



DATE: February 12, 2024

SUBJECT: January King County Regional Committees Update

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

The RTC did not meet in January.

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for February 21. Councilmember Janice Zahn serves on the RTC.

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

The RWQC did not meet in January.

- **King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci remains Chair.** Other Councilmembers representing King County on the RWQC include Reagan Dunn and Dave Upthegrove.

The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for February 7. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

At its January 19 meeting, the AHC:

- **Held a workshop to discuss potential amendments to the committee charter.** Members discussed the foundation of the Committee and how the AHC should evolve to capitalize on its strengths and current opportunities. At the end of this workshop, the committee directed AHC staff on next steps towards drafting and adopting charter amendments. The Committee will have time at the February 1 AHC meeting to review the results of the workshop and reach consensus on topics discussed. Any charter amendments proposed by the AHC must be approved by the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC).

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for February 1. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC.



Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

The GMPC did not meet in January 2024.

The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for March 27. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis represents Bellevue on the GMPC.

Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC)

At its January 25 meeting, the Eastrail RAC:

- **Received a briefing on upcoming Eastrail capital projects.** RAC partners are planning for several Eastrail project milestones this year. In the spring, King County plans to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Wilburton Trestle project, which will rehabilitate the century-old railroad trestle. Also planned for the spring is a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the first phase of Sound Transit's 2 Line in spring 2024; this first phase will include service to eight stations in Bellevue and Redmond. Bellevue City Council will receive an update on the 2 Line on February 12. In summer, a ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for the NE 8th Street bridge in Bellevue.
- **Expressed support for the 2024 RAC work plan.** The RAC plans to continue work to boost community engagement with the trail, seek funding opportunities, address corridor management issues, communicate major project progress, and more.
- **Expressed support for allocating resources for 2024 RAC events and activities.** In the past, RAC members have shared costs through multi-party agreements. In 2024, RAC members anticipate sharing costs for videos, tours of key Eastrail corridor locations, and an event to activate the trail.
- **Received a briefing on the Sound Transit 2 Line opening.** As described above, Bellevue City Council will receive an update on this topic on February 12.
- **Expressed appreciation to outgoing KC DNRP Director Christie True.** Long-time Director of King County Dept of Natural Resources and Parks Christie True is retiring. RAC members expressed appreciation to Director True for her long service to the County government and for her effective leadership in advancing Eastrail.

The next RAC meeting is scheduled for April 25. Councilmember John Stokes represents Bellevue on the RAC.