



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 17, 2008

Ordinance 16299

Proposed No. 2008-0377.2

Sponsors Constantine, Phillips and Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;
2 revising rates of fare; and amending Ordinance 13480,
3 Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015, Ordinance
4 13480, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 and
5 Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C.
6 28.94.245.

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. Findings:

10 A. Over the past few months, worldwide petroleum prices have reached record
11 levels of volatility resulting in a significant fluctuation in fuel prices.

12 B. The latest projections of sales tax revenue, the primary source of transit
13 funding, indicate a significant reduction in 2008 and future years, even as inflation has
14 driven up the cost of wages and other costs to Metro Transit.

15 E. The County Council intends to work closely with the Executive and the Metro
16 Transit Division to identify and implement solutions to this multi-year funding that
17 preserve existing and planned new bus service. The Council will work with riders,

18 employers, other governments, valued employees, and other stakeholders to achieve
19 financial stability and to preserve transit service.

20 F. Preservation of service is critical in light of record ridership growth as
21 customers respond to increasing fuel prices by moving to public transportation. Transit
22 service is also critical to the achievement of regional growth management, economic
23 development, and environmental goals.

24 G. A fare increase is one necessary and immediate action to help preserve
25 existing and future expansion of the Metro Transit system.

26 SECTION 2. A. Section 4 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fares
27 charged for county public transportation services on the bus system. Section 6 of this
28 ordinance increases the annual limit on the discount provided for Human Services
29 Tickets. Section 8 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fares charged for county
30 public transportation services on the bus system.

31 B. These fees are assessed under K.C.C. 2.99.030.

32 SECTION 3. Section 4 of this ordinance takes effect February 1, 2009.

33 SECTION 4. Ordinance 13480, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 are
34 each hereby amended to read as follows:

35 A. Except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance, the following fare
36 categories and rates are established for regularly scheduled county public transportation
37 service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars:

| | Off-peak | One-zone Peak | Two-zone Peak |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Regular fare | (\$1.50) <u>\$1.75</u> | (\$1.75) <u>\$2.00</u> | (\$2.25) <u>\$2.50</u> |
| Child fare | No charge | No charge | No charge |

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|--|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Youth fare | \$0.75 | \$0.75 | \$0.75 |
| Family fare | (\$1.50) <u>\$2.00</u> | N/A | N/A |
| Seniors and persons with disabilities fare | \$0.50 | \$0.50 | \$0.50 |

38 The fare categories and rates are subject to, and defined by, the following:

- 39 1. The descriptions of transit zones are set forth in K.C.C. 28.94.030;
- 40 2. The time-of-day limitations for peak period trips and off-peak period trips are
41 set forth in K.C.C. 28.92.115 and 28.92.100;
- 42 3. The child fare is available to persons up to six years old when accompanied by
43 a responsible person paying the proper fare as set forth in this chapter. Up to four children
44 may ride with each responsible person;
- 45 4. The youth fare is available to persons from six through seventeen years old and
46 persons over seventeen years old who attend regular sessions of junior or senior high
47 school;
- 48 5. The family fare is available to a group that includes a person at least eighteen
49 years old and up to four persons eighteen years old or younger. The family fare is valid on
50 Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed: New Year's
51 Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;
52 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day;
- 53 6. The senior and persons with disabilities fare is available to persons who apply
54 for and receive a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to persons at least
55 sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional reduced fare
56 permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255; and

57 7. A person with a disability who has been issued an “attendant ride free” permit
58 by the department may be accompanied by an attendant, who is not required to pay a fare.

59 B. A fare in subsection A₂ of this section is paid when a person pays the
60 appropriate amount in cash or presents an appropriate pass, transfer or other fare payment
61 media established under, and used in accordance with, this chapter.

62 C. The following passes are established for use on regularly scheduled county
63 public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and
64 streetcars:

65 1. Weekend/holiday all-day pass – (~~(\$3.50)~~) \$4.00.

66 A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to
67 persons at least six years old. A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be purchased only on
68 Saturdays, Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed:
69 New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day;
70 Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. A
71 weekend/holiday all-day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited rides
72 during the day indicated on the pass;

73 2. Weekday all-day pass – (~~(\$5.50)~~) \$6.00.

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75 least six years old. A weekday all-day pass may be purchased only on weekdays. An all-
76 day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated on
77 the pass;

78 3. Monthly pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – \$9.00.

79 Monthly passes may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons who have
80 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to
81 persons at least sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional
82 reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The monthly pass
83 entitles the purchaser to unlimited rides during the month indicated on the pass;

84 4. Annual pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – \$99.00.

85 Annual passes may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons who have
86 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to
87 persons sixty-five years of age and older and persons with disabilities as provided in the
88 regional reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The annual pass
89 entitles the purchaser to unlimited rides during the year indicated on the pass; and

90 5. Regional passes.

91 Regional passes, in various single-trip value denominations and for various
92 effective periods, may be issued and sold in accordance with the terms of an agreement
93 approved by the county council and entered into with other public transportation providers
94 in the region. The various effective periods, single-trip values and prices for the regional
95 passes shall be established by the agreement. A valid regional pass may be presented an
96 unlimited number of times during its effective period as full or partial payment of the
97 applicable fare. To the extent the single trip value of the regional pass is not sufficient to
98 cover the applicable fare, the rider shall pay the difference in cash.

99 D. The rate of fare for paratransit service shall be (~~(75-cents)~~) \$1.00 per trip and
100 (~~(\$18.00)~~) \$27.00 for a monthly pass.

101 E. The rate of fare for customized bus service to residents of Center Park, a facility
102 of the Seattle Housing Authority located at 2121 - 26th Avenue South, Seattle, is equal to
103 the paratransit fares specified in subsection D. of this section.

104 SECTION 5. Section 6 of this ordinance takes effect February 1, 2009.

105 SECTION 6. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.245
106 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

107 The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of
108 tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of their cash value for the purpose of
109 meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total
110 amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed one
111 million (~~((three hundred and twenty five))~~ five hundred thousand dollars for any one year.
112 The allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be made by the director in
113 conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible
114 for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or
115 departments shall determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations which
116 shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under
117 the program are valid on all public transportation and paratransit service.

118 SECTION 7. Section 8 of this ordinance takes effect January 1, 2010.

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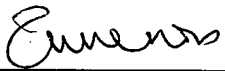
Ordinance 16299 was introduced on 7/7/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/17/2008, by the following vote:

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

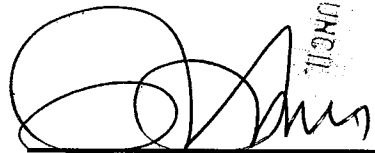
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 25 day of NOVEMBER 2008.


Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None



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November 24, 2008

The Honorable Julia Patterson
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Patterson:

I have signed Ordinance 16299, enacting a series of fee increases for Transit in 2009 and 2010. While I continue to believe that Transit's financial circumstances warranted a full fifty-cent fare increase in 2009, the staggered twenty-five cent fare increase in both 2009 and 2010 is a small start to putting Transit on stronger financial footing.

I am writing today to alert the council to a couple of small technical issues with Ordinance 16299. The ordinance does not accurately capture the fare increases for two fare categories for 2010 – the weekend/holiday all-day pass and the weekday all-day pass. The fares for these categories should be \$4.50 and \$6.50, respectively, not \$4.00 and \$6.00. By the way of this letter I am informing the council of my intent to correct these fares when I submit to the council at the end of January 2009 the response to Transit proviso P3 - the transit fare policies update.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bob Cowan, Director, Office of Management and Budget, at 206-296-3434.

Sincerely,

Ron Sims
King County Executive

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Ross Baker, Chief of Staff
Saroja Reddy, Policy Staff Director
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council
Frank Abe, Communications Director
Bob Cowan, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Harold Taniguchi, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)
Kevin Desmond, General Manager, Metro Transit Division, DOT