



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 1, 2007

Ordinance 15911

Proposed No. 2007-0449.1

Sponsors Dunn and Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE related to the June 24, 2002, Agreement
2 regarding the Design, Construction, Operation and
3 Maintenance of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and
4 Related Facilities between and among King County, the city
5 of Seattle and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit
6 Authority; authorizing removal of the Ninth Avenue transit
7 contraflow lane traffic and street improvement, identified as
8 a primary mitigation project in the agreement, following
9 reopening of the downtown Seattle transit tunnel in
10 September 2007.

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12 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

13 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

14 A. Pursuant to RCW 81.112.070, RCW 81.112.080, chapter 39.33 RCW and
15 other applicable laws, the city of Seattle ("the city") and King County are authorized to
16 convey, lease or otherwise contract with the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit
17 Authority ("Sound Transit") for the use of their respective public transportation facilities

18 and properties. Sound Transit may contract with the city and King County for the use
19 and acquisition of rights to various transportation facilities, structures, lands, interests in
20 land, air rights and rights-of-way of all kinds.

21 B. On November 5, 1996, central Puget Sound area voters approved local
22 funding for Sound Move, Sound Transit's ten-year regional transit system plan, which
23 contemplates that light rail, commuter rail and regional express bus/HOV systems will be
24 integrated with local transit systems.

25 C. On May 24, 2000, the King County council passed Ordinance 13857
26 authorizing the executive to execute the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Transfer
27 Agreement among the city, King County and Sound Transit.

28 D. On November 29, 2001, the Sound Transit Board of Directors adopted
29 Resolution No. R2001-16 selecting the alignment and profiles, station locations, and
30 vehicle maintenance base site to be built for the initial segment of the Central Link Light
31 Rail project, which is planned to permit light rail travel through downtown Seattle using
32 the tunnel, an action that required the temporary rerouting of buses traveling through the
33 tunnel onto surface streets and subsequent joint bus and rail operations in the tunnel.

34 E. On July 1, 2002, the King County council passed Ordinance 14396 authorizing
35 the executive to execute the agreement regarding the Design, Construction, Operation
36 and Maintenance of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and Related Facilities between
37 and among King County, the City of Seattle and the Central Puget Sound Regional
38 Transit Authority, superseding the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Transfer Agreement
39 authorized by Ordinance 13857.

40 F. The city, King County and Sound Transit subsequently collaborated to
41 implement the downtown Seattle traffic and street improvements to keep downtown
42 traffic moving during the temporary rerouting of buses traveling through the tunnel, as
43 required under Section 10.0 of the agreement.

44 G. On September 24, 2005, King County closed the tunnel for Sound Transit's
45 retrofitting for use by both buses and light rail trains.

46 H. Sound Transit has substantially completed the tunnel retrofit, and expects to
47 reopen the tunnel for use by buses on September 24, 2007, and expects to begin joint bus
48 and light rail operations in the tunnel in 2009.

49 I. The Ninth Avenue transit contraflow lane traffic and street improvement was
50 identified as a primary mitigation project under Section 10.2 of the agreement.

51 J. Pursuant to Section 10.9 of the agreement, removal of primary mitigation
52 projects requires approval by the Seattle city council, the King County council and the
53 Sound Transit board of directors.

54 K. The city, King County and Sound Transit agree that the Ninth Avenue transit
55 contraflow lane traffic and street improvement will no longer be needed for bus
56 operations after tunnel reopening, and the public would benefit from eliminating the
57 Ninth Avenue transit contraflow lane.

58 SECTION 2. Subject to the approval by the Seattle city council and Sound
59 Transit board of directors, the city is authorized to eliminate the Ninth Avenue transit
60 contraflow lane traffic and street improvement. The Ninth Avenue transit contraflow
61 lane project was identified as a primary mitigation project under Section 10.2 of the
62 agreement. The project included removal of on-street parking, and roadway striping,

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63 signage and traffic signal changes to provide one northbound contraflow lane between
64 Olive Way and Stewart Street.

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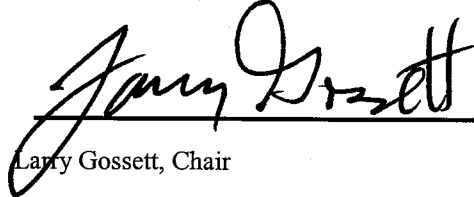
Ordinance 15911 was introduced on 9/4/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 10/1/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.
Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Constantine

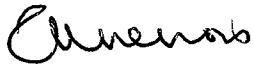
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Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

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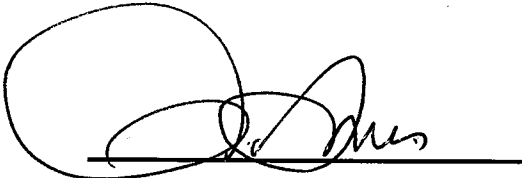

Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 12 day of OCTOBER 2007.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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