## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 29 | **Name:** | Mary Bourguignon |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2018-0543 | **Date:** | November 6, 2018 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2018-0543 would outline a process to develop a regional mobility framework. The goal of the framework, as articulated by the motion, would be to ensure that innovations in mobility put people first, use public space equitably and efficiently, and are coordinated with transit policies and regional funding strategies.

**BACKGROUND**

**Mobility Innovations.** King County residents, like people around the country, have been experimenting with new mobility technologies and opportunities in recent years, including transportation network companies, ride-share and bike-share companies, and app-based passenger information services. King County has adopted regulations related to transportation network companies, but does not yet have an adopted policy framework for broader mobility options or the use of new mobility technologies.

**Proposed Motion 2018-0543.** Proposed Motion 2018-0543 would ask the Metro Transit department, under the leadership of the Executive and working in coordination with the Council, to begin a planning effort during 2019 to develop a mobility framework that is focused around the equitable implementation of innovations in transit service and mobility.

The proposed motion requests that this framework include:

* A review of emerging technologies and local and national best practices;
* An analysis of potential implications for Metro, along with opportunities to coordinate mobility innovations with fixed-route and other services;
* Coordination with regional planning efforts related to the implementation of METRO CONNECTS, the long-range transit plan;
* Outreach and engagement with regional partners, transit riders and local communities, including but not limited to low-income populations, communities of color, immigrants and refugees, and limited English speaking populations;
* A review of potential policies for the allocation of public space, including streets, sidewalks, transit stops and station areas, focused on efficiency and equity of use;
* A review of industry-wide workforce trends, including the potential implications of new mobility options on labor needs, career opportunities, recruitment and training;
* Guiding principles that will inform the framework development work, including putting people first; and
* Potential revisions and updates to countywide public transit documents including but not limited to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, the King County Metro service guidelines and the METRO CONNECTS long-range plan.

The proposed motion asks Metro Transit to develop a scoping document with a timeline, expected work tasks and budget to develop the mobility framework by April 18, 2019.

**ANALYSIS**

Proposed Motion 2018-0543 would initiate a planning process to develop a regional mobility framework. The goal of the framework, as articulated by the motion, would be to ensure that innovations in mobility put people first, use public space equitably and efficiently, and are coordinated with transit policies and regional funding strategies.

The proposed motion would not presuppose any outcome to this process.

Metro staff have noted that implementing the tasks called for in this proposed motion, along with the tasks called in for Proposed Motion 2018-0542 (which calls for the development of a regional planning process for the implementation of METRO CONNECTS and ongoing maintenance of transportation infrastructure), would require appropriation authority of $500,000: $300,000 for 1.0 TLT and $200,000 for consultant support. Because these two proposed motions are not part of the 2019-2020 biennium proposed budget[[1]](#footnote-1), the proposed budget does not, at this time, contain that requested appropriation and position authority.

**AMENDMENT**

Amendment 1, which is included in conceptual form as Attachment 2 to this staff report, would add language about the economic prospects of transportation workers to the items to be studied in developing the mobility framework. This concept was discussed at the meeting of the 2019-2020 Biennium Budget Move King County (Transit) Panel on November 1.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2018-0543
2. Amendment 1

**INVITED**

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1. Proposed Ordinance 2018-0465 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)