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## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Briefing on the King County Housing Authority:** Stephen Norman, Executive Director of the King County Housing Authority (KCHA), will provide an overview of the KCHA organization and housing programs it provides in King County and Bellevue. Bellevue's work with the KCHA is a key component in the implementation of Bellevue's Affordable Housing Strategy adopted by Council in 2017. No action is required by Council.

**Briefing on the Washington State Road Usage Charge Pilot Project:** Reema Griffith, Executive Director of the Washington State Transportation Commission, will provide an overview of the Road Usage Charge Pilot that launched in early 2018 and will end in January 2019. The pilot study is testing a road usage charge as a potential replacement for the statewide gas tax. Revenue from the gas tax funds highway projects and other infrastructure. As vehicles become more fuel efficient and more drivers opt for electric vehicles, revenue from the gas tax continues to decline. The pilot has enrolled 2,000 drivers who volunteered to report their mileage using a variety of manual and high-tech methods. No action is required as tonight's briefing is an opportunity for Council to learn more about the pilot, ask questions and provide feedback.

## **LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS**

**State Legislative Session Update:** Staff has provided a written update on recent activities during the interim at the state level regarding Bellevue's interests and priorities.

**Federal Legislative Update:** Staff has provided a written update on recent activities at the federal level covering Congress and the Administration.

## **STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

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