



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute an agreement with Sound Transit pursuant to which the county will pass-through \$8,515,000 in federal transportation grant funds to partially reimburse Sound Transit for the cost of new buses in exchange for specified Sound Transit service level commitments that will provide additional peak period transit service in the SR 520/Trans-Lake Washington corridor.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County, the Puget Sound Regional Council and the Washington state Department of Transportation entered into an agreement on or about September 23, 2009, titled The Lake Washington Urban Partnership Agreement ("the UPA"), which was awarded \$139 million from the Federal Transit Administration ("the FTA"). The UPA is tied to the replacement of the SR 520 Lake Washington floating bridge and intends to improve traffic flow by pursuing congestion reduction strategies across Lake Washington including the "4Ts": tolling (congestion pricing); transit; telecommuting/transportation demand management; and technology.
2. The UPA provides funds for the acquisition of additional buses to increase transit service across Lake Washington, as well as for the infrastructure needed to collect tolls electronically, for improvements to passenger facilities including park-and-ride facilities, and for the installation of real-time information signs in the SR 520 corridor.
3. In order to provide enhanced transit services in the SR 520/Trans-Lake Washington corridor,

the UPA designated \$41 million for the acquisition of new buses by both Metro and Sound Transit to improve peak transit service.

4. The proposed agreement would commit Sound Transit to providing forty-eight additional one-way peak period trips in the SR 520/Trans Lake Washington corridor, a service level commitment that will require eleven new buses.

5. In order to provide the enhanced service level commitments required by the UPA for the SR 520/Trans Lake Washington corridor, Sound Transit has purchased eleven new hybrid diesel-electric transit buses under the terms of King County Contract MB06-2 with New Flyer Industries, Inc., which was competitively procured under FTA regulations for the provision of buses for both Metro Transit and Sound Transit.

6. The proposed agreement would allow Metro Transit to pass-through \$8,515,000 in federal transportation grant funds to Sound Transit toward the cost of the new buses necessary to provide the enhanced service level commitments in the SR 520/Trans Lake Washington corridor.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Sound Transit substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance.