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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Marilynne Beard, Assistant City Manager

Date: October 2, 2007

Subject: REGIONAL JAIL PLANNING UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

Council receives an update on regional efforts to plan for new jail beds in King County.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Kirkland currently houses misdemeanor offenders in one of several facilities including its own jail (located in City Hall). Inmates that cannot be housed in Kirkland are housed in one of several contracted facilities including King County and Yakima County. The King County and Yakima County contracts will expire in 2012 and 2010 respectively, creating a need for cities within the King County to locate or build new misdemeanor jail beds.

In 2002, Kirkland joined 36 other King County cities in an interlocal agreement to collectively manage the local system of jails and to plan for future jail facilities. A Jail Task Force was formed to develop a recommendation for implementing the results of a 2006 report (the Ricci Greene Report) that estimated future jail bed needs. The Jail Planning Task Force has been working as a committee since June 2007 and would like to provide a status report on their efforts to each of the City's involved in the study. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included as Attachment A to this memo.

What to do about . . .

MISDEMEANANT JAIL BEDS IN THE FUTURE?

Interim Report of the Jail Task Force

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This presentation:

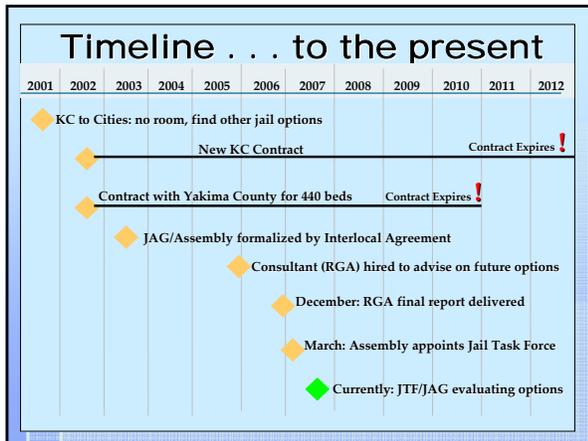
- Misdemeanant jail bed needs now and future
- Cities' cooperative planning effort
- Twelve-year context
- Findings to date
- King County's interests
- Jail Task Force agenda thru December
- The next step - feasibility study

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Who's Who in jail planning

- **JOA** Jail Oversight Assembly
Elected representatives of the 37 King County cities collaborating on jail issues
- **JAG** Jail Advisory Group
Policy and law enforcement staff of those cities
- **JTF** Jail Task Force
Electeds and staff of the JAG cities, appointed to the Task Force by the Assembly and the JAG

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Jail Task Force

Appointed by Assembly to further review report and make recommendations

Cities directly represented

Auburn	Des Moines	Redmond
Bellevue	Federal Way	Renton
Burien	Issaquah	Seattle
	Kirkland	Shoreline

Others welcome to participate

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Who goes to jail?

- Pre-Sentence (jailed on arrest)
 - threat to public (e.g. DUI or domestic violence)
 - can't post bail
 - awaiting arraignment
- Those convicted and sentenced to jail by a Judge
 - most have prior convictions / jail time
 - mandatory sentencing rules
 - not good candidates for alternatives

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Cities' jail bed needs

- 1,000 beds available now
- Where are the beds?
 - King Co. contract = 330* Yakima contract = 440
 - *Cities' cap is at 220; KC currently allowing up to 330
 - Renton municipal = 50 Issaquah municipal = 62
 - Auburn municipal = 51 Kirkland municipal = 12
 - other contract beds = 65
- 1,175 beds needed by year 2011
- 1,450 needed by year 2026

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Charge of the JTF

- By the end of 2007 –
 - Examine and update jail bed options provided by Ricci Greene
 - Narrow range of options
 - Make recommendations to Assembly to include in a feasibility study
- Draft scope for feasibility study
- Outline basic governance features

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Preliminary Findings of the Jail Task Force

- Contract beds won't be available in the future
- New jail(s) must be built
- Cities together need 1,450 beds by 2026
- Alternatives will reduce bed need by additional 10%
- JAG cities will partner

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A sample Ricci Greene option

1,450 beds



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Broad range of scenarios

How many beds?	Accommodating	How many new JAG jails?	Location?
1450	all JAG cities	one	Any city
632	North, Seattle & East -SCORE cities build their own jail (1)	one	Seattle, North or Eastside city
192	North & East cities -SCORE and Seattle build their own jails (2)	one	North or Eastside city
1143	North, Seattle, East & King County -SCORE cities build their own jail (1)	one or two	Seattle, North, East or unincorporated King County

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Parallel planning

- **S.Co.R.E.** - Renton Tukwila Federal Way Des Moines
 - planning for a new 500 bed jail in south KC
 - \$175K for a feasibility study to begin this year to analyze sites, design, construction and operational costs
 - Non-S.Co.R.E. south cities invited to join S.Co.R.E., if contribute financially
- **Auburn**
 - may replace current jail to meet their bed need
 - staff is developing proposal for a 150 bed facility
- **Seattle**
 - may build jail for own use or partner with cities/King County to meet bed need
- **Kirkland**
 - reviewing bed need & replacement of jail, concurrent with renovation work

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What about King County?

- King County contract expires at the end of 2012
- No beds left for cities after 2015
- County needs 511 more beds by 2024
- Build-out at Regional Justice Center (RJC) may meet KC need, but still no beds for cities
- KC open to partnership with cities
- JTF and KC now discussing

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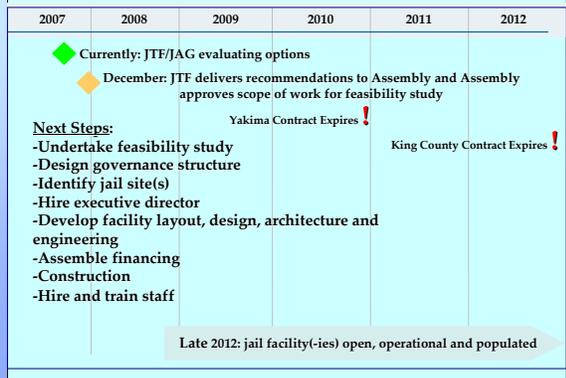
Next Steps Feasibility Study

- Update bed need projections
- Determine most efficient size to operate
- Identify acreage and siting requirements
- Identify needed booking and transport system
- Identify geographic areas that meet requirements
- Estimate capital and operating costs
- Explore feasibility of phased openings
- Estimate cost of operating med-psych unit versus contract for special services

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Timeline . . . into the future



Summary

- There are insufficient beds for all cities' misdemeanants after 2010
- Contracting into the future will not fulfill majority of need
- Cities need to move forward with planning for construction of beds in partnership or alone
- Task Force narrowing options to include in feasibility study beginning in 2008
- Seeking feedback - are we on the right track? Are we missing options that should be considered?

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