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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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Tonight's Regional Issues briefings are included in written format with no specific presentations scheduled. The agenda updates include summaries of regional board and committee meetings over the past several months. The COVID-19 pandemic response and the resulting stay at home orders and changes in how public meetings can be conducted had an impact on the activities of many of the regional committees. Several committees did not meet during the early months of the pandemic response while others continued in somewhat abbreviated form in a virtual manner. Some updates in tonight's packet include information from the summer months in order to provide Council as complete a picture as possible of significant actions taken, milestones reached and next steps for these committees. Staff is available to provide additional information for Councilmembers as needed.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: Staff has provided a written legislative update on recent activities in Olympia during the interim regarding Bellevue's interests/priorities. The 2021 session of the State Legislature is scheduled to begin January 13. Staff is working on a draft legislative agenda for Council review that will lay out the City's interests and priorities for the coming session.

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, RWQC and RTC), the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) and the Affordable Housing Committee—a subcommittee of the GMPC working on implementing the recommendations of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force.