



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16078

Proposed No. 2022-0150.1

Sponsors Balducci, Kohl-Welles, Perry
and Zahilay

1 A MOTION requesting that the executive prepare a
2 feasibility assessment report and implementation plan on
3 King County's ability to facilitate the manufacture of
4 concrete for use in county projects and projects of public
5 partner entities.

6 WHEREAS, concrete is not only the backbone of the construction industry, but it
7 is also foundational to the economic stability and growth of the region, and

8 WHEREAS, because a labor dispute with a limited number of companies has
9 caused significant delays or shut down nearly all local public sector and private
10 construction, the local concrete market is failing the county and region, and

11 WHEREAS, the labor dispute has for more than the last one hundred days,
12 significantly reduced the availability of local commercial-scale production of concrete,
13 and

14 WHEREAS, King County respects and recognizes the collective bargaining
15 process and continues to urge the parties to return to the negotiating table with federal
16 mediators, to bring an end to this region's debilitating dispute, and

17 WHEREAS, current public infrastructure projects like Sound Transit light rail
18 expansion, West Seattle bridge reopening, Washington state Convention Center
19 expansion, University of Washington’s Behavioral Health Hospital, completion of the

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20 Georgetown wet weather facility and the Metro transit department's rapid ride H and G
21 lines are experiencing costly delay due to the labor dispute, and

22 WHEREAS, this ongoing dispute may harm future projects and result in costly
23 delays or cancellation of taxpayer-funded work, such as expansion of Harborview
24 Medical Center, and electrification of Metro transit department's south base, as well as
25 road safety improvements in the unincorporated area, and

26 WHEREAS, the ongoing dispute is also impairing private development, including
27 housing construction, during the current housing crisis when need for homes is greater
28 than available housing, and

29 WHEREAS, the ongoing dispute is resulting in layoffs for thousands of
30 construction workers and construction related jobs just as the region is recovering from
31 the COVID-19 global pandemic, and

32 WHEREAS, because concrete can travel a limited distance to a job site, it is
33 necessary for King County and its jurisdictional and public agency partners to explore the
34 public manufacture of concrete for King County and public partner projects to ensure the
35 next decade of taxpayer-funded infrastructure projects are able to move forward with
36 minimal delay;

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

38 A. The council requests that the executive submit for the council's review a
39 feasibility assessment report and implementation plan on King County's ability to
40 facilitate the public manufacture of concrete. The report and plan shall be developed in
41 consultation with stakeholders such as but not limited to Sound Transit, the Washington
42 state Department of Transportation, the Port of Seattle, the University of Washington, the

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43 city of Seattle and other interested jurisdictions around the county, representatives from
44 organized labor who work in the concrete industry, and shall include at a minimum:

45 1. A feasibility assessment of the county's ability to partner with other public
46 agencies to facilitate manufacture concrete for use in public building and construction,
47 including:

48 a. identification of the elements necessary for the county to facilitate the
49 manufacture of concrete for use in county building and construction and projects of
50 public partner entities;

51 b. identification of property where such manufacturing could occur and what
52 improvements to property would be necessary for the public manufacture of concrete;

53 c. a survey of jurisdictions and public entities that may wish to partner with the
54 county in facilitating the public manufacture of concrete and use of publicly
55 manufactured concrete;

56 d. a fiscal analysis of the cost and benefits of the county facilitating the public
57 manufacture of concrete;

58 e. operational, policy and legal analysis of the county's role in facilitating the
59 public manufacture of concrete, including consideration of whether operations should be
60 contracted to an outside entity or conducted by employees of the county or other public
61 agency, and partnerships with public entities; and

62 f. identification of any opportunities in the public manufacture of concrete that
63 may benefit private entities in need of concrete; and

64 2. An implementation plan for the public manufacture of concrete, including:

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- 65 a. a process for jurisdictions and public entities to partner in the public
66 manufacturing of concrete;
- 67 b. an estimated timeline of major milestones for implementing the public
68 manufacturing of concrete;
- 69 c. a financial plan that identifies estimated costs and revenues for the public
70 manufacture of concrete; and
- 71 d. identification of any changes needed to the King County code to enable the
72 county to facilitate the public manufacture of concrete.
- 73 B. The executive shall file the feasibility assessment report and implementation
74 plan on King County's ability to facilitate the manufacture of concrete by December 1,
75 2022, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council.
76 The clerk of the council shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all

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- 77 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director and the lead staff for
78 committee of the whole, or their successors.

Motion 16078 was introduced on 3/22/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/22/2022, by the following vote:


Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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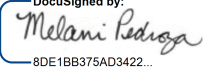
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