

January 25, 2016

City of
Bellevue



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2016
TO: Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers
FROM: Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
RE: Regional Issues Committee Items January 25, 2016

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Update on I-405 Express Toll Lanes Operations: Staff from the WSDOT will provide an update for Council on information it has compiled on the way the express toll lanes on I-405 from Bellevue to Lynnwood are performing. Since the opening of the express toll lanes last fall, WSDOT has been monitoring activity and usage. As with the implementation of any new system, there have been issues with the new lanes around entry points and congestion on roadways leading to the express toll lanes among them. WSDOT staff have reported that in the first eight weeks of operation, transit riders, vanpoolers and three+ carpools, who were previously delayed in congested HOV lanes, are experiencing improved reliability and reduced travel time.

Tonight's briefing is informational and no action is required by Council. This update is an opportunity for Council to learn about how the lanes are operating, WSDOT's plans for dealing with start-up issues, to ask questions and provide feedback to staff.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: The state legislative session is entering its third week and staff has prepared a written for Council and will provide additional information at tonight's meeting on specific pieces of legislation that could impact the City's interests.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff has provided a written update on recent activities in Congress.

STAFF REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

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