



Legislation Text

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A MOTION relating to public transportation; approving a report relating to options for improving access to ORCA LIFT for low-income college or university students, as directed by the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, Section 113, as amended by Ordinance 18239, Section 35, Proviso P9.

WHEREAS, in February 2016, Ordinance 18239 adopted supplemental appropriations that amended the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18239 approved an appropriation for capital project 1124456, ORCA replacement, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18239, Section 35, Proviso P9, requires the executive to transmit by August 15, 2016, a report on improving access to ORCA LIFT for low-income college or university students and a motion that approves the report before expending \$500,000 of the funds appropriated for capital project 1124456, and

WHEREAS, the report is to include, but not be limited to:

A. A study of the feasibility of providing locations more convenient to low-income college or university students to apply for ORCA LIFT cards that integrate college- or university-provided transit fare credit into their ORCA LIFT cards. The study shall be based on a review of current transit operational practices and on the transit division outreach to college or university administrators and students, other stakeholders, and members of the public;

B. A summary of the outreach efforts required by subsection A of this proviso;

C. An estimate of the number of affected students, broken out by educational institution, including students for whom English is a second language;

D. A range of options to facilitate locations more convenient to low-income college or university students at which they may apply for ORCA LIFT cards that integrate college- or university-provided transit fare credit into their ORCA LIFT cards, which may include any implementation of options taken by the transit division before completion of the report;

E. Estimates of the cost for each option including any fare revenue impacts; and

F. A plan to timely report to the council the results of the transit division implementing any of the options identified in the report.

WHEREAS, Metro has compiled the required information and the executive has transmitted the Improving Access to ORCA LIFT and Improving Access to ORCA Subsidies for College and University Students report as set forth as Attachment A to this motion to the council;

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

The council hereby approves the Improving Access to ORCA LIFT and Improving Access to ORCA Subsidies for College and University Students report, Attachment A to this motion, as required by Ordinance 17941, Section 113, as amended by Ordinance 18239, Section 35, Proviso P9.