



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 7, 2004**

**Ordinance 14994**

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**Proposed No.** 2004-0414.2

**Sponsors** Phillips and Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing November 2, 2004, as the  
 2 date for an advisory election on the question of which tax  
 3 voters would prefer to be included in a voter-approved plan  
 4 to invest in transportation improvements in King County.

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

**SECTION 1. Findings:**

A. State funding for improving and maintaining Puget Sound's transportation infrastructure has not kept pace with growth in the region and the demand placed upon our transportation system.

B. The Alaskan Way Viaduct, the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge and other key corridors are in danger of failing if improvements are not completed.

C. The current congestion levels across King, Pierce and Snohomish counties prevent people and goods from moving efficiently throughout the region and significantly impact the quality of life of Puget Sound residents.

**KING COUNTY RECORDS, ELECTIONS  
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 Election Section**

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17           D. Reducing congestion and increasing mobility in all corridors of regional  
18 significance is essential in allowing for a vital economy and sustained economic  
19 development.

20           E. Recognizing that public funding for improving Puget Sound's transportation  
21 problem has been inadequate, in 2002 the Washington state legislature passed legislation  
22 creating the Regional Transportation Investment District. This legislation authorized  
23 county councilmembers from King, Pierce and Snohomish counties to develop a plan for  
24 improving transportation in the Puget Sound area and present it to voters for approval.  
25 This plan would require that every dollar raised in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties  
26 be directed to projects located in the respective county. A seven-member executive board  
27 of the Regional Transportation Investment District has been working with state and local  
28 officials as well as business, labor and environmental leaders to identify projects and  
29 develop a plan for voter approval.

30           F. Puget Sound voters have faced two advisory ballot measures related to  
31 transportation since 1988. Voters in King County supported a measure to accelerate  
32 planning for a regional transit system in 1988. The successful measure led to the creation  
33 of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, now referred to as Sound Transit.

34           G. Additionally, in 1998 voters in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap and Thurston  
35 counties and portions of King, Mason and Pierce counties approved an advisory ballot  
36 supporting the construction of a second Narrows Bridge in Tacoma. The advisory ballot  
37 passed and the state legislature approved funding for construction of the second Narrows  
38 Bridge in 2002.

39 H. Pursuant to chapter 29A.04 RCW, the county council deems an emergency to  
40 exist for the purpose of calling a special election to place the question of a locally funded  
41 transportation plan before the voters as an advisory ballot on November 2, 2004.

42 I. K.C.C. chapter 1.10 provides for the publication and distribution of local  
43 voters' pamphlets in conformity with the provisions of chapter 29A.32 RCW for elections  
44 held in King County.

45 SECTION 2. A special election shall be held on November 2, 2004, in  
46 accordance with chapter 29A.04 RCW, for the purpose of submitting the question in  
47 section 3 of this ordinance.

48 SECTION 3. In accordance with chapter 29A.04 RCW, it is hereby deemed that  
49 an emergency exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the county at a  
50 special election to be held on November 2, 2004, an advisory question regarding which  
51 tax source voters prefer to be included in a plan to improve transportation that would be  
52 placed before the voters at a future date. The King County manager of the records,  
53 elections and licensing services division is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction to call  
54 and conduct a special election and submit to the registered voters of the county the  
55 proposition as set forth in section 3 of this ordinance. The clerk of the council is hereby  
56 authorized and directed to transmit this proposition to the manager of the records,  
57 elections and licensing services division, with such additions, deletions or modifications  
58 in the ballot title as may be required for the proposition listed below by the King County  
59 prosecutor:

60 Proposition 2: The King County Council passed Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_  
61 concerning an advisory measure on a locally funded transportation plan.

62 This advisory measure asks which tax source the voters in King County  
63 would prefer be used to support a transportation plan designed to relieve  
64 traffic congestion and increase safety through a mix of road and transit  
65 projects in King County. This plan would require voter approval at a  
66 future date. Which one of the following tax sources would you prefer be  
67 included in a plan to locally fund road and transit projects in King  
68 County?

69 -a general sales tax

70 -an excise tax on the value of motor vehicles

71 -a flat tax on motor vehicles

72 -an increase in the local gas tax

73 -a tax on total annual vehicle miles traveled

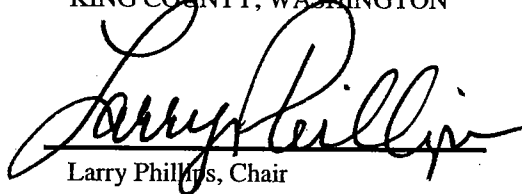
74 SECTION 4. The manager of the records, elections and licensing services  
75 division is hereby authorized and requested to prepare and distribute a local voters'  
76 pamphlet, pursuant to K.C.C. 1.10.010, for the special election called for in this

77 ordinance, the cost of the pamphlet to be included as part of the cost of the special  
78 election.  
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Ordinance 14994 was introduced on 8/30/2004 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/7/2004, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. McKenna

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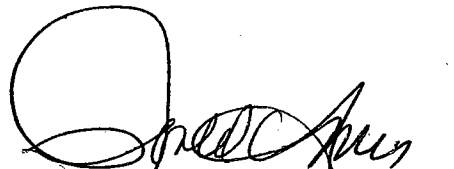
  
Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7 day of September, 2004.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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