



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, April 27th 2026

<p>Subject/Topic: Regional Policy Positions</p> <p>Dept. Origin: City Manager</p> <p>Category: City Manager's Report</p> <p>Prepared by: Jeff Swanson, City Manager</p> <p>Attachments: Draft comment letters – SCA Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter, King County Transportation District Letter from Points Communities, Eastside Transportation Partnership Support Letter for Sound Transit 4 Line</p>	<p>Proposed Council Action/Motion:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discuss</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide Direction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt/Approve</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>
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Proposed Council Action

Approve regional policy positions expressed in draft comment letters:

- (1) Regional Water Quality Committee – Sound Cities Association Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter
- (2) King County Transportation District Letter from Points Communities
- (3) Eastside Transportation Partnership Support of Sound Transit 4 Line

Summary

Three significant regional public policy processes are ongoing and it would be timely for the City Council to endorse positions. Included are draft policy statements for each.

(1) The Regional Water Quality Committee has developed a proposed 2027 sewer rate response letter addressed to the King County Council as it considers rate increases for 2027. The letter is under review by the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee, and SCA member City Councils are encouraged to review, discuss, and endorse the policy position expressed in the letter.

(2) The King County Transportation District is considering adoption of a 0.1% sales and use tax to address funding shortfalls in the County's roads system. Sound Cities Association has been advocating for a portion of the revenues to be passed through to cities for their own transportation projects. The Points Communities have drafted a letter consistent with the Sound Cities Association's position for City Council's consideration and endorsement and subsequent transmission to the King County Council and King County Executive.

(3) As the Sound Transit Board meets to consider adjustments to the capital program and funding shortfall to deliver Sound Transit 3 (ST3) projects, the Eastside Transportation Partnership has prepared a letter encouraging advancement of the 4 Line project (connecting Issaquah and Kirkland to the existing 2 Line infrastructure). The letter also proposes other capital projects planning considerations in delivering elements of ST3 to the Eastside. City Council is asked to review and endorse this letter.

Council Priorities

This proposal furthers all City Council Priorities:

1. **Financial Stability and Accountability**
2. **Quality Infrastructure**
3. **Efficient and Effective Government**
4. **Public Safety and Health**
5. **Neighborhood Character and Community Building**

Budget/Fiscal Impact: No change/impact to current levels of appropriations.

Recommendation: Endorsement of all three draft policy positions.

City Manager Approval:



Proposed Council Motions:

- (1) "I move the City approve and endorse the draft Sound Cities Association 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response letter as presented."
- (2) "I move the City approve and endorse the draft Points Communities' King County Transportation District comment letter as presented."
- (3) "I move the City approve and endorse the draft Eastside Transportation Partnership letter in support of the Sound Transit 4 Line project as presented."