



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 24, 2006**

**Motion 12240**

**Proposed No.** 2006-0034.2

**Sponsors** Constantine and Phillips

1                   A MOTION establishing the 2006 (FY 2007) Federal  
2                   Agenda for King County.

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5                   WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County  
6                   executive have worked through the joint King County Legislative Steering Committee to  
7                   develop a federal agenda and desire to bring their positions on issues to the attention of  
8                   the United States Congress, and

9                   WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local  
10                  governments and other organizations to achieve its 2006 (FY 2007) federal legislative  
11                  goals, and

12                  WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the  
13                  federal government, and

14                  WHEREAS, if King County is going to be able to continue delivering basic  
15                  government services to our residents, it needs a preservation, if not an expansion, of  
16                  federal support, and

17 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will  
18 continue to review congressional developments for possible revisions of King County's  
19 2006 (FY 2007) federal legislative program;

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

21 The King County council hereby adopts the attached 2006 (FY 2007) Federal  
22 Agenda for King County as county's highest priorities for federal action in the 2006 (FY  
23 2007) congressional appropriations cycle.

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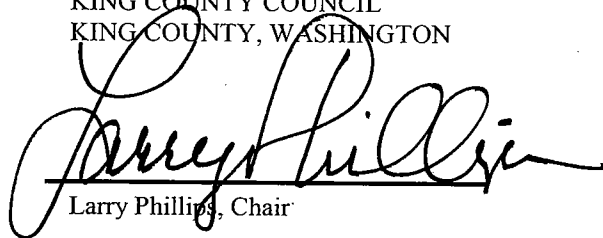
Motion 12240 was introduced on 1/17/2006 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/23/2006, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

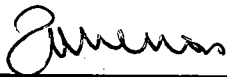
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments** A. King County, Washington 2006 (FY 2007) Federal Agenda dated 1-23-06, B. King County, Washington 2006 (FY 2007) Federal Agenda Legislative Interests dated 1-23-06

1-23-06



King County


**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
2006 (FY 2007) FEDERAL AGENDA**

	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
1	<b>Transportation</b>	<p>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$5 million for <b>Bus Radio Replacement Program</b>;</li> <li>2. \$5 million for <b>Tolt River Bridge Replacement (Snoqualmie Bridge)</b>;</li> <li>3. \$1.8 million for <b>Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry</b>;</li> <li>4. \$5 million for the <b>I-405 Bus Rapid Transit</b>;</li> <li>5. \$9 million for <b>Taxiway Rehabilitation and Emergency Equipment</b></li> <li>6. \$2 million for <b>BNSF Multimodal Greenway Corridor</b>.</li> </ol>
2	<b>Salmon Recovery</b>	<p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill (Corps of Engineers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.5 million for the <b>Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program</b>;</li> <li>• Funding for <b>Salmon Habitat Restoration Studies</b>, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$779,000 for the Lake Washington/Ship Canal Ecosystem Study;</li> <li>○ \$1.9 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project; and</li> <li>○ \$510,000 for the White River Flood Control and Ecosystem Restoration study.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Support \$90 million funding level for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program, which is critical to habitat recovery projects in King County.</p> <p>Support efforts to design, implement and maintain a series of on-the-ground restoration projects on private agricultural lands for salmon habitat restoration in the <b>Snoqualmie Watershed</b> through the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program</p>

3	<b>Puget Sound Recovery Initiative</b>	<p>Support Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's efforts to secure funding for Endocrine Disrupting Compounds (EDC) research in partnership with King County on aquatic effects and effective treatment methods.</p> <p>Support continued federal funding of the Puget Sound Initiative.</p>
4	<b>Wastewater</b>	<p>Secure \$2 million funding under EPA's State Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program for construction of Quartermaster Harbor community wastewater treatment facilities.</p>
5	<b>Workforce Development</b>	<p>Support \$1 million in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill for the Seattle King County Workforce Development Council to integrate workforce training services into other social services currently offered to ex-offenders transitioning back into the community.</p>
6	<b>Emergency Management</b>	<p>Support federal legislation that provides revenue tools to local governments to fund the new infrastructure needed to provide effective e-911 services resulting from internet service providers offering Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP). Monitor future activity pertaining to the FCC regulation requiring VoIP to provide e-911 service.</p>
7	<b>Homeland Security/ Bioterrorism</b>	<p>Support first-responder legislation currently pending in Congress to streamline funding to local first responders and provide them with greater control over how grant resources would be expended at the local level.</p> <p>Support legislation that would allow for the funding of FTE's for critical HS functions via the various HS grant programs.</p>
8	<b>Sheriff's Wireless Communications Project</b>	<p>Secure \$3.8 million for the second phase of deployment of a Regional Interagency Wireless Communications and Data Sharing Program to enhance King County's ability to communicate with local, state and federal agencies in the All Hazards Response environment.</p>

9	<b>Public Health Emergency Preparedness</b>	<p>\$450,000 in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Environmental Health Programs for the development and implementation of a 24-hour data communications and notification system.</p> <p>Support Pandemic Flu preparedness legislation that would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guarantee funding, including reimbursement to local governments, for antiviral drugs sufficient to treat a minimum of 25% of the national population;</li> <li>• Provide direct funding to local governments to develop adequate and sustainable health care system medical surge capacity sufficient to meet the needs of a large scale public health care emergency such as a severe influenza pandemic.</li> </ul>
10	<b>Medicaid</b>	<p>Support legislation to broaden allowable Medicaid mental health services following the recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental health.</p>
11	<b>Methamphetamine Superfund</b>	<p>Support legislation to increase funding for methamphetamine site clean-up and effective substance abuse treatment for methamphetamine users.</p>
12	<b>Health Care Reform</b>	<p>Support acceleration and expansion of the Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicly support and implement quality measures endorsed by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and public reporting of the measures;</li> <li>• Support health information technology, clinical information system adoption and clinical management capabilities;</li> <li>• Fund regional, interoperable health information technology networks; and</li> <li>• Fund Pay for Quality Improvement pilot programs.</li> </ul> <p>Seek to position the Puget Sound Health Alliance as a pilot for health information technology networks and/or a Quality Improvement pilot.</p> <p>Support CMS and the Agency of Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) to continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicly support cost-effective evidence-based medicine and medical practices;</li> <li>• Advocate the importance of improving quality of health care delivered; and</li> <li>• Fund innovative pilot programs, demonstration projects and evaluations that focus on quality of care issues.</li> </ul> <p>Seek to position the Puget Sound Health Alliance as an innovative pilot or demonstration project for quality of care issues.</p>

13	<b>Housing, Homeless and Community Development Funds</b>	HUD and HHS Budgets – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase appropriation for CDBG formula funds to \$5 billion nation wide and ensure that King County’s formula share is maintained or increased.</li><li>• Adequately fund the Section 8 voucher program</li><li>• Maintain or increase funding for Homeless Assistance (McKinney) and ensure the renewal of Shelter Plus Care funding.</li><li>• Maintain or increase funding for HOME program.</li><li>• Support legislation to provide supportive services for homeless housing.</li></ul>
14	<b>Magnuson Act</b>	Support proposed legislative language in the current reauthorization bill that would allow NOAA the discretionary authority to access and employ local law enforcement resources to fulfill certain duties mandated by the Magnuson Act.  Oppose changes to imposed de facto limits on oil tanker traffic in Puget Sound that restricts the expansion of refinery terminals or docks in the sound, unless needed by consumers who live in Washington state.

 <b>King County</b>	<p align="center"><b>KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 2006 (FY 2007) FEDERAL AGENDA Legislative Interests</b></p>
<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST</b>
<b>Short-Span Bridge Replacement</b>	Support legislation that would supplement the definition of "Bridge" as used in section 650.403 of the federal register to include short span structures whose replacement would be more than 20 feet long. This would allow short-spans to qualify for the federal bridge replacement and rehabilitation program.
<b>Rail Corridor Acquisition</b>	Work to secure an additional \$8 million for acquisition of the Burlington Northern Eastside rail corridor through the TIFIA program. Burlington Northern has indicated that it intends to cease operation of the line, and the County currently has a short-term exclusivity agreement to acquire this irreplaceable transportation corridor. (TCSP)
<b>Workforce Training</b>	Support Workforce Investment Act funding for dislocated workers and youth education and training funds. Support funding for the HUD Youthbuild program.
<b>Endangered Species</b>	<p>Oppose any attempts to weaken environmental protections provided by the Endangered Species Act.</p> <p>Support any and all efforts to increase funding for salmon habitat restoration.</p>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<p>Adequately fund the State Revolving Fund for water pollution infrastructure improvements at \$1.35 billion.</p> <p>Support legislation to create a national trust fund for water and wastewater infrastructure.</p> <p>Support legislation which would apply the full market value of real property used in ecosystem restoration projects to the County's non-federal match requirement.</p> <p>Support legislation providing for receiving in-kind credit for goods and services provided before and after the signing of a partnership</p>

	<p>agreement.</p> <p>Support legislation supporting a portion of federal transportation project mitigation funding be directed toward high priority salmon recovery projects within watersheds/WRIAs; allow for mitigation banking for ESA implementation.</p>
<b>Abandoned Mines</b>	Support legislation reauthorizing Abandoned Mines Land fund.
<b>Biogas Funding</b>	Seek funding for Enumclaw manure biogas project. Beyond existing grant opportunities in USDA and DOE, seek additional funding options for an anaerobic digester and research on reducing nutrients from the residual digester effluent.
<b>Climate Stewardship Act</b>	Support McCain/Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act that creates a national "cap and trade" system for power plant operators and major industrial emitters.
<b>Renewable Fuels Standard</b>	Support House and Senate bills calling for mandated minimum fuels content for ethanol in gasoline and biodiesel in diesel.
<b>Flood Control</b>	<p>Support the Green River Flood Control Zone District's request for \$500,000 in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill in Section 205 Continuing Authorities funds for improvements to the Tukwila levee on the lower Green River to protect 500-acre economic development.</p> <p>Support the City of North Bend's request for \$200,000 in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill in Section 205 Continuing Authorities funds for flood risk reduction feasibility analysis of levee improvements on the South Fork Snoqualmie River to protect regional economic development.</p> <p>Allocate \$300,000 of FEMA's Map Modernization Program funds to revise Flood Insurance Rate Maps for 40 miles of the lower and middle Green River. Implements King County high priority floodplain mapping program and Washington Dept. of Ecology (WDOE) mapping initiatives.</p>
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>	Support S 680, tax incentives for energy efficient buildings, improved product energy standards and labeling, and clarifications to system



	<p>reliability standards addressed in Part II of the Federal Power Act (18 U.S.C. § 824).</p> <p>Support H.R. 3263, the Cornerstone Act of 2005, which increases conservation requirements for business.</p>
<b>Sheriff's Office</b>	Support continued funding for School Resource Officers.
<b>Emergency Management</b>	Support legislation promoting the implementation of E-911 service nationwide.
<b>Health Care Reform</b>	<p>Support the reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act, which is due for reauthorization in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Monitor amendments which may adversely impact King County and its community partners.</p> <p>Support continued funding for the Healthy Communities Access (HCAP) Program, which was funded in FY 2005 at \$83 million but has been eliminated in the President's Budget for FY 2006. HCAP increases access to health services for vulnerable populations by enabling healthcare providers to provide better coordinated, more efficient care for uninsured residents.</p> <p>Support legislation to increase the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Washington State.</p> <p>Support legislative efforts to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).</p> <p>Promote legislation, S 1570, to promote employment of individuals with severe disabilities.</p> <p>Support legislation to decrease health disparities.</p> <p>Support legislation for health plans for reimbursement of evidence-based preventive services.</p> <p>Support legislation for continued funding for State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP).</p> <p>Support legislation to increase funding for chronic disease prevention efforts.</p> <p>Support legislation to increase funding for local public health</p>

	<p>preparedness strategies.</p> <p>Support legislation to address co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance abuse) eligibility and integration of services.</p>
<b>Repeal Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion</b>	<p>Facilities of greater than 16 beds that are primarily devoted to the care of psychiatric patients are deemed to be Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD). Persons in such a facility do not qualify for Medicaid and no Title XIX funding can be used for their care. The IMD Exclusion impacts over 400 individuals who reside in King County residential facilities.</p>