

March 23, 2015

City of
Bellevue



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 23, 2015
TO: Mayor Balducci and Councilmembers
FROM: Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
RE: Regional Issues Committee Items March 23, 2015

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Tonight's agenda will include an update on the 2015 session of the state legislature and an update on recent outreach activities at the federal level by Councilmember Conrad Lee. No other presentations are scheduled for this study session.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: Staff is providing a written update on the status of key bills related to Council's adopted 2015 state legislative agenda. The session is at the half-way point and legislative committees are holding hearings on bills that passed out of the house of origin by the March 11 cutoff.

Of particular note is a hearing scheduled by the House Transportation Committee on the transportation revenue package that recently passed the Senate. The hearing is Thursday, March 26, at 3:30 p.m. Passage of a transportation revenue package is of critical importance to Bellevue and to the region, and is one of Council's highest priorities. The hearing presents an opportunity for Bellevue elected officials to reaffirm support for a revenue package and urge the House and Senate to reach a compromise to ensure passage of this important legislation in 2015.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff is providing a written update on recent Congressional activities. In addition, staff will provide an update on recent outreach activities at the federal level by Councilmember Conrad Lee.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings: Included are updated Council summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees (RTC and RWQC) and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).