



May 29, 2018

## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** May 29, 2018  
**TO:** Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations  
**RE:** Regional Issues Committee Items May 29, 2018

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Update on Interstate 405 (I-405) Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes:**

Tonight's update is informational only and no Council action is required. Staff from the Washington State Department of Transportation will provide information on the next phases of the I-405 Master Plan Projects that will create additional capacity and improve mobility on this critical corridor. The update is an opportunity for Council to review progress on the Renton to Bellevue project, ask questions and provide feedback to the WSDOT staff.

Improving mobility and reducing congestion on I-405 has long been a top priority of the City, and Council has voiced strong support for the WSDOT's I-405 Master Plan which has and will continue to invest in projects that improve the operation of this critical transportation corridor. One of the major recent milestones in the corridor was the opening of the I-405 Express Toll Lanes (ETL) from Bellevue to Lynnwood in September 2015. The I-405 Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes project will add new capacity to create a two-lane ETL system between SR 167 in Renton and Northeast 6th Street in Bellevue. This project is in the environmental review and preliminary engineering phase, with construction scheduled to begin in 2019.

### **LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS**

**State Legislative Session Update:** Staff has provided a written legislative update on recent activities and the work underway by various workgroups, task forces and other efforts during the interim between the end of the 2018 session and the beginning of the 2019 session. Several of these efforts include issues that are of interest to the City of Bellevue.

**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 Council summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees (RPC, RTC, RWQC), the King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force (RAHTF), Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).