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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**King County Metro Transit Policy Update:** Terry White, who was recently appointed General Manager of King County Metro Transit (Metro), will provide an update on transit services including temporary service reductions and related changes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. He will also brief Council on changes to Metro Transit policies for adding and reducing transit service. Prior to the pandemic, Metro provided more than 430,000 rides every weekday on over 200 bus routes. Metro ridership decreased in March following Governor Jay Inslee's Stay Home Stay Healthy orders. Since then, ridership has remained at about 60-70 percent *below* 2019 levels.

No action is required from Council at this time. Tonight's presentation is an opportunity to learn about Metro's policies and service, ask questions, and provide feedback.

## **LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS**

**State Legislative Session Update:** Staff has included a written summary of bills of interest to the City in the 2021 in state legislative session. The session began January 11 and runs 105 consecutive days, ending on April 25. The session will be conducted for the most part in a virtual format as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Federal Legislative Update:** Staff has provided a written summary of recent activities of the Congress and Administration.

## **STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings:** Included are updated summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees (RPC and RTC), the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), Eastrail Advisory Council and Greater Seattle Partners Executive Committee.