



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**August 20, 2012**

**Ordinance 17398**

**Proposed No. 2012-0265.1**

**Sponsors Phillips**

1                   AN ORDINANCE adding Everett Transit to the list of  
2                   eligible transportation service providers in the county's  
3                   employee transportation program; and amending Ordinance  
4                   12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188.

5                   STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6                   1. The King County council adopted Motion 9679 on October 9, 1995,  
7                   approving a plan for a transportation and commute trip reduction program  
8                   for King County worksites.
- 9                   2. The employee transportation plan in Attachment A to Motion 9679 was  
10                  intended to change the commute behavior of county employees and  
11                  maintain the county's leadership in implementing the state Commute Trip  
12                  Reduction Act and Growth Management Act.
- 13                  3. The public transportation service offered by Everett Transit reduces  
14                  congestion, lowers emissions and provides vehicular travel alternatives  
15                  and connections to regional transit services to residents of and visitors to  
16                  the city of Everett.
- 17                  4. King County is committed to promoting the use of public  
18                  transportation among its employees and the public.

19                  BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

20        SECTION 1. Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188 are  
21 each hereby amended to read as follows:

22            A. Employees eligible for leave and insured benefits under this chapter,  
23 administrative interns, volunteer interns, work study students and eligible department of  
24 transportation retirees as defined in this section shall be issued a transit bus pass entitling  
25 the holder to ride without payment of fare on public transportation services operated by  
26 or under the authority of the county. In addition, such employees shall be entitled to use  
27 the transit bus pass to ride without payment of fare on public transportation services  
28 operated by or under the authority of Pierce Transit, Kitsap Transit, the King County  
29 Ferry District, Sound Transit, Everett Transit, and Community Transit, subject to  
30 agreements with such agencies as may be entered into by the executive. Use of transit  
31 bus passes shall be restricted to such employees, administrative interns, volunteer interns,  
32 work study students and department of transportation retirees and any unauthorized use  
33 shall, at a minimum, result in forfeiture of the passes. With the exception of  
34 administrative interns, volunteer interns and work study students, employees not eligible  
35 for leave and insured benefits under this chapter shall not receive transit bus passes or  
36 any transit bus pass subsidy.

37            B. The executive shall cause an appropriate survey to be conducted biennially of  
38 the use of public transportation services by county employees and volunteer interns.  
39 Based on the results of the survey, the projected usage of public transportation services  
40 by county employees, the county's commute trip reduction objectives and other factors  
41 determined appropriate by the executive, the executive shall recommend in the annual  
42 budget an amount to be paid to the public transportation operating account for transit bus

43 passes. The amount recommended by the executive shall not include any payment for  
44 transit bus passes for commissioned police officers, eligible department of transportation  
45 retirees and employees whose positions are determined by the director of the department  
46 of transportation to be dedicated exclusively to the public transportation function. The  
47 final amount to be transferred to the public transportation operating account for transit  
48 bus passes shall be determined by the council as part of the annual budget and  
49 appropriation process consistent with the requirements of the King County Charter and  
50 applicable state law.

51 C. For purposes of this section, "eligible department of transportation retiree"  
52 means an employee eligible for leave and insured benefits under this chapter who:

- 53 1. Separates from employment with the county while holding a position in the  
54 department of transportation determined by the director of the department of  
55 transportation to be dedicated exclusively to the public transportation function; and

56           2. On the date of the separation is eligible to receive benefits from a retirement  
57 system established pursuant to state law.

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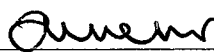
Ordinance 17398 was introduced on 7/30/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 8/20/2012, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 31 day of AUGUST, 2012.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None