



City of Bellevue

City Manager's Office

DATE: January 14, 2025

SUBJECT: King County Regional Committees Update, December 2024

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

The RTC did not meet in December. The next RTC meeting is scheduled for January 15. Councilmember Janice Zahn serves on the RTC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

At its December 4 meeting, the RWQC:

- **Learned that the King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) received two awards from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).** One award in Community Leadership for their sewer heat recovery program and another award in Public Information and Education for their video on the operating training program.
- **Received an update on the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) process.** The Committee discussed the draft scope of work, which RWQC anticipates approving at their January 16 special meeting, and learned more about WTD's Vision for Clean Water, including how the Executive anticipates this visioning process will inform the RWSP update.
- **Was briefed on the Puget Sound Nutrients program.** The Committee learned more about the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit, the Salish Sea Model that the Department of Ecology uses, and ongoing work related to meeting new regulations related to nitrogen loading.

The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for January 16. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

At its December 11 meeting, the GMPC:

- **Heard a briefing on the School/City/County Coordination Meetings 2024 Report.** King County staff provided an annual update on coordination between school districts and local jurisdictions. Deficient capacity is no longer an issue. Rather, most districts reported a continued decrease in actual and projected enrollment.

- **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. The cities of Snoqualmie and Carnation have requested reductions to their housing growth targets. These proposed changes will not affect Bellevue’s growth targets as adopted in the City’s 2024 Comprehensive Plan. Establishing a reconciliation process will require action by the GMPC to amend the CPPs, tentatively scheduled for March.
- **Heard an update from the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC).** AHC staff provided an update on work items, including the draft comprehensive plan review process, which they hope to complete in early 2025. Bellevue’s plan review letter was adopted in July 2024.
- **Discussed the 2025 GMPC work plan.** Topics for 2025 are Countywide and Regional Centers Designations and tribal coordination.

The next GMPC meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 26. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis represents Bellevue on the GMPC.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

At its December 5 meeting, the AHC:

- **Approved comprehensive plan comment letters for Clyde Hill, Newcastle, and Renton and approved procedural letters for late and non-submittals to the comprehensive plan review program.** The AHC conducts this review on behalf of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC). By way of background, Bellevue’s comment letter was approved in July 2024.
- **Adopted the AHC’s 2025 State legislative priorities.** The priorities focus on state action to advance countywide affordable housing work.

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for February 2. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.