

City Manager's Office

DATE: March 11, 2025

SUBJECT: King County Regional Committees Update, February 2025

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

The RTC did not meet in February. The next RTC meeting is scheduled for March 19. Councilmember Janice Zahn serves on the RTC.

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

At its February 5 meeting, the RWQC:

- Adopted a resolution declaring RWQC's support of the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) update Charter. The RWSP Charter is an agreement between MWPAAC and King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) that outlines roles and responsibilities, shared values and guiding principles, and processes for how WTD will receive and address feedback from MWPAAC and RWQC throughout the RWSP update process.
- Received an update on the status of the RWSP update and the WTD's work on the
 Vision for Clean Water. The King County Executive's Vision for Clean Water is
 intended to "serve as a guiding light for where we want our regional wastewater system
 to be by the year 2100, and to help shape the future of clean water in our region" and
 will inform the RWSP update.
- Heard a briefing on the Mouth of Duwamish Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project. This project will address five CSO outfalls in the SODO and West Seattle neighborhoods of Seattle and fulfills the consent decree that King County has with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology. WTD is developing and evaluating alternative system configurations, which will consider factors including schedule, operations and maintenance, community and social impact, environmental impacts, and cost.
- Heard from former King County Councilmember Larry Phillips on his
 participation in the Robinswood Agreement. The Robinswood Agreement was
 foundational for the current RWSP. Key principles include "all for one and one for all
 from this day forward" and "growth pays for growth."

The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for March 5. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

The GMPC did not meet in February. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis represents Bellevue on the GMPC.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

At its February 6 meeting, the AHC:

- Reviewed the 2025-26 committee membership roster. New members will be officially
 approved with concurrence at the March 26 Growth Management Planning Council
 meeting. There are three vacant seats for non-elected officials. These seats will be filled
 through an open call for applications.
- Adopted plan review comment letters on the housing-related components of the comprehensive plan updates for Duvall, Kent, and Lake Forest Park. Review of a city's comprehensive plan update is required under the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). Bellevue has met this requirement as the City's comment letter was approved in July 2024.
- Discussed the draft 2025 work plan. The draft work plan includes completion of the
 comprehensive review program, updating the committee charter, and adopting 2026
 state legislative priorities. Several committee members expressed interest in advancing
 data and monitoring work that is currently slated for 2026. An updated work plan will be
 shared at the next meeting.

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for March 6. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC.