## STAFF REPORT

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**SUBJECT**

A briefing on the potential 2020 Regional Transit Committee Work Plan.

**SUMMARY**

The King County Charter directs that the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) be primarily responsible for developing, recommending, and reviewing regional transit policies and plans such as the long-range transit system plan and service allocation policies. The King County Council’s rule for regional committees, Rule 7 (K.C.C. 1.24.065), calls for the Chair to consult with the Vice Chair “in developing a draft work program for consideration by the full committee.”

At the January 2020 meeting, the Committee reviewed an initial outline of potential work program items, which included the possible update of the major policy documents for the Metro Transit Department. For today’s meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair have developed a draft 2020 RTC Work Plan for committee review.

**BACKGROUND**

The Regional Transit Committee (RTC) is one of three committees formed in the 1990s when voters approved the merger of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, which at the time provided transit and wastewater services, and King County. The King County Charter[[1]](#footnote-1) directs that the RTC be primarily responsible for developing, recommending, and reviewing regional transit policies and plans for consideration by the King County Council. King County Council Rule 7 states that "[p]lans and policies that must be assigned to the committee include, but are not limited to, the long-range transit system and capital improvement plans, service design, development and allocation policies, financial policies, fare policies, facility siting policy and major facilities siting process."[[2]](#footnote-2) Rule 7 also requires the RTC Chair to consult with the Vice Chair "in developing a draft work program for consideration by the full committee."

The RTC was briefed at the January 2020 meeting on the Mobility Framework, the major work item completed in 2019. The committee reviewed an initial outline of potential work program items, which included the possible update of the major policy documents for the Metro Transit Department. The major policy documents for Metro are:

* The Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021, which sets the near-term objectives, goals, and strategies for achieving Metro's long-term system vision,
* The King County Metro Service Guidelines, which establish criteria and processes that Metro uses to analyze and plan changes to the transit system, and
* The METRO CONNECTS Long Range Plan, which presents a vision for the transit system through 2040.

Executive staff had previously anticipated submitting an ordinance that would approve the revised policy documents in early summer. At the January RTC meeting, committee members requested additional time to complete the work related to updating the major policy documents. The Chair and Vice Chair developed the draft 2020 Work Plan (Attachment 1) for committee review.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Chair/Vice Chair Draft 2020 RTC Work Plan
1. Charter 270.10 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. K.C.C. 1.24.065 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)