

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Motion to approve the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Agreement and associated costs through 2023.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bellevue has been a member of ETP since 1987, when it was established via interlocal agreement. The ETP is updating its member agreement. Under the 2022-2023 agreement, Bellevue retains the authority to appoint two representatives to the Board of Directors; membership dues are \$100 per year per City representative.

RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The ETP is one of three transportation planning bodies convened by King County. The other two are the South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd) and the Seattle-Shoreline Transportation Forum (SeaShore). King County provides staffing and coordination for the three transportation planning bodies.

The ETP was first established through an Interlocal Agreement in 1987, which provided study funds that resulted in recommendations for transportation improvements on the eastside of King County. Since that time, Bellevue has participated along with our regional partners to advance priority Eastside projects for consideration by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) for various rounds of federal funding.

Since its inception, the ETP has served as a forum for receiving transportation information to develop and support local and regional transportation decisions. ETP has serving as a clearing house for briefings from regional transportation providers including the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Sound Transit, Port of Seattle and King County Metro.

All three regional transportation boards, ETP, SeaShore and SCATBd, enter into agreements with members of their respective boards. Through the agreement, ETP is formally recognized as the transportation board for the area East of Lake Washington in King County to share information, build consensus, and provide advice on plans, programs, policies and priorities for countywide, regional, state and federal transportation decisions.

Council approved the existing agreement in December 2017. The agreement has been automatically

extended but legally expires on December 31, 2021.

As 2022 is a federal funding year at PSRC, the ETP will prioritize projects from east King County jurisdictions that will be submitted in the regional competition. During 2022, the ETP could also receive updates from various transportation agencies regarding critical transportation projects, including: Sound Transit I-405 and SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit, Sound Transit East Link (Line 2) light rail, WSDOT's I-405/SR 167 corridor, King County Eastrail, PSRC Regional Transportation Plan, and East Link Connections restructure from King County and Sound Transit.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Council's 2021-2023 Vision and Priorities (Regional Leadership and Influence) calls for Council to be an active regional partner, whether it is with cities east of the lake, Seattle and King County, schools and special purpose districts, or the state and federal government. The ETP is one of a number local and regional forums where Bellevue representatives work to advance the City's transportation goals, policies and interests.

Fiscal Impact

The ETP bylaws allow each participating jurisdiction to appoint two representatives to the Board of Directors. Membership dues are \$100 per year per City representative. The total cost for Bellevue's continuing participation with two representatives on the ETP Board through 2023 is \$400. The agreement also includes language to allow an automatic extension through 2025 if there is no action by the parties to terminate the agreement.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Agreement and associated costs through 2023.
2. Do not approve the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Agreement and associated costs through 2023 and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. ETP Agreement

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

N/A