



City of Bellevue

City Manager's Office

DATE: July 14, 2026

SUBJECT: King County Regional Committees Update, June 2026

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

At its June 3 meeting, the RWQC:

- **Approved a letter to the King County Council regarding the 2027 sewer rate and capacity charge.** The letter highlighted the following requests of the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD): establish a multi-year rate, develop metrics to inform how to adequately and sustainably invest in the system, and establish dedicated and coordinated state and federal advocacy efforts and regulatory strategies.
- **Recommended Proposed Ordinance 2026-0066 (Ordinance 20081), updating the capacity charge methodology, to the King County Council with a do pass recommendation.** Subsequently, the King County Council approved the updated methodology at their June 9 meeting.
- **Heard from King County WTD Director Kamuron Gurol about the agency's state and federal advocacy efforts,** including meetings with regulators to discuss options and tools under the Clean Water Act. The City of Bellevue was commended for being a strong partner on federal advocacy issues.

The next RWQC meeting was scheduled for July 1. Deputy Mayor Dave Hamilton serves on the RWQC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.

Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

At its June 10 meeting, the RPC:

- **Received an update on the King County Youth Diversion and Intervention Program.** King County Department of Community and Human Services staff provided an update on the program, previously called Restorative Community Pathways (RCP). The program seeks to use restorative justice best practices to provide alternative pathways to traditional incarceration or punishment for juvenile-related cases. A Request for Proposal will be released soon for community organizations to participate in the restructured program. Several changes have been made around the referral process, data and monitoring, and use of public funds. The program is most heavily used in South King County. While the City prosecutes misdemeanors, Bellevue does not prosecute juvenile-related cases or felonies. Therefore, youth diversion and intervention do not affect the City's own prosecution of crimes.

The July RPC meeting has been canceled. The next RPC meeting will be held in August, with the exact date to be announced. Councilmember Lynne Robinson serves on the RPC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

At its June 17 meeting, the RTC:

- **Received an introduction to Metro's adopted policy documents.** Metro's work is guided by three adopted policy documents:
 - Strategic Plan for Public Transportation outlines Metro's goals, the strategies to achieve those goals, and the measures Metro uses to determine if it is succeeding.
 - King County Metro Service Guidelines guide the day-to-day operations of the transit system through criteria to develop, modify, and evaluate transit service.
 - Metro Connects long-range plan is Metro's vision for an expanded service network to be developed through an Interim Network (mid-to-late 2030s) and a 2050 Network.

These three policy documents were last updated by the RTC and Council in late 2021. The ordinance approving the 2021 updates requires the Executive to transmit the next round of updates within seven years.

- **Received a briefing on Metro's service and growth planning.** In March 2020, in response to the pandemic, Metro began a series of emergency transit service reductions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ongoing staffing shortfalls and changing ridership patterns over the next few years prevented Metro from returning to pre-pandemic service levels, so the County Council adopted a Metro Service Recovery Plan in early 2023. The Plan called for a gradual restoration of transit service through a set of geographically focused mobility projects, most related to Sound Transit service expansions. Metro staff reported on how it has been restoring service and coordinating with Sound Transit through these restructures, how it plans to grow service over the coming years, and how it is providing service to rural communities.

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for July 15. Councilmember Vishal Bhargava serves on the RTC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

At its June 24 meeting, the GMPC:

- **Adopted the revised 2026 work program.** The updated work program reflects a revised meeting schedule and staffing changes in the County Executive's Office. The work program maintains regular administrative requirements for the GMPC.

- **Heard a briefing on final designation of countywide centers.** The recommended countywide centers include full designation of Bellevue's five Candidate Countywide Growth Centers: BelRed, Wilburton and East Main, Crossroads, Factoria, and Eastgate. Having Countywide Centers positively affects the city's competitiveness for federal transportation dollars for both the regional competition and the countywide competition. GMPC will be asked to approve countywide centers at September meeting.

The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for September 16. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis represents Bellevue on the GMPC.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

The AHC did not meet in June. The next AHC meeting is scheduled for July 9. Councilmember Claire Sumadiwiryra serves on the AHC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.