## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 06 | **Name:** | John Resha |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2014-0178 | **Date:** | May 6, 2014 |

**SUBJECT**

A motion confirming the membership for the task force to review the executive's low-income fare program implementation plan.

**SUMMARY**

Proposed Motion 2014-0178 would confirm membership in the low-income fare program implementation task force created as required by Ordinance 17757

**BACKGROUND**

Ordinance 17757 adopted new rates of fare for Metro Transit, increasing all fare categories by $0.25 per ride. This ordinance also established a Low-Income Fare Program and associated rate of fare. As a condition of establishment of the program, Council established a Low-Income Fare Program Implementation Task Force as follows:

A. There is hereby created a low-income fare program implementation task force that shall, by August 15, 2014, submit a report to the council and the executive that reviews the low-income fare program implementation plan submitted by the executive. The report shall address the low-income fare program implementation plan's effectiveness in promoting awareness of the low-income fare program to stakeholder communities in King County and the process for establishing eligibility including a review of potential locations where consumers may seek eligibility to participate in the program. The report may also include recommendations on the modifications to the plan, developed in consultation with the executive. The report shall be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.

B. Each member of the task force shall have substantial experience and expertise relevant to public transportation and its utility for low-income individuals and families and shall have an ability and willingness to attend meetings and participate effectively as a member of the task force. The executive and council shall ensure that diversity of views and experiences are reflected in the appointment of task force members. Diversity of views and experiences shall include, but not be limited to, racial, ethnic, gender identity, geographic and faith diversity.

The task force shall be composed of one representative from each of the following:

1. A provider of services to immigrant and refugee communities;
2. A community organization focusing on transportation issues;
3. A member of the transit advisory commission appointed as provided in K.C.C. 2.124.010.3.b;
4. A member of the women's advisory board;
5. A member of the low-income fare options advisory committee;
6. A representative from the Community Health Centers;
7. A provider of services to the homeless;
8. A representative from the Eastside Human Services Forum;
9. A representative from the South King Council on Human Services;
10. A representative from the North Urban Human Services Alliance;
11. A representative from the Seattle Human Services Coalition;
12. A member of the Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board; and
13. A community college student.

**ANALYSIS**

Proposed Motion 2014-0178 is a straightforward motion confirming a slate of members.

Following transmittal, the Executive working with potential members identified a few members with commitments that restricted their participation. As such the Executive has sent over a revised Attachment A, which could be attached to the proposed motion with draft Amendment 1.

The revised list of proposed task force members complies with Ordinance 17757 as shown in Table 1: Proposed Membership May 5, 2014.

**Table 1: Proposed Membership May 5, 2014**

| **Name** | **Affiliation** | **Membership Requirements** |
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| Mahnaz Kourourian Eshetu  | Refugee Women’s Alliance (REWA) | A provider of services to immigrant and refugee communities |
| Katie Wilson  | Transit Riders Union | A community organization focusing on transportation issues |
| Alex Stroller  | Transit Advisory Commission | A member of the transit advisory commission appointed as provided in K.C.C. 2.124.010.3.b |
| Kathy Brasch | Women’s Advisory Board | A member of the women's advisory board |
| Kate Joncas  | Downtown Seattle Association | A member of the low-income fare options advisory committee |
| Jorge Madrozo  | SEAMAR | A representative from the Community Health Centers |
| Dan Wise  | Catholic Community Services  | A provider of services to the homeless |
| Lynn Moody  | Eastside Human Services Forum | A representative from the Eastside Human Services Forum |
| Ginger Kwan  | South King Council on Human Services | A representative from the South King Council on Human Services |
| Rob Beem  | North Urban Human Service Alliance | A representative from the North Urban Human Services Alliance |
| Alison Eisinger  | Eastside Human Services Forum | A representative from the Seattle Human Services Coalition |
| Mary Kay Lewis  | Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight | A member of the Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board |
| Alex Clark  | Bellevue Community College | A community college student |

**AMENDMENTS**

Draft Amendment 1 would updated the list of members to reflect the Executive's appointed membership.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2014-0178 with attachments.
2. Transmittal letter dated March 21, 2014
3. Amendment 1