



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 31, 2018

Motion

Proposed No. 2018-0542.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION expressing support for regional planning,
2 coordination and funding efforts to address the
3 implementation of METRO CONNECTS, King County
4 Metro's long-range transit service and capital plan and the
5 ongoing maintenance needs of King County's
6 transportation infrastructure.

7 WHEREAS, in July 2011, the King County council adopted Ordinance 17143,
8 which adopted the King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-
9 2021 and the King County Metro Service Guidelines, and

10 WHEREAS, the strategic plan and the service guidelines incorporated regional
11 transit task force recommendations for transparency and clarity, cost control,
12 productivity, social equity, geographic value and sustainable funding, and

13 WHEREAS, in July 2013, the King County council adopted the 2013 update to
14 the strategic plan and service guidelines under Ordinance 17641, and

15 WHEREAS, the 2013 update to the strategic plan incorporated a new strategy
16 6.1.2 which reads, "Establish and maintain a long-range transit service and capital plan
17 developed in collaboration with local comprehensive and regional long-range
18 transportation planning," and

19 WHEREAS, in January 2017, the King County council adopted Ordinance 18449,

20 which adopted METRO CONNECTS, a long-range transit service and capital plan that
21 was developed with input from transportation stakeholders, the King County council and
22 executive, jurisdictions and riders, and

23 WHEREAS, METRO CONNECTS builds on Metro's strategic plan, service
24 guidelines, the King County Strategic Plan 2010-2014, the policy framework and
25 recommendations of the regional transit task force, Metro's work with the Linking Transit
26 and Development process and the Access to Transit Report, and

27 WHEREAS, METRO CONNECTS outlines a vision for a seventy percent
28 increase in bus service hours by 2040, accompanied by significant capital investments in
29 fleet, operating base capacity, passenger access and facilities, transit pathways and other
30 needs, and

31 WHEREAS, METRO CONNECTS is also guided by the challenges King County
32 Metro faces, including population and economic growth, demographic changes, funding,
33 the environment, customer service and satisfaction, access to transit, the need to build
34 complementary capital projects for transit service, an evolving transportation system and
35 the emergence of new technologies, and

36 WHEREAS, METRO CONNECTS is meant to be a living document setting the
37 vision for and guiding the implementation of Metro's long range transit service and
38 capital networks while responding to growth throughout the county, and

39 WHEREAS, in July 2014, through Motion 14190, the King County council
40 approved the 2014 update to the Strategic Plan for Road Services, which identified a
41 significant funding shortfall in the county's ability to maintain its network of roads and
42 bridges, and

43 WHEREAS, the bridges and roads task force, which was convened in August
44 2015, was asked to, "recommend financially sustainable and equitable strategies to
45 deliver an unincorporated road system that supports people's transportation needs, local
46 and regional economic development and quality of life," and

47 WHEREAS, the bridges and roads task force developed a number of high impact
48 and low impact recommendations to address the maintenance needs of the county's
49 transportation infrastructure network, and

50 WHEREAS, achieving the vision of METRO CONNECTS for an interim
51 network by 2025 and the full network by 2040, as well as the recommendations of the
52 bridges and roads task force to maintain the county's transportation infrastructure, will
53 require regional collaboration and partnerships;

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

55 A. The King County executive, working in coordination with the King County
56 council, should initiate a regional planning effort during 2019 to address the
57 implementation of METRO CONNECTS, King County Metro's long-range transit
58 service and capital plan, as well as the ongoing maintenance needs of King County's
59 transportation infrastructure.

60 B. To prepare for the regional planning effort, King County Metro should prepare
61 updated information to supplement METRO CONNECTS to adjust for increased
62 population growth, increasing regional congestion, inflation and construction costs,
63 regional mobility needs and innovations in transportation.

64 C. No later than March 15, 2019, the King County executive should convene a
65 special committee on transportation consisting of the executive, three members of the

66 County Council to include the chair of the council's mobility committee or its successor
67 and the chair of the regional transit committee. The special committee on transportation
68 should develop and propose a strategy to convene regional leaders to develop a regional
69 funding plan to implement METRO CONNECTS and explore ways to support the
70 ongoing maintenance needs of King County's transportation infrastructure.

71 D. The King County council requests the King County executive to report on the
72 status of the regional planning effort by May 31, 2019. The report should be filed in the

73 form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall
74 retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None