



Signature Report

May 1, 2007

Motion 12506

Proposed No. 2007-0250.2

Sponsors Dunn

1 A MOTION approving a 2007-2008 work program and
2 strategic plan scope to update King County's transit policy
3 and strategic planning structure.

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5 WHEREAS, King County provides public transportation services to the citizens
6 of King County, and

7 WHEREAS, the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Long Range Policy
8 Framework for Public Transportation were adopted as the Comprehensive Plan for Public
9 Transportation by Resolution 6441 of the council of the Municipality of Metropolitan
10 Seattle (METRO) in 1993, and

11 WHEREAS, by Ordinance 12074, the metropolitan King County council
12 readopted and ratified Metro Council Resolution 6441 in 1995, and

13 WHEREAS, 2007 will be the final year of the current Six-Year Transit
14 Development Plan, and

15 WHEREAS, in November 2007, the voters of King County approved funding for
16 Transit Now, a ten-year program of transit and capital investments, and

17 WHEREAS, the council previously recognized the need for transit operational
18 and facilities master plans to provide a system-wide context for making individual service
19 and capital investments, and

20 WHEREAS, a restructuring of the current transit planning framework would
21 accommodate programs exceeding the range of a six-year plan, and also address the need
22 for a short-term plan for consideration of new program initiatives and transit strategic
23 plan implementation measures outside of the annual budget process, and

24 WHEREAS, a report describing the transit division's service and capital
25 investment standards and guidelines would provide the public with a better understanding
26 and appreciation of the design and operation of King County's transit system;

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

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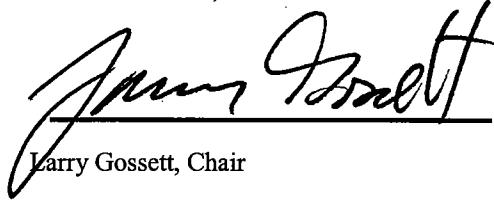
28 The 2007-2008 Transit Planning Work Program and Transit Strategic Plan Scope,
29 Attachment A to this motion, is hereby approved.

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Motion 12506 was introduced on 4/16/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/30/2007, by the following vote:

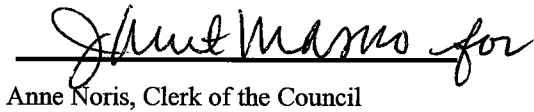
Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. 2007-2008 Transit Planning Work Program and Transit Strategic Plan Scope, dated April 18, 2007

2007-2008 Transit Planning Work Program and Transit Strategic Plan Scope

King County will restructure and expand its transit planning framework to clarify the linkage between long-term policy, mid-term strategies and near-term implementation and to identify the standards and guidelines underlying service and capital investment priorities. This multi-year undertaking will focus initially on development and adoption of policies and strategies related to approval of anticipated major 2007 implementation actions.

2007

- Transit Comprehensive Plan Develop and adopt a long-term policy plan incorporating elements of the 1993 Long-Range Policy Framework for Public Transportation and establishing the policy basis for Transit Now service and capital programs; urban connector service and capital programs such as, but not limited to, streetcars and shuttles and the transit-oriented development program. The Transit Comprehensive Plan will be updated as needed but at least every five years.
- Transit Strategic Plan Develop and adopt a ten-year strategic plan to carry out the Transit Comprehensive Plan policy direction for the streetcar, Transit Now and transit-oriented development programs. Extend the strategies of the 2002-2007 Six-Year Transit Development Plan as appropriate pending a 2008 update to establish a full ten-year operating and capital strategic plan. The Transit Strategic Plan will be updated as needed and at five year intervals to extend it by five years.

2008

- Transit Comprehensive Plan Update the plan adopted in 2007 to establish the policy basis for the transit security program and include any transit policy framework additions or revisions identified during development and adoption of the Transit Strategic Plan.
- Transit Strategic Plan Develop and adopt an expanded version of the 2007 strategic plan to:
 - address each capital and operating program element individually with a detailed set of ten-year strategies to carry out the policy direction of the Transit Comprehensive Plan, and
 - incorporate or reflect current policy direction established by separate legislation in areas such as fares, paratransit service and financial planning and management.
- Transit Business Plan Develop and adopt a program to carry out the direction of the Transit Strategic Plan, identifying the focus of investments in the major elements of the capital and operating programs for the next two years. Adopt by the second quarter of the year in order to guide development and Council review of the Transit Division's annual budget and capital program.
- Transit Standards Report Develop and produce a report describing the standards, service thresholds, warrants and other guidelines used by the Transit Division to design and operate the transit system.

Scope: Transit Ten Year Strategic Plan

2007....Initial Plan

- Transit Now Ten-Year Implementation Strategies and Implementation Schedule
 - bus rapid transit
 - partnership program
 - high ridership network
 - service for rapidly developing areas
 - additional improvements
 - paratransit service
 - VanPool, VanShare & Ridematch Programs
 - Pedestrian/bike access to transit

- Urban Connectors such as, but not limited to, Streetcars and Shuttles
 - Waterfront Streetcar
 - South Lake Union Streetcar
 - Sound Transit Phase II, First Hill Streetcar
 - system interconnections
 - fleet compatibility and service interlining
 - maintenance facility needs
 - SDOT long-range planning
 - Alaska Way Viaduct project impacts

- Transit-Oriented Development Program
 - criteria for eligible projects
 - cost and transit benefit balance sheet
 - current and planned projects and areas for future consideration
 - ten-year expenditure and revenue projection

- Prior Six-Year Plan strategies extended to 2008