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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Update on Eastrail Projects, Timing and Fundraising:** Work is progressing on this 42-mile regional trail that will connect the cities of Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville and Redmond. King County Parks Division Director Warren Jimenez will provide an update on the status of projects along the trail. In addition, Katherine Hollis, Executive Director of the "Eastrail Partners" will brief Council on the activities underway by this nonprofit advocacy group of private sector stakeholders working to secure funding for trail projects. No Council action is required as this update is informational and an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

**Briefing on Sound Transit's Project Realignment Process:** Sound Transit Executive Director Peter Rogoff will update Council on the status of high capacity transit projects. He will also provide an overview the "realignment" process the Sound Transit Board is using to consider how to fill an estimated \$11.5 billion revenue shortfall through 2041 as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board is considering delaying and/or changing the scope of some projects approved by voters in the ST3 funding package. Tonight's presentation is informational and no formal Council action is required.

## **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 first major cutoff was on February 15 for bills to pass out of the policy committees. The next cutoff is February 22 for bills to pass out of the fiscal committees in each chamber.

**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, RTC and RWQC), the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), Eastrail Advisory Council and the King County Affordable Housing Committee.