



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

February 19, 2014

Motion 14081

Proposed No. 2014-0059.2

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION expressing King County's transportation
2 system needs, including support for the submittal by the
3 King County transportation district of a ballot measure for
4 local transportation funding and recommending elements to
5 be included in the measure.

6 WHEREAS, the King County council unanimously adopted Motion 13987
7 expressing support for a special session of the Washington state Legislature to address
8 statewide, regional and local transportation needs, and

9 WHEREAS, the Washington state Legislature did meet in special session in
10 November 2013, but did not address statewide, regional or local transportation needs, and

11 WHEREAS, the county's transit and unincorporated area roads funding continues
12 to be insufficient to meet current adopted requirements as stated in Motion 13987, and

13 WHEREAS, cities in King County have over \$1.3 billion in maintenance and
14 preservation needs alone over the next six years and have identified a need of over \$3
15 billion for mobility projects over the next six years, and

16 WHEREAS, the adopted Strategic Plan for Road Services identifies the goals,
17 priorities and funding needs for King County's unincorporated area roadway facilities,
18 which as of January 2013 identifies an annual funding shortfall of up to one hundred
19 thirty million dollars to maximize the life of the existing road system, and

20 WHEREAS, the adopted Strategic Plan for Public Transportation and the King
21 County Metro Service Guidelines identify the goals, priorities and funding needs for the
22 King County Metro transit system, which as of November 2013 identifies an immediate
23 need to reduce up to six hundred thousand existing annual service hours to operate within
24 current funding levels and an additional annual funding shortfall of more than fifty-one
25 million dollars to meet current target service levels, and

26 WHEREAS, the council has formed the King County Transportation District
27 consistent with chapter 36.73 RCW, in order to fund transportation improvements;

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

29 A. The governor and members of the Washington state House of Representatives
30 and Senate are strongly encouraged to work together to develop and enact a balanced
31 statewide transportation package, including funding improvements to freight and
32 commuter corridors and new local transportation funding options.

33 B. By September 1, 2014, the executive shall transmit a plan that fully funds the
34 maintenance, preservation and improvement of the roadway facilities network of
35 unincorporated King County consistent with the adopted Strategic Plan for Road Services
36 and that may include bonding to accelerate the early investment in roadway facilities, as
37 well as evaluation of existing and new revenue authorities and legislative strategies.

38 C. By September 1, 2014, the executive shall transmit a plan that fully funds
39 programs to reduce passenger crowding, improve schedule reliability and meet target
40 service levels in the all-day and peak transit network consistent with the King County
41 Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation and the King County Metro Service

42 Guidelines, including an evaluation of existing and new revenue authorities and
43 legislative strategies.

44 D. King County supports the submittal to the voters of King County by the King
45 County transportation district a ballot measure that includes a one-tenth of one percent
46 sales and use tax and sixty dollars of vehicle fees for transportation improvements
47 countywide with these revenues directly distributed to the cities and county in order to
48 fund transportation improvements and that also specifies:

49 1. Funding for transportation improvement projects contained in the King
50 County Transportation Plan, the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation
51 Improvement Program or the transportation program of a city within King County as
52 developed, updated and extended by the responsible jurisdiction's actions; and

53 2. A low-income rebate program consistent with RCW 36.73.067 that rebates
54 twenty dollars of vehicle fees paid.

55 E. Revenues shall be distributed to the cities and county through interlocal
56 agreements that provide for:

57 1. Forty percent of total net revenues for transportation improvements for local
58 mobility purposes for the cities and the unincorporated areas of the county allocated pro
59 rata based on each jurisdiction's percentage of the total population of the jurisdictions
60 entering into interlocal agreements for the distribution of revenue; and

61 2. The remaining sixty percent of total net revenues to King County in order to
62 first fund, together with any other revenues restricted by law to Metro transit purposes,
63 the approved transit system service levels in existence in November 2013 with the goal of
64 avoiding the currently identified elimination of six hundred thousand transit service

65 hours, with any remaining revenues distributed fifty percent for Metro transit purposes
66 and fifty percent for unincorporated area road purposes.

67 F. King County supports the King County transportation district developing
68 interlocal agreements for the distribution of any revenues prior to distribution to cities
69 and King County that requires the recipient of any revenues to:

70 1. Use funds consistent with voter-approved uses and section D. of this motion;

71 2. Adopt a material change policy consistent with chapter 36.73 RCW and the
72 policy adopted by the King County transportation district;

73 3. Provide annual reporting by project and project category that includes the
74 scope, schedule and cost of each project, and whether and how the material change policy
75 was applied;

76 4. Provide for indemnification and other risk management issues;

77 5. Agree that jurisdictions receiving revenues from the King County
78 transportation district may combine them with other funds for the same transportation
79 improvement;

80 6. Coordinate with other jurisdictions on the implementation of transportation
81 improvement projects; and

82 7. Authorize the King County transportation district to audit records of the
83 county and cities for compliance with the agreement.

84 G. Nothing in this motion is intended to supersede the policies, goals and
85 priorities identified in the approved Strategic Plan for Roads Services, King County

- 86 Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation or the King County Metro Service
87 Guidelines.
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Motion 14081 was introduced on 2/3/2014 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/18/2014, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr.
Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None