

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	SCA PIC Policy Position Discussion
DEPARTMENT:	CMO
PRESENTED BY:	Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

Councilmember Roberts, as the City’s representative to the Sound Cities Association's (SCA) Public Issues Committee, is seeking Council guidance to a draft SCA public policy position on solid waste transfer stations; specifically whether to rebuild the south county (Algona) transfer station.

The SCA’s PIC committee includes representatives of each city that is a member of SCA, and the intent is that an individual city's representative is representing the will of their respective Council. Positions supported by the PIC are not final until voted on by the SCA Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council take no position on this issue.

Approved By: City Manager **JU** City Attorney ____

INTRODUCTION

The King County Solid Waste Division (Division) and the cities party to the solid waste contract have been in negotiations to extend and update the existing interlocal agreement for over two years. The existing agreement expires in 2028, which leaves less than 15 years to finance rebuilding the remaining transfer stations. Extending the agreement is based primarily on the need to have adequate time to finance the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan (Transfer Station Plan) which identifies the necessity to rebuild the system's transfer stations. The Plan was developed with input from all stakeholders through a lengthy process, and ultimately adopted by the King County Council in 2007.

The current Algona transfer station is slated to be the last transfer station rebuilt, however the Division has already begun doing site evaluations and has already identified (through the Algona Mayor) and purchased a new, larger site in Algona. King County is in process of identifying alternative sites as part of its analysis.

The SCA PIC Policy Question:

Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis brought forward a draft public policy position on transfer stations, and the proposed south county transfer station (Algona). The language of the draft policy position is:

“Over the past several years, tonnage in the King County solid waste system has declined significantly in part due to the economy but also due to the increase in recycling creating what appears to be a new normal. We believe this “new normal” requires a second look at the capacity needs of the system. It has been nearly seven years since the system alternatives were analyzed. Solid Waste Division's current tonnage forecast for year 2030 is about 600,000 tons lower than the former forecast.

By the time the proposed stations reach the end of their expected useful lives, they will be utilizing about 42% of their total capacity.

The Suburban Cities Association supports removing the planned South King County transfer station capital project from the Transfer Station Plan saving over \$70 million dollars for the ratepayers of King County.”

Issues involving the solid waste system are usually considered by the Municipal Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) prior to being adopted by the County Council. Review and possible changes to the Transfer Station Plan are generally addressed through MSWMAC and then at the County Council, as this was the process to develop and adopt the plan. This issue is not presently before either MSWMAC or the County Council for review.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council take no position on this issue.