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**DATE:** June 11, 2024

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

**Regional Transit Committee (RTC)**

At its May 15 meeting, the RTC:

- **Discussed Metro's ridership and service planning.** 2023 ridership increased across modes, with an 18 percent increase in Metro bus ridership compared to 2022, a 48 percent increase in vanpool ridership, and a 14 percent increase in Link light rail ridership. However, fixed-route bus boardings are still below pre-pandemic levels; 2023 ridership is 62 percent of 2019 ridership. More people are teleworking which means less ridership during traditional peak commute hours and more in off-peak hours.

The RTC will not meet in June 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)**

The RWQC did not meet in May. The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for June 5. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC.

**Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)**

At its May 2 meeting, the AHC:

- **Adopted comment letters on the housing-related portions of the comprehensive plans for the cities of Algona and Maple Valley.** The countywide planning policies (CPPs) that establish the Housing-focused 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 (GMPC). 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.

- **Heard a briefing on the committee's work plan for the remainder of 2024, including monitoring and reporting work that will be shifted to the 2025 work plan.** This shift in schedule is based on committee feedback received at the March meeting.

The AHC met on June 6 and an overview of that meeting will be included in the next packet. The next AHC meeting is scheduled for July 23. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC.