
- Investing In Residents: veterans, seniors, and kids
- Unincorporated Area Services: roads, permitting

Share Your Comments



Scan QR Code or visit: bit.ly/kcc-budget

King County Council Goes to D.C.

In late June, the King County Council traveled to Washington, D.C., to engage with our congressional representatives, Senator Patty Murray, Representative Suzan DelBene, and Representative Adam Smith. The purpose of the meeting was to address ongoing issues affecting our region and to seek support for vital projects and services that King County residents depend on, including public transportation.



With Sen. Patty Murray, Rep. Suzan DelBene, Rep. Adam Smith, King County Council Chair Girmay Zahilay, Councilmembers Jorge Barón, De'Sean Quinn, and Teresa Mosqueda

King County Council Proclaims July 2025 as Disability Pride Month

The King County Council proclaimed July 2025 as Disability Pride Month, commemorating the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was enacted in 1990. This proclamation seeks to honor the history, accomplishments, and experiences of individuals with disabilities. The Council is committed to nurturing an inclusive, safe, and welcoming atmosphere for people of all abilities across our region.

King County hosted a Disability Pride Celebration on July 26 at the Seattle Machinists Hall (9125 15th Pl S, Seattle, WA 98108) to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the ADA.

[Click here](#) to view the proclamation (timestamps 02:08-09:50).



With King County Councilmembers Rod Dembowski, Sarah Perry, Claudia Balducci, Girmay Zahilay, Teresa Mosqueda, De'Sean Quinn, Reagan Dunn and Jorge Barón, and Ariele Belo, Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and Co-Executive Director of Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center

Seattle Mariners Host Annual Play Ball Challenger Little League Game

On July 6, two games took place at T-Mobile Park. One was a thrilling pitching duel, where George Kirby excelled, and Randy Arozarena hit a home run, leading to a 1–0 victory. The other was a Little League CHALLENGER game, featuring boys and girls aged 4 to 18 (or 22 if still enrolled in school) who face physical and mental challenges. The Mariners won that game by hosting this event and supporting the challenger program throughout the region, including South King County. Their commitment to the community is evident in many ways. A heartfelt thank you to John Stanton and Dan Wilson, and to Snohomish County Council Chair Nate Nehring for joining me at the game.



Sound Transit Coffee Town Hall

On July 8, I hosted a Sound Transit Coffee Town Hall at KO-AM TV in Federal Way to provide an opportunity for a dialogue between Sound Transit CEO Dow Constantine and local leaders, as well as community members. The discussion centered on the forthcoming Link Light Rail Federal Way Downtown Station.



With Sound Transit CEO Dow Constantine, Maple Valley Mayor Sean Kelly, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus and Councilmembers Hanan Amer and Lisa Stirgus, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, Council President Linda Kochmar, Councilmember Jack Walsh and Jack Dovey, and Kent Councilmember Toni Troutner

Regional Policy Committee Meets at King County International Airport

On July 9, the King County Regional Policy Committee (RPC) convened at the Museum of Flight, located at the King County International Airport (KCIA).

The agenda featured a briefing on the economic impacts of the airport, presented by the Museum of Flight, the King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis, Modern Aviation, the King County Airport Round Table, and several other organizations. Additionally, there were presentations on the planning for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, as well as an update from the King County Sheriff's Office regarding infrastructure security.

[Click here](#) to watch the meeting.



With RPC Members Mayor Dana Ralph (Kent), Mayor Angela Birney (Redmond), Councilmember Rod Dembowski (King County), Mayor Armondo Pavone (Renton), Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold (Kirkland), Matt Hayes (Museum of Flight CEO), Lizbeth Martin-Mahar (King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis Chief Economist), Jan Hogrefe (The Boeing Company Chief Economist), Eric Schneider (Modern Aviation Regional Manager), Stephen Ratzlaff (Friends of Boeing Field Board Member), and Eric Utter (King County Airport Round Table Chair).

Unveiling Lenny Wilkens' Statue

It was a privilege to be one of the speakers at the unveiling of Lenny's statue at Climate Pledge Arena and to see numerous Sonic players who made Key Arena the home of the 1979 NBA champions. Lenny Wilkens is a three-time Hall of Famer (player and coach) and an MVP (Most Valuable Person).

I have known Coach for 45 years and his success ON the court is matched by his success OFF the court with Odessa Brown Clinic and many more charities.



King County Fair

Recognized as one of the state's longest-running fairs, the King County Fair (1863) is 26 years older than the state of Washington (1889). It serves as a safe and enjoyable venue for families to celebrate our region's agricultural heritage. Thanks to Muckleshoot Tribal Chair Jaison Elkins for joining local mayors and King County Executive Shannon Braddock on opening day. Good food. Good vibes.



With King County Executive Shannon Braddock, Des Moines Mayor Traci Buxton, Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, Muckleshoot Tribal Chair Jaison Elkins, Enumclaw Mayor Jan Molinaro, King County Councilmembers Reagan Dunn and Claudia Balducci, Covington Mayor Jeff Wagner, and Black Diamond Mayor Carol Benson

“Good Eggs” Breakfast with State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti

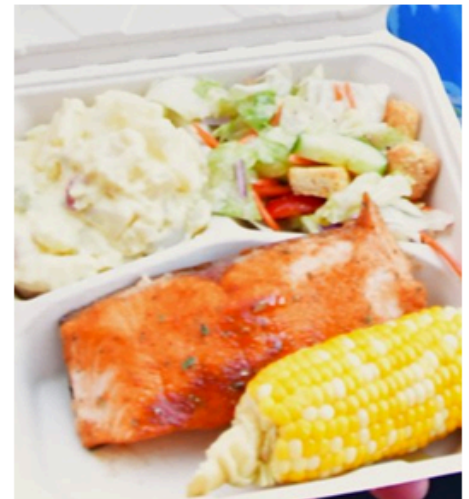
“Money...money...money. Always sunny,” said the Swedish band ABBA in 1976. Washington State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti gave a darker and difficult appraisal of finances for the coming years at the “Good Eggs” Breakfast. It is critical for the legislature to maintain and sustain our state’s rainy-day fund. Thanks to Caffe D’arte and Jeff Stock for their gift to our speaker.



With Washington State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, South King County Mayors Dave Olson (Edgewood), Jim Ferrell (Federal Way), Troy Linnell (Algona), Nancy Backus (Auburn), Dana Ralph (Kent), Traci Buxton (Des Moines), Sean Kelly (Maple Valley), and Caffe D’arte Owner Jeff Stock

Kiwanis Club of Federal Way Hosts 69th Annual Salmon Bake

Thanks to my colleagues, Claudia Balducci and Girmay Zahilay, for accepting my invitation to the 69th Kiwanis Salmon Bake and for bringing their families along. As a former President, I am proud of the Kiwanis legacy of supporting local charities for decades, and I am pleased that hundreds of attendees let me serve them at Steel Lake Park.



(Top) With Bette Simpson-Opstad, Joyce Bruce, King County Council Chair Girmay Zahilay, Jazzy Zahilay, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, and King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci; (Bottom) With Kiwanis member Kim Hensley and Sue Celski

U.S. Masters Swimming Summer National Championship

In the first week of August, more than 1,100 male and female swimmers, along with their families, gathered at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, including a remarkable 94-year-old participant. Thank you, U.S. Masters Swimming Summer National Championship sponsors, for choosing Federal Way and utilizing our hotels, restaurants, and supporting jobs in the hospitality industry.



FUSION Annual Gala: Waves of Change

It never rains on FUSION! The only thing pouring down was a wave of support to help make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. As the honorary chair of FUSION, I was honored to attend yet another successful summer gala on Saturday at the Dumas Bay Center in Federal Way.

This year's theme, "Waves of Change," complemented the breathtaking backdrop of Dumas Bay. Thanks to FUSION for all you have accomplished in Federal Way since 1993, and for your ongoing dedication to supporting families, particularly those with children, in our city.



*With FUSION Executive Director David Harrison and former FUSION resident
Melissa Bailey*

PICA WA Celebrates its First Elders Fair

There are more than 120,000 Pacific Islanders residing in our state, and Trinity Church radiated with laughter and goodwill when I spoke at their lunch gathering at the inaugural Elders Fair hosted by the Pacific Islander Community Association of Washington (PICA WA). PICA WA is dedicated to supporting families and promoting goodwill, along with advocating for good health! We are fortunate to have such a vibrant melting pot in South King County. Mahalo!



With PICA WA Executive Director Sili Savusa and Elder Services Manager Seiuli Tiare Chanel

Happy India Independence Day

Happy India Independence Day! 79 years and counting! America is fortunate to have India as a strategic partner, sharing numerous values and interests. I am doing my part to understand cricket, a sport in which India excels. Congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and our local Consul General Prakash Gupta.



With Consul General Prakash Gupta and Seattle Orcas co-owner Vijay Beniwal

Arriving Soon: Sound Transit Link Light Rail in South King County

Following the Sound Transit Board's approval of a revised timeline for the Federal Way Link Extension on July 24, I had the honor of joining my fellow Sound Transit board members at the announcement of the arrival of Sound Transit Link Light Rail Line 1 in South King County.

I always thought hell would freeze over before Federal Way got light rail, but I am very happy that South King County is getting an early Christmas gift on December 6th before the busy holiday season. After years of getting coal in our stocking, and for those who have been patiently waiting (and paying!), this is our own "Polar Express."



With Sound Transit Board Member and King County Councilmember De'Sean Quinn



With US Senator Patty Murray (WA)

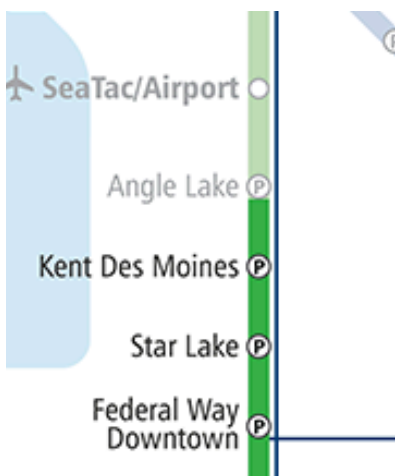
I want to thank the 'godmother' of Sound Transit, Senator Patty Murray, and the Sound Transit Board for helping me move South King County up on the schedule for the start of light rail service to Downtown Federal Way.

This \$3.2 billion light rail project will serve an estimated 18,000 to 23,000 daily riders. Anyone who has battled the sea of red lights on I-5 will appreciate the 16-minute trip from Downtown Federal Way to Sea-Tac Airport, or the 46-minute trip to Seattle.

Daily commutes, travel plans, sporting events, and more will become more reliable and predictable for families and commuters throughout the region. Furthermore, as we prepare for FIFA next year, light rail will put South King County on the map as a destination for the hundreds of thousands of visitors traveling to our region for the tournament.



Thank you to the white collar, blue collar, and no collar workers who were able to get this done. [Watch the announcement here.](#)



With King County Councilmembers and fellow Sound Transit Board Members De'Sean Quinn & Claudia Balducci, Sound Transit CEO Dow Constantine, 30th District Rep. Jamila Taylor & Sen. Claire Wilson, Auburn Mayor and Sound Transit Board Member Nancy Backus, Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, Des Moines Mayor Traci Buxton, and Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell

Indian American Community Services & Kabaddi Tournament

The Seahawks Offensive line could have used members of the Seattle Punjab Sports Club Sunday, September 7, but they were entertaining me and over 5,000 Kent residents at my first Kabaddi Tournament, preceded by the blessing of the first South King County Indian American Community Center, led by some dedicated women who are building service bridges in our region.



With 48th Legislative District Representative Osman Salahuddin, King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Kent Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent Councilmember Toni Troutner, and community members

Mexican Independence Day

On September 16, the King County Council recognized Mexican Independence Day, coinciding with National Hispanic Heritage Month, observed from September 15 to October 15. I had the honor of hosting Counselor Víctor Hugo López Ortega, the incoming Consul General of Consulado de México en Seattle, along with community leaders and members who significantly contribute to our region's cultural life, economy, and future. [Watch it here.](#)



With incoming Consul General of Consulado de México en Seattle Víctor Hugo López Ortega, King County Councilmembers Girmay Zahilay, Teresa Mosqueda, Jorge Barón, Claudia Balducci, Sarah Perry, De'Sean Quinn, Reagan Dunn, and Rod Dembowski, Seattle Latino Chamber of Commerce President & Founder Marcos Wanless, Comunidad Co-founder Alejandra Tres, and community members

"Good Eggs" Breakfast with State Auditor Pat McCarthy

Accountability! It's a word that many talk about, but State Auditor Pat McCarthy sets the bar! During the September "Good Eggs" breakfast, Pat shared how her office reviews many different programs throughout the state, from local governments to statewide agencies, to ensure that public resources are used effectively and with accountability. Thank you, Pat!



With State Auditor Pat McCarthy and South King County Mayors Jim Ferrell (Federal Way), Dave Olson (Edgewood), Jan Molinaro (Enumclaw), Armondo Pavone (Renton), Troy Linnell (Algona), Nancy Backus (Auburn), Dana Ralph (Kent), Sean Kelly (Maple Valley), and Traci Buxton (Des Moines), and Maple Valley City Manager Laura Philpot

Annual Shredding Event

Sports and shredding dominated my weekend. Neighbors brought boxes filled with various types of paper for disposal. Meanwhile, the Mariners shredded the Angels, winning 11 to 2, and the Seahawks shredded the Steelers with a score of 31 to 7.



South King County Scholar-Athlete Breakfast

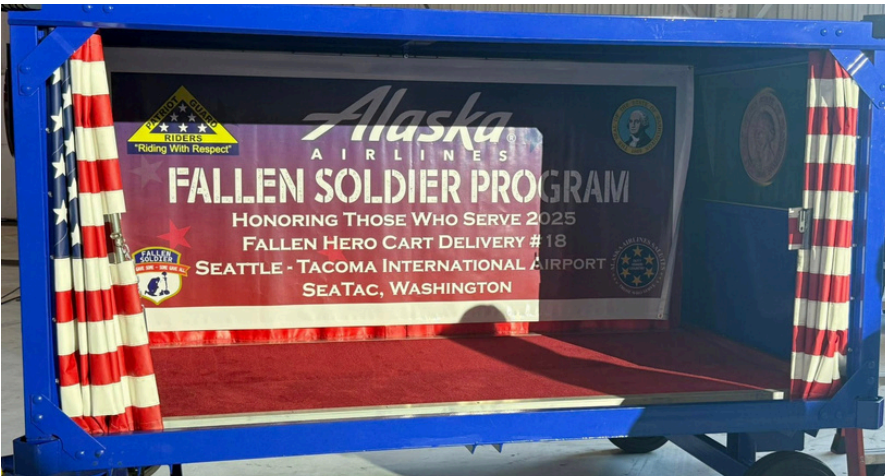
Thanks to Voice of the Seahawks, Steve Raible, and Seahawks General Manager, John Schneider, for their invaluable support in raising funds for scholar-athletes in South King County. 400 players, coaches, parents and generous sponsors came together to listen and learn. Previous breakfast speakers included Doug Baldwin, Jim Zorn, Lenny Wilkens, Jerry Dipoto, and Steve Largent. Sports bring people together!



With Muckleshoot Tribal Council Vice President John Daniels Jr., Kent Council President Satwinder Kaur, Auburn School District Superintendent Alan Spicciatti, along with student athletes from the Federal & Auburn School Districts and the Muckleshoot Tribal School

Alaska Airlines Fallen Soldier Cart Ceremony

As a military veteran in public office, I get invitations to special events, such as the unveiling of Alaska Airlines' Fallen Soldier Cart at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. This initiative is part of the [Alaska Airlines Fallen Soldier Program](#), which is dedicated to respectfully transporting the caskets of fallen soldiers while also supporting their families and military escorts. Thank you, Alaska CEO Ben Minicucci and Alaska All Pro Lisa Carlson, for honoring our fallen heroes. Together, we stand united!









All times PT. Subject to change.

Friday
Oct 10
5:08 PM



Detroit
Tigers

Mariners Postseason Schedule

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| 10/11 | Seattle |  | 6:30pm |  | Salt Lake | MLS Regular Season Lumen Field |
| 10/18 | New York City |  | 3:00pm |  | Seattle | MLS Regular Season Citi Field |

Sounders Schedule



2025 SCHEDULE

PRESENTED BY DELTA

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| MNF 7  OCT 20 7PM | 8 BYE | SNF 9  NOV 2 5:20PM | 10  NOV 9 1:05PM | 11  NOV 16 1:05PM | 12  NOV 23 10AM |
| 13  NOV 30 1:05PM | 14  DEC 7 10AM | 15  DEC 14 1:25PM | TNF 16  DEC 18 5:15PM | 17 TBD | 18 TBD |

■ HOME □ AWAY

Seahawks Schedule

Take transit to all your sporting and community events in Seattle. Metro and Link light rail serve riders heading to T-Mobile Park, Husky Stadium, Lumen Field, and Climate Pledge Arena.

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