



KING COUNTY

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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 2, 2010

Motion 13138

Proposed No. 2009-0649.2

Sponsors Phillips and Hague

1 A MOTION relating to a regional task force on King
2 County's transit system.

3 WHEREAS, King County operates a transit system comprised of more than three
4 million annual service hours delivering more than one hundred ten million rides per year,
5 and

6 WHEREAS, this transit system is an important element of meeting regional
7 growth management objectives through the high-occupancy movement of people
8 throughout the county and region, and

9 WHEREAS, this transit system, due to its dependence on the volatile revenue
10 source of sales tax, has been assailed by financial challenges associated with the global
11 recession, and

12 WHEREAS, the King County council has worked in close collaboration with the
13 executive to address more than a \$200 million deficit for the 2010/2011 biennium, and

14 WHEREAS, Ordinance 16717 was adopted requiring the executive to transmit a
15 work plan for a regional task force to consider a policy framework to guide the growth
16 and, if necessary, contraction of King County's transit system;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

18 A. The executive should develop a work plan that convenes a task force by
19 March 2010 that is charged with:

20 1. Exploring the transit system in King County based on key system design
21 factors of land use, social equity and environmental justice, financial sustainability,
22 geographic equity, economic development and productivity and efficiency;

23 2. Making recommendations on how and to what extent these factors should be
24 reflected in the design of King County's transit system;

25 3. Exploring system integration and making recommendations regarding King
26 County Metro's role within the region's public transportation and overall transportation
27 system; and

28 4. Recommending a policy framework to the executive and council that reflects
29 prioritization of the key system design factors. The framework should include:

30 a. concurrence with, or proposed changes to, the vision and mission of the
31 King County transit system;

32 b. criteria for systematically growing the transit system to achieve the vision;

33 c. state and federal legislative agenda issues to achieve the vision;

34 d. strategies for increasing efficiency of the King County transit system; and

35 e. criteria for systematically reducing the transit system should revenues not be
36 available to sustain the King County transit system.

37 B.1. The executive should transmit by February 10, 2010, for council
38 confirmation by motion, task force membership with the following executive-level
39 representation:

40 a. six currently elected officials with equal representation from each of the
41 three King County transportation subareas, provided that at least one south subarea
42 representative shall be an elected official of a city on the southwestern ridge and no more

43 than one west subarea representative shall be an elected official of the city of Seattle, and
44 no more than one east subarea representative shall be an elected official of the city of
45 Bellevue;

46 b. three representatives of business and economic development interests with
47 equal representation from each of the three King County transportation subareas;

48 c. two representatives of organized labor;

49 d. six representatives of countywide rider interests with equal representation
50 from each of the three King County transportation subareas and including two
51 representatives of educational interests with representatives from different King County
52 transportation subareas, two representatives of social service interests with
53 representatives from different King County transportation subareas, and two large
54 employers representing commuter and commute trip reduction interests with
55 representatives from different King County transportation subareas;

56 e. one representative of a good government civic organization;

57 f. two representatives of environmental concerns;

58 g. two transportation experts;

59 h. three rider or citizen representatives with equal representation from each of
60 the three King County transportation subareas;

61 i. one member of the transit advisory committee representing the range of
62 views of the committee; and

63 j. one representative of the Puget Sound Regional Council.

64 2. The executive should strive to identify task force members who are broad
65 thinkers that understand multiple stakeholder views, committed to livable communities,

66 collectively represent a balanced geographic distribution, including rural representation
67 and representation from the Rapidly Developing Areas as defined in the Strategic Plan
68 for Public Transportation, and are open to addressing the charge of the task force without
69 being bound by previously held positions. Additionally, the overall task force
70 membership should reflect the racial, gender and economic diversity of King County.

71 3. The King County transit division manager, the Sound Transit senior staff
72 member and a Washington state Legislature Joint Transportation Committee staff
73 member shall be nonvoting members of the task force.

74 C. A third-party facilitator, who is not an employee of King County at time of
75 hiring, should be hired by the executive to lead the work of the task force based on the
76 guidance of the executive committee and the support of the interbranch working group.

77 D.1. The executive committee should consist of the King County executive and
78 three King County councilmembers with equal representation from each of the three King
79 County transportation subareas, without designees.

80 2. The chair of the regional transit committee, without designee, should be the
81 alternate to the executive committee.

82 3. The King County councilmembers shall be appointed to the executive
83 committee by the chair of the King County council per OR-1-020 of the council's
84 Organizational Compilation.

85 4. In a balanced legislative and executive branch approach, the executive
86 committee is charged with overseeing the task force schedule and process relative to the
87 council-approved work plan objectives and charge as transmitted by the executive in
88 accordance with Ordinance 16717, without influencing the substance or content of task

89 force deliberations; and offering to act as a sounding board during the development of
90 actionable recommendations.

91 E.1. An interbranch working group shall support the executive committee and the
92 task force through comprehensive review and preparation of data and materials.

93 2. The interbranch working group shall consist of King County executive,
94 transit division and council staff.

95 F. The work plan transmitted by the executive in accordance with Ordinance
96 16717 should contain subject areas for meetings with the goals of:

97 1. Achieving task force comprehension of transit system building blocks by
98 May 2010;

99 2. Developing policy options for discussion by July 2010; and

100 3. Adopting final policy recommendations by September 2010.

101 G. The agendas for the task force meetings shall be developed by the facilitator
102 with guidance from the executive committee and support from the interbranch working
103 group to achieve the objectives in subsection A. of this motion.

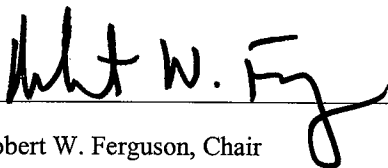
104 H. The work plan should designate a project manager to oversee the day-to-day

- 105 needs of the transit task force program, oversee the facilitator contract and coordinate the
106 development and review of materials for the task force.

Motion 13138 was introduced on 11/30/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/1/2010, by the following vote:


Yes: 9 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,
Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None