



King County

Regional Transit Committee

SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	3	Name:	Paul Carlson
Proposed No.:	2016-0005	Date:	February 3, 2016

SUBJECT: An ordinance relating to public transportation; adopting updates to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 (Transit Strategic Plan) and King County Metro Service Guidelines (Service Guidelines).

SUMMARY: Today's special workshop meeting of the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) will continue the RTC's consideration of the proposed update to the Transit Strategic Plan and Service Guidelines (Proposed Ordinance 2016-0005).

On January 20, the RTC heard an overview presentation addressing:

- The history leading up to the 2011 adoption of the Transit Strategic Plan and Service Guidelines;
- The experience of using the Service Guidelines in 2012-2015, when the Great Recession caused a sharp decline in Metro Transit revenues;
- The Service Guidelines Task Force recommendations for modifications to the Guidelines and Transit Strategic Plan; and
- Additional modifications proposed by the Executive responding to the Access to Transit Study.

RTC members concurred that an early workshop would be useful to allow for detailed review and discussion of some key topics.

The rest of this staff report contains the agenda developed by staff, followed by an updated list of resources for review. Attachment 1 is the Transit Division presentation for this workshop.

Workshop Agenda

- I. Overview and Roadmap.....5 minutes**
Chris O’Claire, Manager, Strategy & Performance, King County Transit Division
- Workshop and meeting schedule
- II. Service Guidelines Background.....10 minutes**
Chris O’Claire, Manager, Strategy & Performance, King County Transit Division
- Policy guidance
 - Data analysis
- III. Target Service Levels and System Evaluation: Presentation and Discussion.....40 minutes**
Chris O’Claire, Manager, Strategy & Performance, King County Transit Division
- What we heard and what we did
 - Service types
 - Standardizing the measurement of crowding
 - Protecting peak service
 - Service reductions
 - Setting target service levels
 - Park-and-rides
 - 200% poverty level
 - Point gradation
 - Valuing centers
 - Impacts
 - Discussion
- IV. Centers and Corridors: Presentation and Discussion.....20 minutes**
Chris O’Claire, Manager, Strategy & Performance, King County Transit Division
- Transit activity centers
 - Corridors
 - Discussion
- V. Alternative Services: Presentation and Discussion.....40 minutes**
Carol Cooper, Supervisor, Market Development, King County Transit Division
Chris O’Claire, Manager, Strategy & Performance, King County Transit Division
- Role in the system
 - Project status
 - Adding new service
 - Discussion
- VI. Summary and Next Steps.....5 minutes**
Chair and Committee Members

RESOURCES

Proposed Ordinance 2016-0005 Materials

Legisearch is the electronic database for legislative action at the County Council. For Proposed Ordinance 2016-0005, Legisearch includes the transmittal packet and the documents for the January 20, 2016 RTC briefing. Attachments in this link will be updated as additional RTC meeting material is provided:

[http://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2537165&GUID=758FA021-F52A-4A97-A3F3-EAABA721D3B0&Options=ID\]&Search=2016-0005](http://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2537165&GUID=758FA021-F52A-4A97-A3F3-EAABA721D3B0&Options=ID]&Search=2016-0005)

In the following list of all attachments, those shown in bold are primary sources of information.

List of attachments as of January 29, 2016	
1. 2016-0005 legislative review form.pdf	Standard form required for transmitted legislation
2. A. King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 2015 Update	Executive-proposed update to Transit Strategic Plan
3. B. King County Metro Service Guidelines 2015 Update	Executive-proposed update to Service Guidelines
4. 2016-0005 Attachment 1 to transmittal letter Summary of Changes.pdf	List of proposed changes (use #12 below, instead)
5. 2016-0005 Attachment 2 to transmittal letter - Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021.docx	"Track changes" version of document #2
6. 2016-0005 Attachment 3 to transmittal letter - King County Metro Service Guidelines.docx	"Track changes" version of document #3
7. 2016-0005 fiscal note.xls	Standard requirement for transmitted legislation
8. 2016-0005 transmittal letter.doc	Executive's statement on the proposed update
9. 2016-0005 SR Update TSP and KCMSG.docx	January 20, 2016 Staff Report
10. Attachment 1. Presentation 1-20-16 v10.pdf	January 20 PowerPoint (use #13 below, instead)
11. Attachment 2. Service Guidelines Task Force Background & Access to Transit Study Summary Handouts.pdf	January 20 summary documents
12. Attachment 3 Revised Summary.pdf	Revised version of item #3 – please use this one
13. Revised Presentation 1-20-16 v10.pdf	Revised version of item #10 – please use this one

Service Guidelines Task Force

The Service Guidelines Task Force was convened to assess the Service Guidelines' impacts. The Task Force met during 2015 and held its final deliberative meeting on October 7, 2015. The Task Force reached consensus agreement on Principles, Recommendations, and a Report. The Task Force held a final meeting on January 28, 2015 to review how the recommendations are incorporated in the update.

The Task Force website has more detailed information:

<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/advisory-groups/service-guidelines-task-force/>

This website includes the final Report and the materials provided to the Task Force.

Access to Transit Study

The Access to Transit Study concerns the means by which riders reach their bus stops. As part of the 2013 update to the Transit Strategic Plan, the RTC directed Metro to carry out this study. The final, Phase 2 Report has been transmitted to the County Council and is available here:

<http://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2541054&GUID=7699C402-B1B2-4DA0-ACC0-839630CE31A5&Options=ID|&Search=2016-0018>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Transit Division Presentation (PowerPoint)

INVITED

1. Christina O'Claire, Manager, Strategy and Performance, King County Transit Division
2. Carol Cooper, Supervisor, Market Development, King County Transit Division