



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Regional Transit Committee

Councilmembers:

Jorge L. Barón, Chair

De'Sean Quinn

Alternate:

Sound Cities Association:

Janice Zahn, Bellevue, Vice Chair; Barb de Michelle,

Issaquah; Susan Honda, Federal Way;

Karen Howe, Sammamish; Ryan McIrvine, Renton; Katherine

Ross, Snoqualmie;

Toni Troutner, Kent; Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., Covington

Alternates:

Neal Black, Kirkland; Paul Charbonneau, Newcastle;

JC Harris, Des Moines; Tarlochan Mann, Pacific

City of Seattle:

Joy Hollingsworth, Rob Saka

Alternate: Robert Kettle

Lead Staff: Mary Bourguignon (206-263-3296)

Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)

3:00 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Barón called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: 11 - de Michele, McIrvine, Ross, Troutner, Honda, Barón, Howe, Quinn,
Charbonneau, Harris and Mann

Excused: 4 - Cimaomo Jr., Zahn, Hollingsworth and Saka

3. Approval of Minutes

*Councilmember Howe moved approval of the January 15th, 2025 meeting minutes.
There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. Chair's Report

Chair Barón introduced Councilmember De'Sean Quinn as the new member representing the King County Council on the Regional Transit Committee.

Councilmember McIrvine moved the appointment of Deputy Council President de Michele as Vice Chair of the committee. There being no objections, Deputy Council President de Michele was appointed Vice Chair of the Regional Transit Committee.

5. Public Comment

The following people provided public comment:

*Alex Tsimerman
Carnation Mayor Adair Hawkins*

6. General Manager's Report

Michelle Allison, General Manager, Metro Transit Department, briefed the committee on Metro operations as they relate to the changing nature of the federal government, the addition of operator partitions on newly ordered buses and the retrofitting of partitions in the existing fleet, de-escalation training for operators, safety protocols, East Link and South Link connections, the spring service change, the increase in regional ridership in 2024, and Transit Appreciation Week and answered questions from the members.

Discussion and Possible Action**7. [RTC Resolution No. RTC2025-01](#)**

A RESOLUTION adopting the 2025 work plan for the King County regional transit committee.

Mary Bourguignon, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:

Yes: 8 - de Michele, Honda, Howe, McIrvine, Ross, Troutner, Charbonneau (voting as an alternate for Cimaomo, Jr.), Harris (voting as an alternate for Zahn), Quinn, and Barón

Excused: 4 - Cimaomo, Jr., Zahn, Hollingsworth, and Saka

A motion was made by Councilmember de Michele that this RTC Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - de Michele, McIrvine, Ross, Troutner, Honda, Barón, Howe, Quinn, Charbonneau and Harris

Excused: 4.5 - Cimaomo Jr., Zahn, Hollingsworth, Saka and Mann

Briefings

8. [Briefing No. 2025-B0019](#)

Metro Research

Chris O'Claire, Mobility Division Director, Metro Transit Department, and Anne Gienapp, Interim Research & Innovation Supervisor, Metro Transit Department, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Tristan Cook, Senior Community Engagement Planner, Metro Transit Department, also answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

9. [Briefing No. 2025-B0040](#)

Metro Fare Inspection

Rebecca Frankhouser, Director of Safety and Security, Metro Transit Department, and Renee Hosogi, SaFE Reform Initiative Program Lead, Metro Transit Department, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Michelle Allison, General Manager, Metro Transit Department, also answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature