

**Kohl-Welles** moved Amendment 1.  
The motion carried.

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March 28, 2023

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Sponsor: Upthegrove

Proposed No.: 2023-0096

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2023-0096, VERSION 1**

2 Insert Attachment A, 2023 Federal Legislative Agenda.

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4 **EFFECT: Adds the 2023 Federal Legislative Agenda, which is referenced in lines**

5 **19-21 of the original motion, as Attachment A.**

**During the 3/28/23 Council meeting, Councilmember Kohl-Welles offered a verbal amendment to Amendment 1, to add "and Enhance Public Safety" to the final header on Attachment A. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.**



## Investing in a Green Economy & Workforce

King County is setting the bar nationally in confronting climate change. We have comprehensive, integrated strategies in place throughout county government that will: quickly and dramatically decrease greenhouse gas emissions countywide; elevate the voices and expertise of frontline communities, especially those disproportionately impacted by climate change; and prepare our region for climate impacts. With federal support, King County is poised to:

- Electrify the transportation system, including buses and supporting infrastructure. King County is poised to lead the nation in creating a fully electric bus fleet by 2035 to meet emission reduction goals.
- Deliver transit projects that keep the region moving, connect people to jobs, and prioritize clean transit and mobility services to meet rising demand in ethnically diverse and working-class areas that have been historically marginalized.
- Encourage and promote the creation of green jobs by investing in green jobs skill development and employment pipelines, including a green transportation workforce skilled in servicing low-carbon transportation technologies.
- Maximize transportation funding opportunities through FTA Capital Investment Grants, competitive grants, and formula grant programs, and encourage timely distribution of funds awarded under the programs. These federal grant programs are a critical source of funding for local and regional multi-modal projects throughout the Puget Sound area, including RapidRide bus rapid transit, and the Eastside Rail Corridor.
- Coordinate and implement safety improvements countywide to achieve Vision Zero goals and increase access to clean, multi-modal transportation options.
- Install an EV charging network through the region's most heavily used corridors and in historically disadvantaged communities.
- Support policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support sustainable aviation fuel, and improve fuel economy and Energy Star Appliance standards that conserve energy and fuel, save money, and build our clean energy economy.

## Building a Sustainable and Resilient Future

- Invest in bridge safety and resiliency by bringing county bridges into compliance with federal standards and supporting our partners to complete critical repairs to bridges integral to the regional transportation network.
- Invest in reliable, climate-resilient transportation infrastructure to improve user safety and connect communities and economic sectors and to meet regional growth, including key interstate and highway interchange projects in the Federal Way Triangle.
- Reduce greenhouse gases by building a public transportation system that is fast, frequent, and reliable and that provides innovative mobility options that encourage more people to get out of their vehicles.
- Restore fish habitat and improve the regional watershed by replacing and repairing roads and culverts.
- Improve water quality by providing federal funding for green stormwater infrastructure and combined sewer overflow control to reduce the impacts of stormwater on our rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound.
- Protect communities and wildlife by enacting source controls on 'forever chemicals': persistent and bioaccumulative contaminants that harm our health and pollute the environment.
- Enhance climate resilience by planning for sea level rise; protecting critical regulations like NEPA and

the Clean Water Act; and restoring healthy forests and shorelines.

- Advance funding and action of prioritized projects to improve failing Army Corps of Engineers infrastructure, including the 100-year-old Ballard Locks and the Howard Hanson and Buckley Diversion Dams.
- Invest in flood protection, multi-benefit floodplain management, and modernize the National Flood Insurance Program to reduce risks to industry, manufacturing, farmlands, small businesses and working families.
- Support emergency preparedness, response, and recovery planning and capital to prepare for climate impacts and natural disasters, such as wildfire smoke, extreme weather, and earthquakes.
- Partner with King County to upgrade our wastewater treatment facilities, which are necessary to meet federal clean water and environmental regulations.
- Support Southern Resident Orca recovery through investments in Puget Sound ecosystem restoration and salmon population enhancement efforts like Pacific Salmon Recovery Fund.

## Bolster Public and Behavioral Health Crisis Response

King County is on the front lines working to keep Washingtonians healthy, housed, and safe. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated health inequities facing our Black, Indigenous, and other Communities of Color, and highlighted the need to respond to the crises of racism, mental and behavioral health, and homelessness. King County will continue to work with our local and national partners to protect and promote population and behavioral health and address the root causes of our community and healthcare inequities.

- Support efforts to strengthen national public health infrastructure and provide reliable, sustainable public health funding for local public health agencies to improve local ability to respond to public health emergencies.
- Protect funding for community preparation and response to emergency public health crises, including continued public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other disease outbreaks.
- Ensure access to quality, affordable health care for all King County residents, extend funding for community health centers, reduce out-of-pocket health care costs, and increase Medicare reimbursement rates.
- Protect access to a full range of reproductive health care and family planning services, without barriers and unnecessary restrictions.
- Maintain funding for community and health equity programs and grants.
- Address health disparities and ensure overall population health through full funding of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, increasing cancer research funds with the goal of ending cancer, and continue working to end HIV.
- Bolster access to behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment and opioid overdose prevention services and enhance resources for community-based responses to behavioral health crises, including resources and training for first responders.
- Update the IMD exclusion to allow Medicaid to cover short term stays in psychiatric hospitals to help strengthen the overall behavioral health system and provide Medicaid recipients with more treatment options.
- Build on progress made toward addressing the opioid crisis by implementing and fully funding

the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, and by increasing access to naloxone and reducing purchase costs for local governments who buy the drug and distribute it to first responders, social service organizations, medical providers, and others to help save lives by preventing overdose deaths.

- Support and sustain the healthcare and behavioral health workforce, including a 7 percent increase in Medicaid behavioral health rate across all service types.
- Increase veterans' programs, especially those targeting suicide prevention and homelessness.

## Invest in Shelter, Housing, Workforce and other Community Needs

- Help families, youth, and veterans avoid homelessness by providing resources for rental assistance, permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and reemployment services. Provide local governments with resources to provide adequate emergency services for those experiencing chronic homelessness.
- Provide local governments flexibility and planning resources to diversify housing stock, and implement programs to build and preserve affordable housing
- Help King County preserve and increase long term residential behavioral health care capacity, including assisted living facilities, transitional homes, and supportive housing units.
- Increase and improve federal programs that help build or preserve affordable housing, including CDBG, Homeless Assistance Grants, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOME Program grants, and programs to leverage private-sector investments in affordable housing and preservation.
- Support programs that fund energy efficiency upgrades and broadband access to affordable housing.
- Provide local governments funding to invest in workforce development and apprenticeship programs to help residents learn new skills as a path to economic recovery.
- Increase resources to help close the digital divide by making quality broadband accessible and affordable to all residents.
- Pass comprehensive immigration reform legislation that also provides a path to permanent residence for DACA recipients.

## Dismantle Systemic Racism and Injustice

- Develop and implement initiatives that improve gender equity, prevent sexual assault and harassment, reduce juvenile detention and disproportionality in the criminal legal system, combat human trafficking, and guarantee protection for all people including those in the LGBTQ community.
- Support training, equipment and recruitment and retention programs for law enforcement that help to ensure public safety in King County is conducted in a way that reflects our core values of leadership, integrity, service, accountability, and teamwork.
- Support policies that increase law enforcement officer accountability, prevent and remedy racial profiling and officer misconduct, provide resources to build relationships and trust with underrepresented communities, and enhance transparency and data collection work.
- Enact legislation allowing the cannabis industry to access banking services.