



City of
Bellevue

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SUBJECT: King County Regional Committees Update, January 2025

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

At its January 15 meeting, the RTC:

- **Elected Bellevue Councilmember Janice Zahn as Vice Chair** of the RTC for a term of one year. The Vice Chair is consulted on developing a draft work program, setting a schedule for the RTC's work program, and canceling or changing the date, time or place of an RTC meeting.
- **Discussed the 2025 RTC work program.** The RTC's 2025 work program includes taking action on the System Evaluation annual report and receiving briefings on the performance measures dashboard annual report and transit safety and security. RTC members expressed interest in additional briefings on the status of transit funding and opportunities for transit growth. Members also requested a joint RTC meeting with the County's Transportation Boards, which are the Eastside Transportation Partnership, the SeaShore Transportation Forum, and the South County Area Transportation Board.

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for February 19. Councilmember Janice Zahn serves on the RTC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association (SCA).

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

At its January 16 meeting, the RWQC:

- **Elected Shoreline Deputy Mayor Mork as Vice Chair.** Chair Balducci thanked Councilmember Lee for his service as vice chair in 2024.
- **Adopted a resolution in support of the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) scoping document.** The scoping document outlines key policy issues and questions that will be explored as part of the RWSP update.
- **Received an update on the RWSP Charter.** The RWSP Charter will serve as a structure for coordination and feedback between the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) and the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), as WTD develops work products for RWQC consideration.

The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for February 5. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC on behalf of SCA.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

The GMPC did not meet in January. The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for March 26. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis serves on the GMPC.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

The AHC did not meet in January. The next AHC meeting is scheduled for February 6. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC on behalf of SCA.

Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC)

At its January 24 meeting, the Eastrail RAC:

- **Adopted the 2025 RAC and Principal Staff Team work plan and priorities.** Major items of the work program include:
 - Plan and implement the 2024 RAC-sponsored Eastrail video and leadership assembly event.
 - Engage federal and state leaders to support priority projects.
 - Coordinate to address key cross-cutting corridor management issues.
- **Approved a work plan for developing and implementing “Welcome to Eastrail” community guidelines.** The guidelines will be focused on trail etiquette and will welcome and encourage a diverse community of users to visit and use Eastrail. Deliverables for 2025 include the development of signage and other materials to be implemented across the Eastrail.
- **Discussed the leadership assembly event**, which is anticipated to take place in May or June. The leadership assembly is tentatively planned as a half-day event at the Global Information Exchange (GIX) in Bellevue’s Spring District or at the Meydenbauer Center in downtown Bellevue.
- **Discussed the Eastrail Partners agreement.** Eastrail Partners is an advocacy group made up of private sector stakeholders. An agreement between RAC members and Eastrail partners is under development. The agreement would compensate Eastrail Partners for trail advocacy.

The next RAC meeting is scheduled for April 24. Councilmember John Stokes serves on the Eastrail RAC.