



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 19, 2010

Ordinance 16810

Proposed No. 2010-0193.2

Sponsors Patterson and Drago

1 AN ORDINANCE pertaining to the roads capital
2 improvement program; and amending the 2010/2011
3 Biennium Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16717, Section
4 137, as amended, and Attachment G, as amended; and
5 declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

8 A. The South Park Bridge, built in 1931, is at the end of its useful life. Its
9 concrete support structure is undergoing a self-destructive process that cannot be reversed
10 or repaired. The heavily cracked piers are unstable and shift on their foundations. The
11 concrete itself is actually crumbling in many places due to contamination in the concrete
12 when the bridge was built.

13 B. The piers have tilted toward the middle of the river so much that, even after
14 many modifications, the bridge cannot be properly closed and the moveable parts fully
15 seated. The mechanical and electrical systems that open and close the bridge to let
16 vessels through are unreliable.

17 C. Even after shoring and repairs were completed following the 2001 Nisqually
18 earthquake, the bridge is seven times more vulnerable to earthquake damage than the
19 Alaskan Way Viaduct.

20 D. There are frequent problems that prevent the bridge from operating properly,
21 causing significant delays for both vehicular and boat traffic.

22 E. The problems with the bridge structure are so extensive that there are no
23 feasible repair options. The significant extent and nature of these structural problems,
24 coupled with the poor initial construction of the bridge, mean the bridge must be
25 scheduled to close on June 30, 2010, for the public's safety.

26 F. Planning for closure of the South Park Bridge requires an extensive process of
27 consulting with affected citizens, local governments, fire and police departments, school
28 districts, and transportation agencies.

29 G. With the June 30 closure date less than eleven weeks away, appropriation
30 authority for right-of-way acquisition is needed without delay so the closure preparations
31 can proceed as planned.

32 SECTION 2. Ordinance 16717, Section 137, as amended, is hereby amended by
33 adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

34 ROADS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - The executive is hereby
35 authorized to execute any utility easements, bill of sale or related documents necessary
36 for the provision of utility services to the capital projects described in Attachment G to
37 this ordinance, but only if the documents are reviewed and approved by the custodial
38 agency, the real estate services division, and the prosecuting attorney's office. Consistent
39 with the requirements of the Growth Management Act, Attachment G to this ordinance
40 was reviewed and evaluated according to King County Comprehensive Plan. Any project
41 slated for bond funding will be reimbursed by bond proceeds if the project incurs
42 expenditures before the bonds are sold.

43 The two primary prioritization processes that provided input to the 2010 - 2015
44 Roads Capital Improvement Program are the Bridge Priority Process published in the
45 Annual Bridge Report, and the Transportation Needs Report.

46 From the roads services capital improvement funds there are hereby appropriated
47 and authorized to be disbursed the following amounts for the specific projects identified
48 in Attachment G to this ordinance.

49	Fund	Fund Name	2010/2011
50	3860	ROADS CONSTRUCTION	\$0

51 P1 PROVIDED THAT:

52 For CIP Project 300610, South Park Bridge Demolition, no more than
53 ~~(((\$300,000))~~ \$1,800,000 may be expended or encumbered for right-of-way acquisition,
54 and no more than \$1,400,000 may be expended or encumbered for other project purposes,
55 until the executive has transmitted a report certifying that insufficient funding is available
56 for CIP Project 300197, South Park Bridge Replacement or providing an update on an
57 executive plan to fund CIP Project 300197. The report shall ~~((set forth the complete plan~~
58 ~~for funding for the demolition of the bridge. This report shall also include a discussion of~~
59 ~~outreach about the bridge closure to the community and jurisdictions with transportation~~
60 ~~responsibilities))~~ include the finalized closure plan for the South Park Bridge.

61 The report required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in the form of a
62 paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the
63 original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the committee
64 coordinator for the physical environment committee or its successor.

65 P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

66 For CIP Project 300197, South Park Bridge Replacement, (~~no more than~~
67 \$761,000)) none of the amount appropriated in 2010 may be expended or encumbered
68 until the executive has transmitted, and the council has approved by motion, a funding
69 plan for the project. Any ordinance necessary for implementation of the funding plan
70 shall be transmitted with the plan.

71 Any plan or legislation required to be submitted by this proviso must be filed in
72 the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who
73 shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the
74 committee coordinator for the physical environment committee or its successor.

75 SECTION 3. Attachment A to this ordinance hereby amends Attachment G to
76 Ordinance 16717, as amended, by adding thereto and inserting therein the projects listed
77 in Attachment A to this ordinance.

78 SECTION 4. For the reasons listed in Section 1 of this ordinance, the county
79 council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

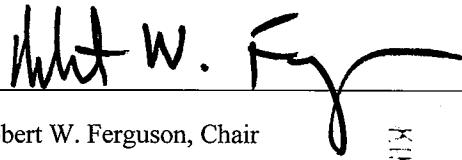
80 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the
81 support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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Ordinance 16810 was introduced on 3/29/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 4/19/2010, by the following vote:

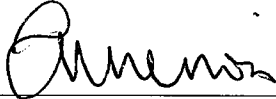
Yes: 8 - Ms. Drago, Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

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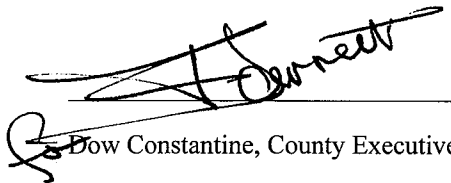
Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 19 day of April, 2010.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: A. Roads Capital Improvement Program--Biennial Budget 2010-2011

