



**DATE:** January 22, 2024

**SUBJECT:** December King County Regional Committees Update

**Regional Policy Committee (RPC)**

At its December 8 meeting, the RPC:

- Adopted and revised the VSHSL Implementation Plan is a strategy-by-strategy plan that details how the 2024-2029 VSHSL proceeds will be invested in King County's communities to achieve outcomes related to housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and service system access and improvement for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families; seniors and their caregivers; and resilient communities in King County.

RPC amendments included:

- Language into Healthy Living (the Food Security strategy) allowing for any funding, should it become available, to be used for capital in addition to operating.
- Language that directs excess levy proceeds, should they become available, to be prioritized for use towards one or more of the three unfunded levy strategies.

The next RPC meeting is scheduled for January 10. Currently, Bellevue does not have a seated member on the RPC.

**Regional Transit Committee (RTC)**

The RTC did not meet in December 2023.

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for February 23. Councilmember Janice Zahn serves on the RTC.

**Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)**

At its December 6 meeting, the RWQC:

- **Received an update from the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) on cash funding, depreciation, and preserving debt capacity.** RWQC requested that MWPAAC study issues related to King County's Waste Treatment Division's (WTD) cash funding approach, depreciation, and preserving debt capacity. MWPAAC discussed the importance of rate stability and avoiding future rate spikes in addition to WTD's current policy direction to consider overall level of debt financing, impact on credit ratings, intergenerational equity, and appropriateness of projects to be financed with long-term debt. MWPAAC supports continuing discussions around WTD's cash funding policies.



- **Received a project update on the North Mercer Island/Enatai sewer upgrade project.** WTD Director Kamuron Gurol discussed the work to replace four miles of aging pipes near the north end of Mercer Island. The in-water stage has begun, including about 2,000 feet of pipe under the bridge. WTD is prioritizing sensitive habitats and rehabilitating shorelines. There are also improvements along the I-90 trail, including bringing portions up to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- **Supported sending a letter to Executive Constantine requesting prioritization of the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) update.** The RWSP was adopted by the King County Council in 1999 and has served as a foundational guide for the operation and development of the wastewater system. The RWSP sunsets in 2030. Councilmember Lee signed onto this letter in support.

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

#### **Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)**

The AHC did not meet in December 2023.

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for January 19. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC.

#### **Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)**

The GMPC did not meet in December 2023.

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