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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Briahna Murray, Vice President at Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs, will brief City Council on the outcomes of the 2022 state legislative session. All bills considered during the 2021 session carried over for potential consideration in 2022. Legislators also considered an additional 1,051 new bills this session. The Legislature approved a total of 309 bills by the end of session on March 10. The Governor vetoed six bills, resulting in a total of 303 new laws being adopted into law. The Legislature developed supplemental operating, capital, and transportation budgets that amend the 2021-2023 budgets adopted during the 2021 session. This included the adoption of the statewide Move Ahead Washington transportation investment package.

Legislators representing Bellevue will provide comments on the 2022 state legislative session.

## **LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS**

**State Legislative Session Update:** Staff has provided a written summary with more information about the 2022 state legislative session.

**Federal Legislative Update:** In March Congress and the President agreed to a \$1.5 trillion omnibus spending deal to fund federal operations for the remainder of FY 2022. The City of Bellevue was successful in securing \$915,000 in Congressional Directed Spending in the Commerce Justice State Appropriations bill to start a Community Crisis Assistance Team (CCAT). More information is included in the written summary of recent activities of the Congress and Administration.

## **STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC):** The Eastrail RAC is updating its member agreement, which will come before Council on the April 18 Consent Calendar. The draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) is attached for your information. Bellevue staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Bellevue has been a member of the Eastrail RAC since 2017 when membership was expanded to all Eastrail owners and adjacent jurisdictions. Under the current framework, the group had a Chair from the King County Eastrail RAC membership and a Vice Chair from the other Eastrail

owner jurisdictions. Under the proposed new structure, there would be two co-Chairs; one will be an elected official from the King County Eastrail RAC membership and the other will be an elected official from another Eastrail owner jurisdiction. Bellevue's RAC representative is ineligible to serve in the co-chair role because the City is not an Eastrail owner jurisdiction.

Please contact Lacey Jane Wolfe (452-2055) if you have any questions or concerns about the Eastrail RAC MOU.

**Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings:** Included are updated summary background briefings on the Puget Sound Regional Council boards and the King County Regional Committees.