



**COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item No. 8h

ACTION ITEM

Date of Meeting December 13, 2022

DATE: November 8, 2022

TO: Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director

FROM: Thomas Bailey, Police Commander

SUBJECT: King County Jail Public Safety Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

Amount of this request: \$0

Total estimated project cost: \$270,000 (currently budgeted by Police Department)

ACTION REQUESTED

Request Commission authorization for the Executive Director to renew a King County Jail Interlocal Agreement (ILA.) This will extend booking service for the King County Jail ILA that expires December 31, 2024. The Port of Seattle Police Department (POSPD) is not seeking additional funding for approval of this ILA.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The POSPD currently utilizes jail services under an ILA between the Port of Seattle and King County. Pursuant to this agreement, individuals who are arrested by POSPD Officers are processed and screened to determine whether they will be released at the scene or booked into King County Jail. Several factors are used to determine the final disposition of arrestees, including severity of the crime they are suspected of committing, danger to the public, or a warranted mandate to book the suspect into jail.

We ask that the Commission authorize the renewal of the King County Jail ILA in the furtherance of public safety by maintaining the POSPD's ability to book suspects it is unable to book into the South Correctional Entity (SCORE). A draft ILA is attached containing all material provisions which will be finalized by King County in the next month and will be reviewed by Port Legal will review prior to signature.

JUSTIFICATION

This project supports the following Long-Range Plan strategies and objectives for a High-Performance Organization and the Century Agenda:

1. Improve Customer Service and Public Engagement (Long Range Strategy 1, Objective 1)
2. Improve Process Efficiencies and Effectiveness (Long Range Strategy 1, Objective 2)

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The POSPD strives to support the mission of the Port of Seattle. In its role, the POSPD strives to provide safe facilities for Port employees and its customers. Renewal of the ILA with King County will reduce the amount of time waterfront officers are away from the facilities during the booking process, and provide them a second option for booking individuals when beds are not available at SCORE.

Diversity in Contracting

Both King County Jail and SCORE are public entities and do not adversely or positively impact Diversity in Contracting goals.

DETAILS

POSPD seeks to renew this ILA and maintain the option of booking at King County Jail for its Seaport units, or for extraordinary circumstances. With continued booking restrictions at King County Jail, and the addition of the ILA with SCORE, the POSPD average daily bookings and cost have decreased significantly.

Table 1: Proposed King County Jail 2023 fee schedule*

Other Cities	2022 Base Rate ¹	Annual Increase ²	CPI W ²	Base Rate before Debt Svc.	CSSP ³	ISP ³	2023 Final Rate
Daily Maint	\$ 225.80	1.50%	9,50%	\$250.64	\$1.05	\$5.21	\$256.90
Booking - Standard	\$ 236.26	1.50%	9,50%	\$262.25			\$262.25
Booking - Reduced	\$ 160.96	1.50%	9,50%	\$178.67			\$178.67
Acute Psych Housing⁴	\$ 274.33	1.50%	9,50%	\$304.51			\$304.51
Psych Other⁴	\$ 106.01	3.00%	9,50%	\$119.26			\$119.26
Infirmary	\$ 345.77	3.00%	9,50%	\$388.99			\$388.99
1 on 1 Guarding Hrly	\$ 78.63	1.50%	9,50%	\$87.28			\$87.28

¹ Prior years base rate, before the inclusion of the CSSP and ISP fees.

² Exhibit III Section 7 Inflation and Re-Sets of Fees and Charges.

³ Exhibit III Section 1. C, Capital Expenditures included in Daily Maintenance charges. CSSP = Courthouse Seismic Stabilization Project, ISP =

⁴ Exhibit III Section 3 c. Acute Psychiatric Care (Psych Unit) is comprised of the Acute Psychiatric Housing Surcharge and the Psych Other Surcharge.

Schedule

Upon approval of the ILA by the Commission, service utilization will commence/ continue January 1, 2023.

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ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Alternative 1 – Using only SCORE Jail for booking services.

Cost Implications: There are several differences in the pricing structure between King County Jail and SCORE. Psychological and Medical may differ significantly. KCPAO does not provide teleconference court appearance services.

Pros:

- (1) SCORE is closer to the airport than King County Jail reducing travel time.

Cons:

- (1) Extended travel time for seaport units.
- (2) Significant impact on patrol resources transporting suspects between SCORE, Southwest District Court in Burien and returning them to SCORE.
- (3) Officers will be unable to book individuals arrested outside of City of SeaTac jurisdictional boundaries. *Note: Individuals who will not be charged through SeaTac Municipal Court must be booked into King County Jail, as POSPD lacks capacity to physically transport individuals from SCORE to King County Courts for their appearances, and King County does not support virtual court.*

This is not the recommended alternative.

Alternative 2 – Stop booking misdemeanor arrestees.

Cost Implications: Less expensive overall. Potential costs are estimated at \$270,000.

Pros:

- (1) Highest cost savings overall.

Cons:

- (1) Misdemeanor offenders would quickly determine there are no consequences for committing low level crimes in our jurisdiction, quickly increasing our offender population.
- (2) Significant rise in criminal offenses within our jurisdiction.

This is not the recommended alternative.

Alternative 3 – Usage of both King County Jail under the existing-proposed-for-renewal ILA, and SCORE under the existing ILA.

Cost Implications: With majority of bookings overall occurring at SCORE, booking and housing charges from King County Jail have decreased over 70% from 2021 to 2022 (2021 costs \$173,814.79, 2022 costs YTD \$38,166.03.)

Pros:

- (1) Bridges the gap in booking alternatives while working with KCPAO.

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- (2) Provides more efficient booking options for both Airport and Seaport Police Units.

Cons:

- (1) None noted.

This is the recommended alternative.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

We expect King County Jail costs to be considerably lower than in the past, due to our primary utilization of SCORE Jail.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REQUEST

- (1) Draft Interlocal Agreement Between King County and the Port of Seattle for Jail Services
- (2) 2023 Rate Letter

PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS

December 15, 2020 – The Commission approved King County Public Safety ILA 2021-2022