## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 8 | **Name:** | Paul Carlson |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2016-0005 | **Date:** | February 17, 2016 |

**SUBJECT**

An ordinance relating to public transportation; adopting updates to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 (Transit Strategic Plan) and King County Metro Service Guidelines (Service Guidelines).

**SUMMARY**

On January 20, 2016, the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) heard an initial briefing on the Update to the Transit Strategic Plan and Service Guidelines.

A special workshop meeting on February 3, 2016 provided an in-depth discussion of key Service Guidelines proposed changes.

The primary focus of today’s discussion will be to:

1. Address follow-up items from the workshop.
2. Review the Access to Transit Study Phase 2 Report and how its recommendations align with proposed revisions to Objectives, Strategies, and performance measures in the Transit Strategic Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

**Workshop Followup**

The February 3 workshop session considered many of the most significant recommendations of the Service Guidelines Task Force grouped in three topic areas: Target Service Levels and System Evaluation, Centers and Corridors, and Alternative Services.

Following up on the RTC members’ discussion, Metro staff will discuss two topics:

1. Additional information on how the Task Force’s proposed changes would affect identified service hour needs in the three new service categories (Urban, Suburban, and DART/community shuttle) as well as the historic subareas.
2. A service growth scenario (150,000 hours of additional service) and the impacts on a sample corridor.

**Access to Transit Study**

The Access to Transit Study concerns the means by which riders reach their bus stops. The two-phase Access to Transit Study is a requirement of Ordinance 17641, approving the 2013 update of the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021. The final, Phase 2 Report has been transmitted to the County Council, along with Proposed Motion 2016-0018 accepting the Report. The legislative packet for the Phase 2 Report is available here:

<http://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2541054&GUID=7699C402-B1B2-4DA0-ACC0-839630CE31A5&Options=ID|&Search=2016-0018>

The Phase 2 Report is the third and final report of King County Metro’s Access to Transit Study. Addressing input about park-and-ride facilities, biking and walking infrastructure, transit-to-transit and other last-mile connections, interjurisdictional collaboration, and Metro performance measures, the Report identifies findings relating to these issues as well as Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and security.

Today’s presentation will discuss how the Access to Transit Study informs proposed changes to these elements of the Transit Strategic Plan: Objective 3.2 and Strategies 3.2.2, 3.2.3, and new strategy 3.2.4; Objective 3.3 and Strategies 3.3.1 and 3.3.2; and proposed changes in performance measures.

**Resources**

Attachment 2 to the staff report identifies links to resources for the Update, the Service Guidelines Task Force, and the Access to Transit Study.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. February 17, 2016 RTC Presentation, King County Metro Transit
2. Resources: List of links to background material as of February 10, 2016
3. Workshop Followup Committee Items
4. Access to Transit Phase 2 Report, King County Metro, December 2015

**INVITED**

1. Victor Obeso, Deputy General Manager Planning and Customer Services, King County Transit Division
2. Christina O’Claire, Manager Strategy and Performance, King County Transit Division
3. Andrew Brick, Transportation Planner, King County Transit Division
4. Lisa Shafer, Transportation Planner, King County Transit Division