

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT**

Motion to approve the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Agreement and associated costs through 2019.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The ETP bylaws allow each participating jurisdiction to appoint two representatives to the Board of Directors. Membership dues are \$100 per year per City representative. The total cost for Bellevue's continuing participation with two representatives on the ETP Board through 2019 is \$400. The agreement also includes language to allow an automatic extension through 2021 if there is no action by the parties to terminate the agreement.

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### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

Bellevue has been a member of the ETP for over 20 years. The ETP is one of three regional transportation planning groups convened by King County and it is seeking renewal of the existing membership agreement for two years, with an additional two-year automatic renewal option. The ETP serves as the central forum for information sharing, consensus building, and regional coordination to develop recommendations for transportation policies, projects and programs for the area on the Eastside of Lake Washington in King County. The ETP is one of a number of local and regional forums where Bellevue representatives work to advance the City's transportation goals, policies and interests.

### **BACKGROUND**

As noted above, the ETP is one of three transportation planning bodies convened by King County. The other two are the South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd) and the Seattle-Shoreline Transportation Forum (SeaShore). King County provides staffing and coordination for the three transportation planning bodies. The mission of the ETP is to provide a forum for inter-jurisdictional cooperation to implement coordinated, prioritized transportation plans and programs through leadership, education, and advocacy on the Eastside.

The ETP was first established through an Interlocal Agreement in 1987, which provided funds for a study that resulted in recommendations for transportation improvements on the eastside of King County. Since that time, Bellevue has participated along with our regional partners to advance priority Eastside projects for consideration by the Puget Sound Regional Council for various rounds of federal funding.

Since its inception, the ETP has served as a forum for receiving transportation information to develop and support local and regional transportation decisions to address transportation needs and challenges, as well as serving as a clearing house for briefings from regional transportation providers including the

Washington State Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, King County Metro and the King County Roads Division.

As 2018 is a federal funding year at the Puget Sound Regional Council, the ETP will prioritize projects from east King County jurisdictions that will be submitted in the regional competition. During 2018, the ETP will also receive updates from various transportation agencies regarding critical transportation projects, including: Eastlink, I-405 Master Plan and Express Toll Lane Operations, SR 167/509 expansion, the Eastside Rail Corridor, the Road Usage Charge Pilot Program, and Metro Connects.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

If approved, this Motion becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

**OPTIONS**

1. Approve the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Agreement and associated costs through 2019.
2. Do not approve the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Agreement and associated costs through 2019 and provide alternative direction to staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1

**MOTION**

Move to approve the Eastside Transportation Partnership Agreement (ETP) and associated costs through 2019.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Eastside Transportation Partnership Agreement

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N/A