



Signature Report

January 17, 2007

Motion 12437

Proposed No. 2007-0031.3

Sponsors Constantine, Patterson, Phillips,
Dunn, von Reichbauer, Hague and
Lambert

1 A MOTION establishing the 2007 (FY 2008) Federal
2 Agenda for King County.

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5 WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County
6 executive have worked through the joint King County Legislative Steering Committee to
7 develop a federal agenda and desire to bring their positions on issues to the attention of
8 the United States Congress, and

9 WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local
10 governments and other organizations to achieve its 2007 (FY 2008) federal legislative
11 goals, and

12 WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the
13 federal government, and

14 WHEREAS, if King County is going to be able to continue delivering basic
15 government services to our residents, it needs a preservation, if not an expansion, of
16 federal support, and

17 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will
18 continue to review congressional developments for possible revisions of King County's
19 2007 (FY 2008) federal legislative program;

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

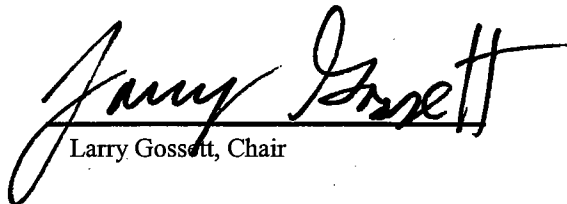
21 The King County council hereby adopts the attached 2007 (FY 2008) Federal
22 Agenda for King County as the county's highest priorities for federal action in the 2007
23 (FY 2008) congressional appropriations cycle.

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Motion 12437 was introduced on 1/8/2007 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/16/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. King County, Washington 2007 (FY 2008) Federal Agenda, dated January 16, 2007, B. King County, Washington 2007 (FY 2008) Federal Agenda Legislative Interests, Council amended January 16, 2007



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PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
1. Transportation	<p>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$14.25 million for Bus Rapid Transit on the Pacific Highway S. 2. \$5 million for the purchase of Hybrid Buses; 3. \$5 million for the South Park Bridge Replacement Project; 4. \$4 million for the Novelty Hill Road Improvements Project; and 5. \$2 million for the Transit Oriented Development Project. 6. \$2 million for the Vashon Passenger Only Ferry <p>Support legislation that would supplement the definition of "Bridge" as used in section 650.403 of the federal register to include short span structures whose replacement would be more than 20 feet long. This would allow short-spans to qualify for the federal bridge replacement and rehabilitation program.</p>
2. Salmon Recovery	<p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$9.5 million for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program; • Funding for Salmon Habitat Restoration Studies, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$400,000 for the Lake Washington/Ship Canal Ecosystem Study; ○ \$1.9 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project; and <p>Support \$90 million funding level for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program, which is critical to habitat recovery projects in King County.</p> <p>Secure \$500,000 to design, implement and maintain a series of on-the-ground restoration projects on private agricultural lands for salmon habitat restoration in the Snoqualmie Watershed through the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.</p>
3. Flood Control	<p>Support Tukwila 205 Levee Reconstruction – up to \$32,000,000 in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill (Army Corps of Engineers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruction of 4.25 miles of levee protecting City of Tukwila, Southcenter businesses and other regionally significant economic centers. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and local governments believe that reconstruction of the Tukwila 205 levee system for conveyance and capacity improvements is in the best interest of the local communities to ensure the long term protection of lives and property. This request is to fully pursue and secure federal funding for reconstruction of the levee system and collaborate with local and state agencies on design and project implementation.

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4.	Puget Sound Recovery Initiative	<p>Support Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's efforts to secure funding for Endocrine Disrupting Compounds (EDC) research in partnership with King County on aquatic effects and effective treatment methods.</p> <p>Support federal designation and funding of the Puget Sound Initiative.</p> <p>Support King County Wastewater Treatment Division as a pilot for a water quality cap & trade system with USDA and/or EPA.</p>
5.	Wastewater	<p>Secure \$1 million funding under EPA's State Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program for construction of Quartermaster Harbor community wastewater treatment facilities.</p>
6.	Workforce Development	<p>Support \$500,000 in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill for the Seattle King County Workforce Development Council to integrate workforce training services into other social services currently offered to ex-offenders transitioning back into the community.</p>
7.	Emergency Management	<p>Support federal legislation that provides revenue tools to local governments to fund the new infrastructure needed to provide effective e-911 services resulting from internet service providers offering Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP). Monitor future activity pertaining to the FCC regulation requiring VoIP to provide e-911 service.</p>
8.	Homeland Security/ Bioterrorism	<p>Support first-responder legislation currently pending in Congress to streamline funding to local first responders and provide them with greater control over how grant resources would be expended at the local level.</p> <p>Support legislation that would allow for the funding of FTE's for critical HS functions via the various HS grant programs.</p>
9.	Sheriff's Wireless Communications Project	<p>Secure \$3.8 million for the second phase of deployment of a Regional Interagency Wireless Communications and Data Sharing Program to enhance King County's ability to communicate with local, state and federal agencies in the All Hazards Response environment</p>



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10.	Methamphetamine Superfund	Support legislation to increase funding for methamphetamine site clean-up and effective substance abuse treatment for methamphetamine users.
11.	Health Care Reform	<p>Support acceleration and expansion of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly support and implement quality measures endorsed by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and public reporting of the measures; • Support health information technology, clinical information system adoption and clinical management capabilities; • Fund regional, interoperable health information technology networks; and • Fund Pay for Quality Improvement pilot programs. <p>Support \$350,000 request from HHS's Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services appropriation for the Puget Sound Health Alliance for the development of the health information database to measure and share quality of care information across employers and health plans in the Puget Sound region.</p> <p>Support CMS and the Agency of Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) to continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly support cost-effective evidence-based medicine and medical practices; • Advocate the importance of improving quality of health care delivered; and • Fund innovative pilot programs, demonstration projects and evaluations that focus on quality of care issues, i.e., STEPS (United States Healthier Initiatives) for Health and Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH). <p>Seek to position the Puget Sound Health Alliance with HHS as an innovative pilot or demonstration project for quality of care issues.</p> <p>Secure funding to support the evaluation component of King County's Healthy Incentives Initiative which employs a unique combination of strategies to drive down health care costs by improving employee health.</p>



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12.	Housing and Community Development Funds	<p>HUD Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase appropriation for CDBG formula funds to \$5 billion nation wide and ensure that King County's formula share is maintained or increased. • Adequately fund the Section 8 voucher program • Maintain or increase funding in the reauthorization of the McKinney/Vento Act for Homeless Assistance and ensure the renewal of Shelter Plus Care funding. • Maintain or increase funding for HOME program. • Secure \$500,000 Economic Development Initiative funds for development of Passage Point, a transitional housing program targeting homeless single parents exiting the criminal justice system with substance abuse and/or co-occurring disorders, and trying to re-unite with their children. This project will serve a tri-county area.
13.	Homelessness Funding	<p>HHS Budget</p> <p>Support legislation to provide supportive services to eliminate homelessness as outlined in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County by 2015.</p>
14.	Biogas Funding	<p>Secure \$1 million in Department of Energy renewable energy account or USDA Rural Development grants for Enumclaw manure biogas project for an anaerobic digester and research on reducing nutrients from the residual digester effluent.</p> <p>Secure funds for additional pasture acquisition (FPP) to ensure both space for grazing animals as well as sites to spread the digester products.</p>
15.	Court Technology	<p>Secure \$1 million in the Department of Justice Appropriations bill's COPS Technology account to support upgrades to the King County Superior Court's docket database.</p>



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<p>1. Immigration Reform</p>	<p>Support legislation to allow for a fair and equitable system of earned citizenship for the estimated 11-12 million undocumented aliens currently living and working the United States.</p>
<p>2. Workforce Training</p>	<p>Support Workforce Investment Act funding for dislocated workers and youth education and training funds. Support funding for the HUD Youthbuild program.</p>
<p>3. Endangered Species</p>	<p>Oppose any attempts to weaken environmental protections provided by the Endangered Species Act.</p> <p>Support any and all efforts to increase funding for salmon habitat restoration.</p>
<p>4. Natural Resources</p>	<p>Adequately fund the State Revolving Fund for water pollution infrastructure improvements at \$1.35 billion.</p> <p>Support legislation to create a national trust fund for water and wastewater infrastructure.</p> <p>Support legislation which would apply the full market value of real property used in ecosystem restoration projects to the County's non-federal match requirement.</p> <p>Support legislation providing for receiving in-kind credit for goods and services provided before and after the signing of a partnership agreement.</p> <p>Support legislation supporting a portion of federal transportation project mitigation funding be directed toward high priority salmon recovery projects within watersheds/WRIAs; allow for mitigation banking for ESA implementation.</p>
<p>5. Abandoned Mines</p>	<p>Support legislation reauthorizing Abandoned Mines Land fund.</p>



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<p>6. Federal Cap & Trade System for Greenhouse Gas (carbon) Emissions</p>	<p>Support legislation that creates a national “cap and trade” system for power plant operators and major industrial emitters. Include provisions to provide incentives for local governments to address their impacts on global warming, such as increase use of hybrid fleets and bio-diesel; hydrogen fuel cells and reclaimed water investments at waster water treatment plants, addressing the reduction of vehicle miles traveled by residents, etc.</p>
<p>7. Renewable Fuels Standard</p>	<p>Support House and Senate bills calling for mandated minimum fuels content for ethanol in gasoline and bio-diesel in diesel.</p>
<p>8. Flood Control</p>	<p>Support the Green River Flood Control Zone District’s request for \$500,000 in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill in Section 205 Continuing Authorities funds for improvements to the Tukwila levee on the lower Green River to protect 500-acre economic development.</p> <p>Support the City of North Bend’s request for \$200,000 in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill in Section 205 Continuing Authorities funds for flood risk reduction feasibility analysis of levee improvements on the South Fork Snoqualmie River to protect regional economic development.</p> <p>Allocate \$300,000 of FEMA’s Map Modernization Program funds to revise Flood Insurance Rate Maps for 40 miles of the lower and middle Green River. Implements King County high priority floodplain mapping program and Washington Dept. of Ecology (WDOE) mapping initiatives.</p>
<p>9. Energy Efficiency</p>	<p>Support S 680, tax incentives for energy efficient buildings, improved product energy standards and labeling, and clarifications to system reliability standards addressed in Part II of the Federal Power Act (18 U.S.C. § 824).</p> <p>Support H.R. 3263, the Cornerstone Act of 2005, which increases conservation requirements for business.</p>
<p>10. Sheriff’s Office</p>	<p>Support the establishment of a National Methamphetamine Training and Technical Assistance Center in the State of Washington.</p> <p>Support legislation that would allow mentally ill offenders to retain Medicaid</p>



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		<p>benefits for the purpose of maintaining medication for treating mental illness while being held in local jails for assessment and evaluation.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Emergency Management</p>	<p>Support legislation promoting the implementation of E-911 service nationwide.</p> <p>Support federal funding to assist in reconstruction of the infrastructure that was damaged by the flooding of November 2006 and windstorm of December 2006 in Western Washington.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Health Care</p>	<p>Provide regular updates to the County on the expected Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee hearings on the recent reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act and work with the County to seek opportunities to provide written and/or verbal input on its experience with the reauthorization.</p> <p>Support continued funding for the Healthy Communities Access (HCAP) Program, which was funded in FY 2005 at \$83 million but has been eliminated in the President's Budget for FY 2006. HCAP increases access to health services for vulnerable populations by enabling healthcare providers to provide better coordinated, more efficient care for uninsured residents.</p> <p>Support legislation to increase the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Washington State.</p> <p>Support legislative efforts to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).</p> <p>Promote legislation, S 1570, to promote employment of individuals with severe disabilities.</p> <p>Support legislation to decrease health disparities. Example S 4024.</p> <p>Support legislation for health plans for reimbursement of evidence-based preventive services.</p> <p>Support legislation for continued funding for State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP).</p>



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	<p>Support legislation to increase funding for chronic disease prevention efforts.</p> <p>Support legislation to increase funding for local public health preparedness strategies.</p> <p>Support legislation to address co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance abuse) eligibility and integration of services.</p> <p>Support legislation to broaden allowable Medicaid mental health services following the recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental health.</p>
<p>13. Repeal Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion</p>	<p>Facilities of greater than 16 beds that are primarily devoted to the care of psychiatric patients are deemed to be Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD). Persons in such a facility do not qualify for Medicaid and no Title XIX funding can be used for their care. The IMD Exclusion impacts over 400 individuals who reside in King County residential facilities. GET MORE INFO</p>
<p>14. Title III Urban Forestry Program</p>	<p>Support the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (P.L. 106-393).</p>
<p>15. Forest Legacy Program</p>	<p>Support continued funding for this program to set aside working forest lands. It would be useful in achieving the 100,000 acre goal.</p>
<p>16. Freedom Choice Act</p>	<p>Urging Congress to enact the Employee Free Choice Act, S. 842 or H.R. 1696</p>
<p>17. Farm Bill Reauthorization</p>	<p>Support reauthorization of the Farm Bill as a tool to promote food security and access to health foods through the preservation of family farms.</p>