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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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REGIONAL ISSUES UPDATES

Tonight's packet includes written updates on activities at the federal, state, regional and local levels. No formal presentations are scheduled.

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. Included in tonight's update is information on significant transportation priorities for developed for consideration in the City's Draft 2021 State Legislative Agenda. The next legislative session will likely be conducted in a virtual format and this setting will provide some challenges as well as some opportunities. 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. Congress and the Administration are debating the terms for additional stimulus funding from the federal government to help stabilize the economy and provide much-needed assistance to individuals, businesses and state and local governments in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings: Included are updated summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees (RWQC only this month), the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), the Affordable Housing Committee—a subcommittee of the GMPC working on implementing the recommendations of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force, and the King County Flood Control District.