



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 7, 2010

Motion 13321

Proposed No. 2010-0482.1

Sponsors Phillips and Hague

1 A MOTION related to creating jobs and meeting mobility
2 needs through action by the United States Congress on a
3 multiyear surface transportation reauthorization act.

4 WHEREAS, though Motion 13202, the King County council has established
5 priorities to promote local employment opportunities and economic recovery and to
6 increase mobility options throughout King County, and

7 WHEREAS, investment in public mobility infrastructure such as roads, bridges,
8 transit systems, intermodal, and non-motorized facilities delivers construction and
9 construction-related jobs, and

10 WHEREAS, investment in public transportation supports the livability of the
11 Puget Sound area through meeting the mobility needs of people and businesses, and

12 WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council distributes tens of millions of
13 regional and local transportation dollars as allocated by federal surface transportation
14 programs, and

15 WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs, beginning in 1991 with
16 adoption of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act ("ISTEA"), followed
17 by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century ("TEA 21") and then the Safe,
18 Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users
19 ("SAFETEA-LU"), have been a dramatic policy success by increasing federal highway

20 and public transportation funding, encouraging multimodalism and rewarding local
21 innovation and partnership through the Surface Transportation Program and other flexible
22 programs, and

23 WHEREAS, Sound Transit's Central Link Light Rail system, King County's
24 RapidRide bus service, expansion of the Puget Sound region High Occupancy Vehicle
25 road network, and funding for the South Park Bridge Program are examples of regional
26 transportation successes made possible in part by ISTEA, TEA 21 and SAFETEA-LU,
27 and

28 WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU expired on September 30, 2009, and

29 WHEREAS, short-term extensions of SAFETEA-LU have enabled state and local
30 surface transportation programs to continue to receive essential federal support, and

31 WHEREAS, federal aid through SAFETEA-LU, the American Relief and
32 Recovery Act, and other legislation has been an essential means of averting some of the
33 most devastating impacts of the recession for transportation programs, and

34 WHEREAS, enactment of a multiyear federal surface transportation authorization
35 act is essential to:

- 36 1. Create national, regional and local jobs;
- 37 2. Support the long-term economic sustainability of our region; and
- 38 3. Meet and preserve the mobility needs of people, goods and services in a way
39 that reflects current climate change and energy objectives; and
- 40 4. Promote sound long-term planning, multiagency cooperation, infrastructure
41 preservation, and public transportation, and

42 WHEREAS, reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU is also a high priority for the
43 National Association of Counties, the American Association of State Highway and
44 Transportation Officials, the American Public Transit Association and other national
45 organizations representing transportation agencies, counties and other local governments;

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

47 A. King County hereby supports a multiyear surface transportation
48 reauthorization act that:

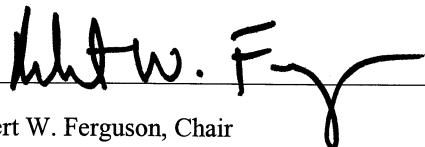
- 49 1. Creates jobs now;
 - 50 2. Maintains and enhances federal partnerships with states, local governments
51 and public transportation agencies;
 - 52 3. Increases funding for highway and transit programs;
 - 53 4. Supports intermodal commerce;
 - 54 5. Embraces innovative and equitable solutions to the erosion of Highway Trust
55 Fund revenues; and
 - 56 6. Addresses the environmental impacts of the transportation system, condition
57 of essential roadways and bridges, and the growing demand for public transportation; and
- 58 B. King County encourages timely consideration by the United States Congress

59 of a multiyear surface transportation reauthorization act meeting county-supported
60 objectives and supported by a full funding package.
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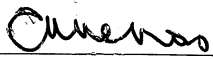
Motion 13321 was introduced on 8/30/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/7/2010, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None