



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2017
TO: Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers
FROM: Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
RE: Regional Issues Committee Items July 24, 2017

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Memorandum of

Understanding: Staff will provide an update and is requesting Council direction authorizing the City Manager to enter into a proposed new Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Council adopted an updated Interest Statement on the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) on November 21, 2016 that recognized the need for a formal seat for Bellevue on the RAC, the regional governance body for the ERC. Although Bellevue is not an ERC owner, it is the permitting authority for the segment that is within the City limits. The proposed new MOU provides a formal seat on the RAC for adjacent, non-owner jurisdictions like Bellevue.

INFORMATION ITEM

One Center City Initiative Update:

Included is a written update regarding the One Center City Initiative, launched last fall by the City of Seattle, King County Metro Transit, Sound Transit and the Downtown Seattle Association. The goal of One Center City is to strategize how to get maximum benefits from the transportation system in Seattle's downtown core in the face of ongoing growth and construction activity. Council was briefed on this issue on March 27, and this written update provides additional information about the One Center City proposals with the potential to have the most impact on Bellevue and the Eastside, including bus restructuring on I-90 and SR 520, and the 2019 conversion of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel to a rail-only facility.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update:

The longest legislative session in state history was scheduled to end on Thursday, July 20. There are two tasks that remain undone: pass legislation responding to the *Hirst* Supreme Court decision regarding permit-exempt wells, and adopt a 2017-2019 Capital Budget. A written update is included in tonight's packet, and staff will provide an oral update as the third special session draws to a close.

Federal Legislative Update:

Staff has provided a written legislative 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 Council summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees (RPC, RTC, and RWQC), the King County Flood Control District (FCD), the King Conservation District (KCD), the King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Committees.