



King County Meeting Proceedings

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Regional Transit Committee

Councilmembers: Reagan Dunn, Chair; Julia Patterson, Vice Chair;
Dow Constantine, Bob Ferguson, Jane Hague, Pete von Reichbauer

Suburban Cities Association: Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way; Fred Butler,
Issaquah; Kathy Huckabay, Sammamish; Conrad Lee, Bellevue; Joan
McGilton, Burien;

Robert Ransom, Shoreline; Ralph Shape, SeaTac; Roger Thordarson,
Auburn

Alternates: David Baker, Kenmore; Pam Carter, Tukwila; Will Ibershof,
Duvall;

Chuck Price, Woodinville

City of Seattle: Jan Drago, Peter Steinbrueck; Alternate: Jean Godden

Staff: Arthur Thornbury (296-1680), Lead Analyst;
Angelica Calderon (296-1661), Committee Assistant

Room 1001

October 24, 2007

3:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

1. **Call to Order**

The Regional Transit Committee meeting was called to order at 3:12 P.M. by Chair Dunn.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Dunn, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Butler, Ms. Burbidge, Mr. Thordarson, Ms. Drago, Mr. Shape, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ransom, Ms. Huckabay, Mr. Baker, Ms. Carter, Mr. Price and Ms. Godden

Excused: Mr. Constantine, Ms. McGilton and Mr. Steinbrueck

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of September 19, 2007 meeting of the Regional Transit Committee were approved as presented.

4. **Chair's Report**

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting. The Chair noted that earlier this year the Council adopted a new transit planning structure and today the two ordinances and a motion on our agenda will begin the actual updating of plans.

5. **Vice-Chair's Report**

There was no report from the Vice-Chair.

6. **General Manager's Report**

Kevin Desmond agreed to move his monthly General Manager's Report to the end of the meeting to ensure that we have time for the action items on our agenda.

7. **Announcements**

There were no announcements from the members.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discussion and Possible Action

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-0478](#)

Mr. Dunn

AN ORDINANCE updating and adopting the Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation.

Arthur Thornbury, Council Staff, briefed the committee on Proposed Ordinance 2007-0478. Victor Obeso, Supervisor, Service Development Section, Ron Posthuma, Assistant Director, KCDOT, Kevin Desmond, General Manager and Jim Jacobson, Deputy General Manager, Transit Division were present to answer questions from the members.

The Transit-Oriented Development policy 3.1.5 was amended to removed the one-quarter mile standard for a reasonable walking distance to a transit facility and language was added to require the King County Department of Transportation to estimate and report on the expected benefits of the project. The amendment was adopted as amended.

The Locally-Developed Transit Services policy 3.2.7 was amended to state that the Transit Division must be consulted when another entity is planning a streetcar system that the Transit Division may be asked to operate. The amendment was adopted.

A new Ballot measure policy 3.2.9 was added to address the review and approval of public transportation improvement proposals that may be submitted for voter approval. The amendment was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Thordarson that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Mr. Dunn, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Butler, Mr. Thordarson, Ms. Drago, Mr. Shape, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Lee, Ms. Huckabay, Mr. Baker, Mr. Price and Ms. Godden
No: 0
Excused: 4 - Mr. Constantine, Ms. McGilton, Ms. Burbidge, Mr. Steinbrueck and Ms. Carter

Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:

*Votes: Yes: 11 - Ms. Patterson; Mr. Dunn; Mr. Ferguson; Ms. Hague; Mr. von Reichbuaer; Ms. Drago; Ms. Godden voting for Mr. Steinbrueck
Mr. Butler; Ms. Huckabay; Mr. Lee; Mr. Baker voting as SCA alternate for Ms. Burbidge; Mr. Ransom; Mr. Shape;
Mr. Thordarson and Mr. Price voting as SCA alternate for Ms. McGilton
No: 0
Excused: 1- Mr. Constantine;*

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-0485](#)

Mr. Dunn

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; adopting a Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2007 - 2016.

Arthur Thornbury, Council Staff, briefed the committee on Proposed Ordinance 2007-0485. Victor Obeso, Supervisor, Service Development Section was present to answer questions from the members.

The Transit-Oriented Development strategy was amended to removed the one-quarter mile standard for a reasonable walking distance to a transit facility. A list of anticipated TOD benefits was added with a notation that they would be used to establish specific benchmarks, amendment was adopted as amended.

Existing Strategy S-4 Transit Improvements and land Use was amended to remove a reference to prioritizing transit services investments to cities that adopt minimum density land use regulation and policies.

A new Streetcar System strategy was added calling for development of criteria to a guide decision to initiate or participate in future streetcar projects or to authorize other entities to provide streetcar service.

A map of the current boundaries of the three transit planning subareas was added.

A motion was made by Ms. Huckabay that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 10.5 - Mr. Dunn, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Butler, Mr. Thordarson, Ms. Drago, Mr. Shape, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Baker, Ms. Carter, Mr. Price and Ms. Godden
No: 0
Excused: 5.5 - Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. McGilton, Ms. Burbidge, Mr. Steinbrueck and Ms. Huckabay

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*Votes: Yes: 8 1/2 - Ms. Patterson; Mr. Dunn; Mr. Ferguson; Ms. Drago; Ms. Godden voting for Mr. Steinbrueck; Mr. Baker voting as SCA alternate for Ms. Burbidge; Mr. Butler, Mr. Lee; Mr. Ransom; Mr. Shape; Mr. Thordarson and Mr. Price voting as SCA alternate for Ms. McGilton
No: 0
Excused: 3 1/2 - Mr. Constantine; Ms. Hague; Mr. von Reichbuaer and Ms. Huckabay*

11. Proposed Motion No. 2007-0562

Mr. Dunn

A MOTION approving the 2008 scope of work for developing the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation.

Arthur Thornbury, Council Staff, briefed the committee on Proposed Ordinance 2007-0562.

A motion was made by Mr. Lee that this matter be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 10.5 - Mr. Dunn, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Butler, Mr. Thordarson, Ms. Drago, Mr. Shape, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Baker, Ms. Carter, Mr. Price and Ms. Godden
No: 0
Excused: 5.5 - Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. McGilton, Ms. Burbidge, Mr. Steinbrueck and Ms. Huckabay

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Votes: Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson; Mr. Dunn; Mr. Ferguson; Ms. Drago;

Ms. Godden voting for Mr. Steinbrueck; Mr. Baker voting as SCA alternate for Ms. Burbidge; Mr. Butler, Mr. Lee; Mr. Ransom; Mr. Shape; Mr. Thordarson; Ms. Carter voting as SCA for Ms. Huckabay and Mr. Price voting as SCA alternate for Ms. McGilton
No: 0
Excused: 3 - Mr. Constantine; Ms. Hague; and Mr. von Reichbuaer

12. Adjournment

The Chair thanked the members for serving in the Committee. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature