

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 2016

TO: Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers

FROM: Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

RE: Regional Issues Committee Items April 25, 2016

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Briefing on Draft King County Metro Long Range Plan: Victor Obeso, Deputy General Manager for King County Metro Transit, will provide an overview of the Metro Long Range Plan (LRP). Launched by King County in early 2015, the LRP, "Metro Connects", was released publicly on April 18. The LRP takes a comprehensive look ahead at the system that will be required to meet King County's transit needs through 2040. The plan seeks to accomplish this by building an integrated, frequent, all-day transit system, including both service and capital investments.

No Council action is required tonight. This briefing is an opportunity for Council to hear about the LRP and ask questions about how this effort will impact future transit service on the Eastside. Metro is accepting public comment on the plan through May 20 and Council may wish to direct staff to draft a comment letter on the draft plan.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: Staff has provided a written update on the 2016 State Legislative session and major legislative activities that occurred. The update also includes a summary of the supplemental budget compromise and highlights of issues involving the City's interests.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff has provided a written update on recent activities at the federal level and 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), Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), including a summary of the Regional Transit Oriented Development Advisory Committee meeting.