



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

ATTACHMENT 1
1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Motion

Proposed No. 2019-0464.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION relating to public transportation, adopting the
2 Metro Mobility Framework Recommendations Summary
3 and outlining a process for the development of updates to
4 the Metro transit department's adopted policies.

5 WHEREAS, recent developments in transportation technologies have led to
6 innovations in mobility that have changed the way people travel, and

7 WHEREAS, these innovative mobility services offer many new transportation
8 options but do not always put people first or use public space equitably and efficiently,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, these innovative mobility services are not yet well-integrated with
11 public transit, meaning that it can be difficult for passengers to plan and pay for their
12 mobility needs, and

13 WHEREAS, implementing mobility services in King County has been
14 complicated by the recent increase in housing prices, which has resulted in many
15 households living farther away from jobs, school and other destinations, in less-dense
16 areas that can be more difficult to serve with fixed-route public transit and that are often
17 not well served by innovative mobility services, and

18 WHEREAS, transportation is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas
19 emissions in King County, making it essential that King County develop strategies to

20 reduce vehicle miles traveled by fossil-fuel burning, single-occupancy vehicles, and

21 WHEREAS, those challenges require a vision for a regional mobility system that
22 is innovative, integrated, equitable and sustainable, and

23 WHEREAS, Motion 15253 required the Metro transit department to develop a
24 regional mobility framework for the equitable implementation of innovations in transit
25 service and mobility that should include: guiding principles; a review of emerging
26 technologies and local and national best practices; analysis of potential implications for
27 the Metro transit department and opportunities to integrate mobility innovations with
28 fixed-route and other services; coordination with regional transit planning efforts; a
29 review of potential policies for the allocation of public space; a review of industry-wide
30 workforce trends; information on how transit policies should be updated; and engagement
31 with regional partners, transit riders and local communities, including but not limited to
32 low-income populations, communities of color, immigrants and refugees and limited-
33 English-speaking populations, and

34 WHEREAS, as required by Motion 15253, the Metro transit department
35 transmitted a scoping document on April 18, 2019, which included a timeline, expected
36 work tasks and a budget to develop the mobility framework, and

37 WHEREAS, Motion 15252 required the executive, working in coordination with
38 the council, to initiate a regional planning effort during 2019 to address the
39 implementation of METRO CONNECTS, the Metro transit department's long-range
40 transit service and capital plan, as well as the ongoing maintenance needs of King
41 County's transportation infrastructure, and that, as part of this effort, the Metro transit
42 department should prepare updated information to supplement METRO CONNECTS to

43 adjust for increased population growth, increasing regional congestion, inflation and
44 construction costs, regional mobility needs and innovations in transportation, and

45 WHEREAS, as required by Motion 15252, the Metro transit department
46 transmitted a status report on May 31, 2019, which described the coordination of the
47 development of the mobility framework with regional transit planning and funding efforts
48 and the progress in preparing updated information to supplement METRO CONNECTS,
49 and

50 WHEREAS, to implement the efforts required by Motions 15252 and 15253, the
51 Metro transit department convened the King County Metro equity cabinet, which was
52 comprised of twenty-two community leaders representing communities countywide
53 including, but not limited to, low-income people, communities of color, immigrants and
54 refugees, limited-English speaking communities and people with disabilities, to cocreate
55 the mobility framework, and

56 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department conducted extensive outreach and
57 engagement around the development of the mobility framework with regional partners,
58 elected leaders, stakeholder organizations, transit riders, local communities, low-income
59 populations, communities of color, immigrants and refugees, limited-English-speaking
60 populations, people with disabilities and others, and

61 WHEREAS, the process of developing the mobility framework began with the
62 development of guiding principles, as required by Motion 15253, which were drafted by
63 the King County Metro equity cabinet and then reviewed and refined by the regional
64 transit committee, local elected officials, stakeholder organizations and community
65 members, and

66 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department conducted analysis on emerging
67 technologies and local and national best practices, as required by Motion 15253, and that
68 information was used to develop the mobility framework, and

69 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department conducted analysis of potential
70 implications for public transit services, opportunities to integrate mobility innovations
71 with fixed-route and other services, potential policies for the allocation of public space
72 and industry-wide workforce trends, as required by Motion 15253, and that information
73 was used to develop the mobility framework, and

74 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department has begun a process to prepare
75 revisions and updates to countywide public transit policies, including the Strategic Plan
76 for Public Transportation, the King County Metro Service Guidelines and the METRO
77 CONNECTS - King County Metro Long-Range Plan, as required by Motion 15253, and
78 has described this process and a proposed timeframe for these updates within the mobility
79 framework, and

80 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department has begun a process to prepare updated
81 information to supplement METRO CONNECTS to adjust for increased population
82 growth, increasing regional congestion, inflation and construction costs, regional mobility
83 needs and innovations in transportation, as required by Motion 15252, and has described
84 this process and a proposed timeline for this updated information within the mobility
85 framework, and

86 WHEREAS, the mobility framework proposes recommendations in the areas of
87 investments, surrounding land use, innovation, workforce and engagement that, if
88 implemented, will help lead to a regional mobility system that is more innovative,

89 integrated, equitable and sustainable;

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

91 A. The Metro Mobility Framework Recommendations Summary, which is
92 Attachment A to this motion, is hereby adopted.

93 B. The Metro transit department, under the leadership of the executive and
94 working in coordination with the council, shall engage in a planning process to update its
95 adopted policies and associated reporting requirements during 2020, including, but not
96 limited to, the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, the King County Metro Service
97 Guidelines, the King County Ferry District 2014-2018 strategic plan and the METRO
98 CONNECTS - King County Metro Long-Range Plan, to incorporate recommendations
99 from the mobility framework, as well as policies needed to implement METRO
100 CONNECTS. The process shall include:

101 1. Regular reports to the regional transit committee and the mobility and
102 environment committee, or its successor;

103 2. Outreach and engagement with regional partners, communities historically
104 lacking in access to or underserved by transit, the Sound Cities Association, the city of
105 Seattle, King County's regional transportation boards, transit riders and local
106 communities, including, but not limited to, low-income populations, communities of
107 color, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities and limited English speaking
108 populations;

109 3. Ongoing consultation with the King County Metro equity cabinet to ensure
110 that the recommendations of the mobility framework are incorporated into the updates to
111 the Metro transit department's adopted policies;

112 4. Updated information to supplement METRO CONNECTS to adjust for
113 increased population growth, increasing regional congestion, inflation and construction
114 costs, regional mobility needs and innovations in transportation;

115 5. Analysis of funding options to implement METRO CONNECTS;

116 6. Identification of the components of the METRO CONNECTS 2040 network
117 that can be implemented using existing funding;

118 7. Analysis of opportunities to assist local jurisdictions in implementing capital
119 investments to improve speed and reliability for transit and to increase access to transit;

120 and

121 8. Analysis of opportunities to test, implement, partner with and respond to

122 innovative mobility services and the development of policies related to the role of
123 innovative mobility services within the public transit network.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Metro Mobility Framework Recommendations Summary