



City of Bellevue

City Manager's Office

**DATE:** July 9, 2024

**SUBJECT:** King County Regional Committees Update, June 2024

### **Regional Transit Committee (RTC)**

The June 19 RTC meeting was canceled due to the Juneteenth holiday.

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for July 17. Councilmember Janice Zahn serves on the RTC.

### **Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)**

At its June 5 meeting, the RWQC:

- **Heard about King County's Congressional Visit to Washington, D.C.** Chair Balducci shared that she met with several members of King County's federal delegation, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), and the National Association of Counties (NACO) to discuss affordability and the funding challenge to maintain and replace aging wastewater infrastructure.
- **Welcomed John Taylor as the new Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks.**
- **Learned that King County accepted the Washington State Department of Ecology's final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the West Point Treatment Plant.**
- **Received a briefing on the 2025 sewer rate and capacity charge.** RWQC approved a letter to the King County Council regarding the 2025 proposed rate and capacity charge with an emphasis on the need for longer-term understanding of rate impacts.
- **Received an update on the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) planning process and discussed guiding principles.** RWQC is expected to have two opportunities to provide feedback on each set of policies as part of the scoping process. During the June meeting, WTD sought input on the scope of additional analysis for treatment plant policies in King County Code Chapter 28.86.050.

The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for July 15. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC.

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

At its June 26 meeting, the GMPC:

- **Provided direction to proceed with developing a growth target reconciliation process.** King County’s countywide planning policies (CPPs) direct how growth targets are considered in comprehensive plans and provide for the creation of a coordinated countywide ‘growth target reconciliation process.’ A reconciliation process allows for the amendment of growth targets after the periodic plan update, reconciling them with plan growth assumptions to ensure consistency between plans and the CPPs. Such a process will be developed in 2024 and could be implemented in 2025 after statutory updates to comprehensive plans are completed. Establishing a reconciliation process will require action by the GMPC to amend the CPPs, tentatively scheduled for July.
- **Heard a briefing on designation of Countywide Centers.** The GMPC established a draft list of candidate Countywide Centers in 2020. This action allowed King County jurisdictions to participate in a federal transportation funding process coordinated through the Puget Sound Regional Council. At the time, GMPC directed that a final list of Countywide Centers be designated in 2025 after comprehensive plans are updated. The designation process would be established in 2024 and implemented in 2025. The GMPC may amend the CPPs with the updated countywide centers designation process this fall.
- **Received an update from the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC).** AHC staff shared a status update on the housing-related comprehensive plan review program.

The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for July 24. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis represents Bellevue on the GMPC.

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

At its June 6 meeting, the AHC:

- **Heard a briefing on the housing-related comprehensive plan review program,** including resources for local jurisdictions and timelines for upcoming review.
- **Adopted a comment letter on the housing-related portions of Burien’s Comprehensive Plan.** The countywide planning policies (CPPs) that establish the housing-related draft comprehensive plan review program were adopted by King County Council and ratified by King County cities in 2023. The AHC conducts this review on behalf of the Growth Management Planning Council. The plan review program was designed to:
  - offer early guidance and assistance to jurisdictions on comprehensive plan alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter;
  - ensure plans address all Housing Chapter goals and policies, and include

required analyses;

- evaluate the meaningfulness of plan responses to policies in this chapter, where meaningful responses can be reasonably expected to achieve a material, positive change in the jurisdiction's ability to meet housing needs; and,
- collect data on jurisdictional implementation details to inform future monitoring and evaluation during the remainder of the planning period.

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for July 23. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC.