



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**April 16, 2012**

**Motion 13660**

**Proposed No. 2012-0140.1**

**Sponsors Hague and Phillips**

1           A MOTION related to supporting economic vitality and  
2           community priorities through sustainable transportation.

3           WHEREAS, cities and counties support the economic engines and community  
4           development priorities of Washington state through the provision and maintenance of  
5           public transportation and roadways, and

6           WHEREAS, King County operates the Metro transit system providing more than  
7           one hundred ten million annual rides, and

8           WHEREAS, King County manages more than sixteen hundred miles of roadways  
9           in unincorporated King County connecting both local residents and regional centers, and

10          WHEREAS, King County has identified significant gaps between available  
11          funding, and maintenance and preservation of the current public transportation and  
12          roadway networks, and

13          WHEREAS, following an intensive process to make the Metro transit system  
14          more efficient and aligned to regional priorities, the Washington state legislature  
15          provided, and the King County council enacted, a temporary, two-year funding tool to  
16          bridge the financial gap for the Metro transit system, and

17          WHEREAS, upon expiration of the temporary, two-year funding tool in 2014 and  
18          without sustainable funding option, the Metro transit system will face a financial shortfall  
19          requiring the elimination of up to seventeen percent of the Metro transit system, and

20 WHEREAS, King County has adopted a prioritization plan through the Strategic  
21 Plan for Road Services for its unincorporated area road network that will result in closing  
22 bridges and converting roads to gravel based on existing funding capacity, and

23 WHEREAS, King County has adopted via Motion 13629 its 2012 State  
24 Legislative Agenda that prioritized resources for transportation needs, and

25 WHEREAS, the Washington state legislature, during its 2012 regular session,  
26 discussed but did not adopt legislation authorizing local option funding options for  
27 transportation with significant statewide support;

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

29 A. The King County council hereby supports the adoption of local option funding  
30 sources for public transportation and roadways to provide for financially sustainable  
31 mobility systems; and


32 B. The King County council encourages timely development and adoption of  
33 local transportation funding options to close the financial gap and enable local and

34 regional governments to preserve economic vitality and community priorities through  
35 mobility.  
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Motion 13660 was introduced on 4/16/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 4/16/2012, by the following vote:


Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. McDermott  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None