

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the county executive to execute four interlocal agreements with the Washington state Department of Transportation relating to the Alaskan Way Viaduct project.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Following the negative viaduct vote in March 2007, the governor of Washington state, the King County executive and the mayor of Seattle ("the three executives") announced two major initiatives.
2. The first initiative addresses Alaskan Way Viaduct ("AWV") segments south and north of the central waterfront segment. The three executives determined that work on these segments could begin immediately. These projects are known as the Moving Forward projects.
3. Three proposed interlocal agreements have been developed to transfer funds from the Washington state Department of Transportation ("WSDOT") to King County Metro ("KCMETRO") to mitigate traffic disruption on the Moving Forward projects. These mitigation funds will pay for buses, service hours, Transportation Demand Management ("TDM") activities and the expansion of its electronic bus monitoring system.
4. The second initiative addresses the central waterfront segment of the AWV. The three executives established an AWV Tri-Agency Leadership team comprised of Harold S. Taniguchi, Director, King County department of transportation ("KCDOT"), Grace Crunican, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation and David Dye, Deputy Secretary of Transportation,

WSDOT. The Tri-Agency Team was tasked with submitting to the three executives, by year-end, 2008, a preferred alternative to the existing AWV central waterfront segment. The Tri-Agency Team hired an independent project manager to manage the work of the AWV project consultants.

5. A fourth proposed interlocal agreement has been developed to allow KCDOT to transfer funds to WSDOT for one third of the cost of the independent project manager.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The county executive is hereby authorized to enter into:

A. Three interlocal agreements with the Washington state Department of Transportation, substantially in the form of Attachments A, B and C to this ordinance, to provide funds for King County Metro to: 1. provide additional transit service into downtown Seattle; 2. expand King County Metro's bus monitoring and management system in downtown Seattle, and 3. provide funding for Transportation Demand Management measures to mitigate the effects of removing the Alaskan Way Viaduct and constructing an alternative structure or system.

B. ne interlocal agreement with the Washington state Department of Transportation, substantially in the form of Attachment D to this ordinance, to pay the Washington state Department of Transportation for one-third of the cost of an independent project manager on the Alaskan Way Viaduct central waterfront project.

SECTION 2. The appropriate county officials, agents and employees are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the agreements and all actions heretofore taken by county officials, agents and employees consistent with the terms and purposes of the agreements are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

SECTION 3. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this ordinance to be performed on the part of the county shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then the covenant or covenants and agreement or agreements, are null and void and shall be deemed

separable from the remaining

covenants and agreements of this ordinance and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this ordinance or of the agreement.