



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
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Signature Report

RPC Resolution

Proposed No. RPC2026-01.1

Sponsors

A RESOLUTION concerning the regional policy
committee work program for 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The regional policy committee work program for 2026, Attachment A to this resolution, is hereby approved. The work program shall remain in effect until it is superseded by a work program that is adopted by a resolution of the regional policy committee.

RPC Resolution was introduced on and passed by the Regional Policy Committee on 2/11/2026, by the following vote:

Yes: 11- Arnold, Pavone, Lin, von Reichbauer, Barón, Perry
Robinson, and Ralph (voting as alternate for Backus who was
excused)
Excused: 2 - Backus, and Juarez

Attachments: A. Regional Policy Committee 2026 Work Program, Dated February 11, 2026

Attachment A

February 11, 2026



King County

Metropolitan King County Council

Regional Policy Committee 2026 Work Program

I. Subject matters for mandatory referral of legislation¹:

- 1. Solid Waste ², including the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan**
- 2. Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services 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) and Implementation Plan**
- 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**
- 14. Parks Levy**

¹ For the purpose of determining a subject matter for mandatory referral pursuant to the King County Charter Section 270 and KCC 1.24.065, the numbered topics should be liberally construed.

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

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

- **Homelessness**
- **Health through Housing**
 - a. Health through Housing Annual Report
- **Regional Affordable Housing Strategies and Growth Management**
- **Regional Utilities Affordability**
 - a. Solid Waste
 - b. King County's Regional Wastewater Services Plan
- **Federal Funding Cut Impacts on City and County Residents**
- **Public Health**
 - a. Opioid and fentanyl crisis response
 - b. Winding down of federal ARPA funds
- **Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)**
 - a. MIDD Annual Report
- **Best Starts for Kids (BSK)**
 - a. BSK Annual Report
 - b. Levy Renewal Planning
 - c. Audit results and collaboration with DCHS
- **Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL)**
 - a. VSHSL Annual Report
- **Doors Open Program**
 - a. Doors Open Annual Report
- **Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs**
- **Elections**
- **Land Conservation**
- **State of Agriculture in King County**
- **Parks, Recreation, and Sports**
- **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
- **Regional Transportation**
 - a. Briefings on county-wide road needs: conditions, bridges, funding and traffic

³ Legislation relative to the lettered topics included in this Section II shall not be subject to mandatory referral.

- b. Traffic safety
- **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 the King County International Airport
- **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
 - e. Response to federal immigration enforcement activities
 - f. ESHB 2015 sales tax eligibility and implementation
- **Climate Change and Response to Motion 16463**
- **Countywide Progressive Revenue**