



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE related to the provision of discounted transit fare media to human services agencies; and amending Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210, Ordinance 17932, Section 2, as amended, Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210 and Ordinance 12643, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.350.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. K.C.C. 4A.700.210 authorizes a program for the sale and distribution of transit tickets to human services agencies at twenty percent of the face value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations.
2. With the March 26, 2016, service change, Metro reconfigured its bus service to provide better connections with Sound Transit's new Link light rail service to Capitol Hill and the University District.
3. The extension of light rail service to Capitol Hill and the University District, together with Metro's recent service change, has resulted in many riders transferring from Metro bus service to Sound Transit light rail service, including riders participating in Metro's human services ticket program.
4. Currently, riders who are using tickets provided under the human services agencies ticket program cannot transfer between Metro's bus service and Sound Transit's light rail service using a single ticket. Additionally, the price of the discounted tickets does not currently reflect the

interagency transfer credits provided through the ORCA system.

5. Expenditures by the human services agencies for the twenty percent face value purchase price limits the amount of funding that these agencies can use for other client needs.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this ordinance takes effect January 1, 2017, and expires January 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of tickets to human service agencies at ~~((twenty))~~ ten percent of their cash value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total amount of the ~~((eighty))~~ ninety percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed three million ~~((two))~~ six hundred thousand dollars for any one year. However, the amount of the ~~((eighty))~~ ninety percent discount may be increased by up to an additional two hundred thousand dollars annually under this human services ticket program for the value of tickets applied to it through the congestion reduction transit incentives program described in Ordinance 17295, Section 1. The allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are valid on all public transportation and paratransit service for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The program shall provide for the following:

1. Metro issued fare payment media, including but not limited to bus tickets, to be sold to human service agencies at ten percent of the cash value; and
2. A fare payment medium consisting of a combination of a Metro-issued fare payment medium and a

fare payment medium of another transportation agency, to be sold to human services agencies at the higher of either the ten percent of the cash value of the Metro fare medium or the discounted price of the fare medium provided by the other transportation agency under an interagency agreement between Metro and the other transportation agency.

B. The allocation of discount fare payment media under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall determine the quantity of fare payment media from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program.

C. The total amount of discount provided under the program established under section A. of this section shall not exceed three million six hundred thousand dollars for any one year.

D. Metro fare payment media sold under the program shall be valid for all Metro transportation and paratransit service as well as for service on those Sound Transit bus routes agreed to by Metro and Sound Transit.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 17932, Section 2, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Ordinance 17932, Section 3, ~~((and))~~ Ordinance 18370, Section 4 ((of this ordinance)) and section 4 of this ordinance take effect January 1, 2018.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of ~~((tickets))~~ fare payment media to human service agencies at ~~((twenty))~~ ten percent of their cash value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total amount of the ~~((eighty))~~ ninety percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed three million ~~((two))~~ six hundred thousand dollars for any one year. The allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be made by the director in

conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall determine the ~~((number of tickets))~~ quantity of fare payment media from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are valid on all public transportation and paratransit service for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The program shall provide for the following:

1. Metro issued fare payment media, including but not limited to bus tickets, to be sold to human service agencies at ten percent of the cash value; and

2. A fare payment medium consisting of a combination of a Metro-issued fare payment medium and a fare payment medium of another transportation agency, to be sold to human services agencies at the higher of either the ten percent of the cash value of the Metro fare medium or the discounted price of the fare medium provided by the other transportation agency under an interagency agreement between Metro and the other transportation agency.

B. The allocation of discount fare payment media under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall determine the quantity of fare payment media from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program.

C. The total amount of discount provided under the program established under section A. of this section shall not exceed three million six hundred thousand dollars for any one year.

D. Metro fare payment media sold under the program shall be valid for all Metro transportation and paratransit service as well as for service on those Sound Transit bus routes agreed to by Metro and Sound Transit.

SECTION 5. Ordinance 12643, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.350 are each hereby

amended to read as follows.

A. The executive is authorized to execute agreements with other transit agencies either to establish a system of fare payment for passengers transferring between transportation systems or for issuing a combined fare payment medium. The agreements shall be subject to approval by the council to the extent the approval is required by the charter, ordinance or applicable state law, or any combination thereof.

B. The agreements related to fare payment for passengers transferring between transportation systems shall provide that the county's share of the fares collected for trips involving transfers between transit agencies shall be the estimated revenue collected for the trips multiplied by the ratio of the revenue that would have been generated by application of the county's appropriate fares or prorated per trip pass prices due under other provisions of this chapter for the county portions of these interagency trips divided by the sum of the revenue that would have been generated by the application of each agency's appropriate fares or prorated per trip pass prices for all segments of the interagency trips.

C. The agreements related to the issuance of a combined fare payment medium shall include terms that:

1. Apportion the revenues from the sales of the combined fare payment medium between the county and the other transportation agency such that each party's share of the revenues shall be determined by multiplying:

a. the ratio of the cost of that party's discounted payment fare if it were sold separately to the human services agencies divided by the sum of all the parties' discounted payment fares if they were sold separately to human services agencies; by

b. the revenues generated from the combined fare payment medium sales;

2. Identify the services, including service areas if appropriate, for which the other transportation agency's fare medium will be valid; and

3. If appropriate, provide for the reimbursement of the other transportation agency accepting discounted Metro bus tickets sold to human services agencies.