



**King County**

## KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 2007 (FY 2008) FEDERAL AGENDA

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
1.	<p style="text-align: center;">Transportation</p> <p>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$14.25 million for Bus Rapid Transit on the Pacific Highway S.</li> <li>2. \$5 million for the purchase of Hybrid Buses;</li> <li>3. \$5 million for the South Park Bridge Replacement Project;</li> <li>4. \$4 million for the Novelty Hill Road Improvements Project; and</li> <li>5. \$2 million for the Transit Oriented Development Project.</li> <li>6. \$2 million for the Vashon Passenger Only Ferry</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>
2.	<p style="text-align: center;">Salmon Recovery</p> <p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$9.5 million for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program;</li> <li>• Funding for Salmon Habitat Restoration Studies, specifically:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$400,000 for the Lake Washington/Ship Canal Ecosystem Study;</li> <li>○ \$1.9 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project; and</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>Secure \$500,000 to design, implement and maintain a series of on-the-ground restoration projects on private agricultural lands for salmon habitat restoration in the Snoqualmie Watershed through the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.</p>
3.	<p style="text-align: center;">Flood Control</p> <p>Support Tukwila 205 Levee Reconstruction – up to \$32,000,000 in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill (Army Corps of Engineers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstruction of 4.25 miles of levee protecting City of Tukwila, Southcenter businesses and other regionally significant economic centers. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and local governments believe that reconstruction of the Tukwila 205 levee system for conveyance and capacity improvements is in the best interest of the local communities to ensure the long term protection of lives and property. This request is to fully pursue and secure federal funding for reconstruction of the levee system and collaborate with local and state agencies on design and project implementation.</li> </ul>



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4.	Puget Sound Recovery Initiative	<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 federal designation and funding of the Puget Sound Initiative.</p> <p>Support King County Wastewater Treatment Division as a pilot for a water quality cap &amp; trade system with USDA and/or EPA.</p>
5.	Wastewater	Secure \$1 million funding under EPA's State Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program for construction of Quartermaster Harbor community wastewater treatment facilities.
6.	Workforce Development	Support \$500,000 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.
7.	Emergency Management	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.
8.	Homeland Security/ Bioterrorism	<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>
9.	Sheriff's Wireless Communications Project	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



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10.	Methamphetamine Superfund	Support legislation to increase funding for methamphetamine site clean-up and effective substance abuse treatment for methamphetamine users.
11.	Health Care Reform	<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>Support \$350,000 request from HHS's Center for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services appropriation for the Puget Sound Health Alliance for the development of the health information database to measure and share quality of care information across employers and health plans in the Puget Sound region.</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, i.e., STEPS (United States Healthier Initiatives) for Health and Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH).</li> </ul> <p>Seek to position the Puget Sound Health Alliance with HHS as an innovative pilot or demonstration project for quality of care issues.</p> <p>Secure funding to support the evaluation component of King County's Healthy Incentives Initiative which employs a unique combination of strategies to drive down health care costs by improving employee health.</p>



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12.	Housing and Community Development Funds	<p>HUD Budget</p> <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 in the reauthorization of the McKinney/Vento Act for Homeless Assistance and ensure the renewal of Shelter Plus Care funding.</li> <li>• Maintain or increase funding for HOME program.</li> <li>• Secure \$500,000 Economic Development Initiative funds for development of Passage Point, a transitional housing program targeting homeless single parents exiting the criminal justice system with substance abuse and/or co-occurring disorders, and trying to re-unite with their children. This project will serve a tri-county area.</li> </ul>
13.	Homelessness Funding	<p>HHS Budget</p> <p>Support legislation to provide supportive services to eliminate homelessness as outlined in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County by 2015.</p>
14.	Biogas Funding	<p>Secure \$1 million in Department of Energy renewable energy account or USDA Rural Development grants for Enumclaw manure biogas project for an anaerobic digester and research on reducing nutrients from the residual digester effluent.</p> <p>Secure funds for additional pasture acquisition (FPP) to ensure both space for grazing animals as well as sites to spread the digester products.</p>
15.	Court Technology	<p>Secure \$1 million in the Department of Justice Appropriations bill's COPS Technology account to support upgrades to the King County Superior Court's docket database.</p>