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SCA PIC Meeting

Informational Item 11.a:
Levies and Ballot Measures in King County
UPDATE

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Discussion

This is a monthly item on the PIC agenda to share information on recent and upcoming local levies and ballot measures in King County jurisdictions. Items identified as “potential future ballot measures” are under consideration or reflect potential renewal of an existing levy but have not been approved to be placed on the ballot and may not ultimately move forward.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the King County Council has determined not to move forward with a countywide transit levy in 2020. Similarly, the King County Library System rescinded action to place an operations levy on the August 2020 ballot and is now considering a potential measure in 2021. Other potential levies for 2020 that may also be impacted by the COVID-19 emergency include renewal of Seattle’s Transportation Benefit District (transit funding), and a potential levy lift for unincorporated King County roads. A proposed \$1.7 billion capital bond measure for Harborview Medical Center is still anticipated to still be placed on the ballot in November.

Please send information on any upcoming measures affecting your city to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.

Potential Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2020	November	Kirkland	Fire and Emergency Services Levy

Potential Future Ballot Measures – Other Jurisdictions and Special Purpose Districts			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2020	November	Harborview Medical Center	\$1.7 billion capital construction bond measure at a rate of 15 to 18-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value*
2020		Seattle	Transportation Benefit District Renewal
2020		King County	Road Levy Lid Lift (unincorporated King County)
2021		King County Library System	Operations levy of 50-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, up from the current rate of 32-cents per \$1,000.
2021		King County	Best Starts for Kids Renewal

*Requires 60% yes vote for approval with a minimum of turnout of no less than 40% of voters voting in the district at the last general election

Next Steps

Please share this information with your city and provide information on upcoming elections in your city to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.