



# Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 16, 2018  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
SeaTac City Hall - Riverton Room 128

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:33 PM
			Adjourn: 6:00 PM
Peter Kwon, Chair	X		
Rick Forschler	X		
Pam Fernald	X		

Staff Coordinator: Will Appleton, Public Works Director; Florendo Cabudol, City Engineer  
 Other Staff Present: Mason Giem, PW Programs Coordinator; Cindy Corsilles, Chief Criminal Prosecutor/Asst. City Attorney

1. Public Comment	None
2. Recology – China National Sword Issue	<p><u>Discussion/Action</u></p> <p>A summary of actions by staff and Recology since the June 25 Special Transportation &amp; Public Works Committee meeting was presented. Staff presented a recommendation to the committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass a temporary recycling surcharge of \$1.50- \$2.70 per residential account per month that will be adjusted as markets improve and has a pre-determined two year sunset date.</li> <li>• Pass a temporary recycling surcharge of between \$3.30 and \$5.39 per cubic yard of service for multi-family and commercial business that will be adjusted as markets improve and has a pre-determined two year sunset date.</li> <li>• Change the list of items that are accepted into the recycling stream. Specifically remove plastic film.</li> <li>• Require greater contamination enforcement procedures for commercial and multi-family customers.</li> <li>• Require Recology to identify and implement a plan to address the need for a long-term solution with benchmarks for success.</li> </ul> <p>Staff presented the following timeline and next steps:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee approves the general recommendations made today.</li> <li>• Staff then meets with other Recology cities to coordinate changing accepted materials and create greater contamination enforcement procedures.</li> <li>• Staff then meets with Recology to fine tune the proposal.</li> <li>• This proposal is then brought to full council meeting in September.</li> <li>• The final proposal is amended and passed at the full council meeting in October in time to align with other rate increases that will be happening on January 1.</li> </ul> <p>A concern was raised that the City of SeaTac should not be penalized for applying the surcharge first or that the surcharge would be applied unequally among Recology cities. Staff responded that the recommended surcharge is distributed among Recology cities based on amount of tonnage produced. Other Recology cities are watching what SeaTac is doing. Staff will be meeting with other Recology cities the week of August 20 and in coming weeks will work to coordinate efforts.</p> <p>A concern was raised about “garbage police”; the response was that the contamination enforcement would be focused on multi-family and commercial customers where a majority of the contamination is coming from and would only be examining recycling and composting.</p> <p>A question was raised if Recology has control of a landfill or could be investing in a landfill as an option. The response was that Recology has very little stake in landfills and is committed to recycling.</p> <p>Committee expressed the desire to have the recycling surcharge indicated on the bill as a surcharge so that customers can become more aware of the current recycling situation. Also, Committee asked that the rate increase letter to customers could list a website link that thoroughly explains the China Sword issue and the need for a surcharge.</p> <p>The Committee accepted all staff recommendations and asked for a quarterly review of rates to be adjusted as market dynamics change and a 2-year sunset on the surcharge.</p>
<p>3. Parking Tax</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>A history of the City’s parking tax was presented to the Committee. At first, the City did not collect as much revenue as projected. Then, short term parking and long term parking were equalized because cars have the same impact on SeaTac roads whatever their length of parking time. The City is currently on track to collect the projected amount of revenue. Staff recommends that justification is needed for small rate increases with an explanation on how this benefits the City/Airport. A suggestion was raised for adding sky bridges with the increase. It was then suggested that the City fund a study to examine potential costs and</p>

	<p>designs of creating sky bridges. There was also a discussion of taking over International Boulevard from the State in order to add sky bridges. Additional reasons for taking ownership of International Boulevard include: improved pedestrian safety, improved vehicle safety, improved walkability, improved traffic flow, and improved efficiency of development process.</p> <p>A second suggestion was presented to use the parking tax money for sidewalks. The Committee requested a decision card be created to fund a study for transportation improvements, with maintenance costs included. Also to be included in the decision card for the transportation study was the possibility of sky bridges. Staff requested that the study be implemented in 2019 when staffing levels will be greater, if the decision card is approved.</p>
4. Adjourn	<u>Adjourn Meeting</u>