



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 24, 2017

Motion 14853

Proposed No. 2017-0051.2

Sponsors Upthegrove

1 A MOTION relating to public transportation; requesting a
2 briefing on extra late-night public transportation service on
3 the Fourth of July 2017; and similar extra late-night public
4 transportation service on New Year's Eve 2017 and New
5 Year's Day 2018, including evaluation of free fares and
6 potential partnerships.

7 WHEREAS, the Fourth of July, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are
8 holidays featuring fireworks displays and midnight celebrations which, by their very
9 nature, result in large public gatherings in the late evening and early morning, and

10 WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies encourage celebrants to behave
11 responsibly and provide increased enforcement of impaired driving statutes in support of
12 the state's Target Zero initiative to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries, including
13 those caused by impaired driving, and

14 WHEREAS, despite these efforts, the Washington State Patrol reports twenty-
15 four driving under the influence ("DUI") arrests in King County during the period
16 December 31, 2016, through January 3, 2017, and thirty-two arrests for DUI December
17 31, 2015, through January 3, 2016; with two hundred fifteen arrests for DUI in a five-day
18 period for the Fourth of July in 2015 and two hundred twenty-three arrests for DUI in a
19 five-day period for the Fourth of July in 2016, and

20 WHEREAS, bus service to and from these gatherings is a means of assuring safe
21 transportation for more attendees, and

22 WHEREAS, transit agencies in Chicago, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Milwaukee,
23 Minneapolis-St. Paul, Orange County (California), Portland (Oregon), San Francisco, San
24 Jose and Vancouver (British Columbia) are among those providing free transit service on
25 New Year's Eve and early morning of New Year's Day;

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

27 A. Because of the benefits to public safety and personal mobility, King County
28 Metro should explore options for providing significantly increased late-night service on
29 the Fourth of July and the evening of New Year's Eve and the early morning of New
30 Year's Day, and free fares for some portion of New Year's Eve and the early morning of
31 New Year's Day. King County Metro should explore partnerships to fund, promote and
32 sustain the free late-night service. King County Metro should also encourage other
33 transit agencies in the central Puget Sound region to provide free late-night service on
34 New Year's Eve and the early morning of New Year's Day.

35 B. The executive is requested to prepare and present, at a briefing before the
36 transportation, economy and environment committee, the potential option for
37 implementing significantly increased Metro late-night bus service on the Fourth of July
38 2017. The executive is also requested to prepare and present at that briefing work done
39 by Metro on developing similarly increased service on New Year's Eve and early
40 morning on New Year's Day and the potential of offering free fares during this service.
41 The briefing should take place by May 31, 2017. The briefing on the Fourth of July and
42 New Year's potential service options should include but not be limited to:

43 1. Analysis and a recommendation on options to extend service hours for the
44 Fourth of July on high ridership bus routes in the Metro service network, including the
45 methodology used to identify appropriate service levels, routes, duration and provision
46 of service throughout the county;

47 2. A summary of other transit agencies' provision of free late-night service on
48 New Year's Eve and other holidays, including information on these agencies' service,
49 costs, and partnerships with public agencies and private firms;

50 3. Analysis of costs, potential funding sources and administrative or operational
51 considerations that could affect the provision of free late-night service on New Year's
52 Eve and New Year's Day;

53 4. Evaluation of options to coordinate with Sound Transit and other transit
54 agencies, law enforcement agencies, and other public sector agencies on planning,
55 communications, and staff support;

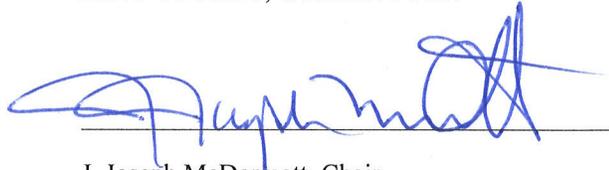
56 5. Evaluation of the potential for partnerships with private firms or public
57 agencies to support the provision of free fares; and

58 6. A description of how development of the analysis and recommendation
59 described in section B.1. of this motion took into account geographic diversity throughout
60 the county.
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Motion 14853 was introduced on 2/13/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 4/24/2017, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None