## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 5 | **Name:** | Jenny Giambattista  April Sanders |
| **Proposed No**.: | RPC2022-01 | **Date:** | February 9, 2022 |

**SUBJECT**

A resolution that adopts the 2022 Regional Policy Committee Work Program.

**BACKGROUND**

The Metropolitan King County Charter includes specific language regarding the responsibilities and operation of the Regional Policy Committee (RPC). The RPC is one of three committees formed when voters approved the merger of Metro (transit and wastewater treatment services) and King County. The charter, as amended in 2008 states the following regarding regional committees (emphasis added on the work program adoption and relation to the referral of legislation):

***270.30 Powers and Duties.***

*Each regional committee shall develop, propose, review and recommend action on ordinances and motions adopting, repealing, or amending transit, water quality or other regional countywide policies and plans within the subject matter area of the committee.* ***The subject matter area of the regional policies committee shall consist of those countywide plans and policies included in the committee's work program by a majority of the members present and voting, with no fewer than three and one-half affirmative votes****.*

**DISCUSSION**

Resolution RPC2022-01 adopts the RPC work program, which is Attachment A to the resolution. The 2022 work program is very similar to the 2021 work program. As in the 2021 work plan, the 2022 work plan includes language to indicate that, for the purpose of determining a subject matter for mandatory referral pursuant to the King County Charter Section 270 and KCC 1.24.065, the numbered topics, as well as the subsets of lettered topics, should be liberally construed.

Legislation relative to the topics included in this Section II shall not be subject to mandatory referral.

Additionally, Resolution RPC2022-01 indicates that the work program shall remain in effect until it is superseded by a work program that is adopted by a resolution of the Regional Policy Committee.

The proposed 2022 work program was discussed in the January 12, 2022 meeting of the Regional Policy Committee. Mayor Birney noted that the SCA caucus is interested in adding to the list of mandatory referrals items related to climate and environment and countywide levy and sales tax measures. Mayor Birney further noted that the SCA caucus is interested in briefings on COVID-19 and the public health opioid crisis, and under “RPC Acting in its capacity as the Solid Waste Interlocal Forum” removing bullet B, “Waste to Energy”. Mayor Backus requested that under “Regional Approach to Public Safety” a bullet is added for Restorative Community Pathways.

Council staff worked with SCA members to incorporate these items into a new draft Work Program for Committee consideration on February 9, 2022. (Please see Attachment 1). Changes from the draft Work Program discussed on January 12th can be seen in the track changes version (Attachment 2).

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution RPC2022-01 and its attachment, RPC Work Program dated February 9, 2022
2. TRACK CHANGES to attachment A, RPC Work Program dated February 9, 2022