

**COUNCIL SUMMARY BACKGROUND BRIEFING:
KING COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER ISSUES
January 27, 2014**

This briefing summarizes recent actions taken by the three regional committees formed as a result of the merger of King County and Metro. The three regional committees are the Regional Policy Committee, the Regional Water Quality Committee, and the Regional Transit Committee. We will also include updates on other regional issues (e.g., King County Flood Control District, King Conservation District) as appropriate. This is intended as a summary briefing; staff can provide more details on any of the items below.

REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (RPC)

The Regional Policy Committee met December 11, 2013 and received a briefing on the activities of the King County Elections Department. The Committee also received a copy of the Department's annual report that summarizes the activities, elections processes and improvements. The report is available at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/elections/docs/pdfs/2013/annual-report.pdf>

Committee staff also provided a wrap-up briefing on the 2013 work plan and preliminary planning for 2014. Potential topics and briefings for 2014 include the following:

- *Solid Waste Transfer and Management Plan update*
- *Solid Waste Comprehensive Management Plan*
- *Emergency Radio Replacement*
- *NPDES Stormwater Planning*
- *Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Plan and Possible Consolidation*
- *Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees and Task Forces such as King Conservation District*
- *Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness*
- *King County Flood Control District*
- *MIDD Levy Oversight*

The next meeting of the RPC is scheduled for Thursday, January 23.

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE (RTC)

January 15, 2014 meeting summary:

On Wednesday, January 15, the Regional Transit Committee received a briefing concerning development of a new study related to improving access to transit infrastructure.

Background: Ordinance 17641, adopted in August 2013 by the King County Council, requires an update of the King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation. It also includes a requirement to develop a work plan for undertaking a study of access to transit infrastructure. As outlined in the county's work plan, the *Access to Transit Study* will assess the role that capital infrastructure plays in facilitating access to transit and will explore options for regionally coordinated approaches to assessing and tracking needs, managing, and funding access infrastructure. The study will also consider model policy language, including potential updates to Metro's Strategic Plan to clarify the role, measurement and funding of transit access infrastructure. The results of the study could help inform policy, facility management,

performance measurement and investment decisions. Bellevue staff is closely monitoring this study and will coordinate with Metro to determine how the findings might integrate into Bellevue's Transit Master Plan, currently being updated, and implementation over time.

The next meeting of the RTC is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19.

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE (RWQC)

December 4, 2013 meeting summary:

- **Chair's Report.** The Committee Chair, King County Councilmember Larry Phillips, recognized the retiring members from the RWQC. The retiring members are Councilmembers Dr. Don Davidson, Bill Pelozo from Auburn, and Craig Goodwin from Black Diamond.
- **Report on Combined Sewer Overflow Project Sequencing.** This item came to the Committee as a motion acknowledging receipt of the report in accordance with a 2013 budget proviso adopted by the King County Council. The proviso directed a review of the combined sewer overflow program (CSO Program) to see if there were strategic, environmental and/or financial reasons for re-sequencing or accelerating the completion of certain CSO projects. The review focused on one particular project, the "Hanford #2, Lander Street, Kingdome, King Street" (HLKK) project, based on an analysis by the King County Auditor's office as one of the most expensive projects with potentially large benefits. The report submitted by the Executive concludes that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages of accelerating that project. The Committee received a briefing on the issues and conclusion and voted to move the report to the full County Council for consideration.
- **Strategic Asset Management Program and Projects Update.** Wastewater Division staff provided an overview of implementation of the asset management program and highlighted several projects currently underway in 2013 and planned for 2014.
- **Annual Report on Regional Wastewater Services Plan Progress.** This item was deferred until early 2014 to be discussed as part of the 2014 work program for the Committee.

The next meeting of the RWQC is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5.