



The DATE: October 8, 2024

SUBJECT: King County Regional Committees Update, September 2024

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

The RTC did not meet in September. The next RTC meeting is scheduled for October 16. Councilmember Janice Zahn serves on the RTC.

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

At its September 4 meeting, the RWQC:

- **Held a workshop on the update on the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP).** The King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) gathered feedback from the RWQC on draft guiding principles, scope of work, and initial policy questions. The RWQC asked that WTD prioritize developing a vision for clean water, define social and financial equity, define rate fairness between rate classes and contract agencies, acknowledge wastewater as one contributor to overall water quality, and include historical context in the development of the RWSP.

The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for October 2. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

At its September 18 meeting, the GMPC:

- **Approved an Urban Growth Area (UGA) amendment in the King County Comprehensive Plan.** The amendment will rezone two parcels adjacent to the City of Maple Valley from industrial to rural. The parcels are inaccessible to trucks and do not have urban services.
- **Approved amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) to clarify the planning expectations for Countywide Centers.** These amendments support five Bellevue candidate Countywide Growth Centers being fully certified in 2025.
- **Discussed the growth target reconciliation process for the City of Snoqualmie and City of Carnation.** Both jurisdictions have requested slightly reduced housing growth targets to reflect unique planning circumstances. GMPC members asked county staff to provide additional reconciliation alternatives at the next meeting before taking action.
- **Received an update on the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC).** The GMPC heard an update on comprehensive plan comment letters for Seattle, Sammamish, Kirkland, Medina, and Kenmore that were adopted at the AHC's September meeting.

The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for October 23. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis represents Bellevue on the GMPC.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

At its September 5 meeting, the AHC:

- **Approved the housing-related comprehensive plan review comment letters for the cities of Seattle, Sammamish, Kirkland, Medina, and Kenmore.** With an approved comment letter, these jurisdictions have now met the Countywide Planning Policy to go through the plan review process.
- **Approved a proposal for late or non-submitting jurisdictions for the comprehensive plan review process.** The AHC approved a process in which letters will be sent to jurisdictions that have not submitted draft comprehensive plans for review by December 2024. This does not apply to Bellevue as the City has already submitted the plan for review and has an approved comment letter.

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for October 3. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.