



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

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Ordinance 17025

Proposed No. 2010-0557.2

Sponsors Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE replacing the transit advisory and
2 accessible services advisory committee with the transit
3 advisory commission; and amending Ordinance 11431,
4 Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.140, recodifying
5 K.C.C. 28.94.140 and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title
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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 SECTION 1. Findings:

9 A. The existing transit advisory committee and accessible services advisory
10 committee provide the transit division, the King County executive and the King County
11 council with community and bus rider perspectives on similar transit policy issues.

12 B. The transit division faced significant funding shortfalls due to the national
13 recession requiring adoption of a 2010-2011 biennial budget that included job losses, fare
14 increases, use of reserves and significant cuts to transit programs.

15 C. The transit division continues to face significant financial challenges, which
16 likely will require significant reductions in transit service, unless new revenue sources
17 can be secured.

18 D. Combining the transit advisory and accessible services advisory committees
19 would result in cost savings through a reduction in staff time, duplication of effort and
20 costs attendant to organizing and supporting advisory committees.

21 E. Consolidation of the transit advisory and accessible services advisory
22 committees will not diminish the value of information provided to the transit division, the
23 executive, or the council; nor will consolidation limit committee members' ability to
24 represent transit riders throughout the county including persons with disabilities and
25 elderly persons.

26 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11431, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.140 are
27 each hereby amended to read as follows:

28 The ~~((transit public involvement model employed by the))~~ King County
29 department of transportation shall ~~((consist of three))~~ employ a transit public involvement
30 model to promote the transit division's responsiveness and accountability to the
31 community. The department of transportation shall provide staff support for the transit
32 public involvement model, which shall include the following major elements:

33 A. Sounding boards, which are geographically, topically or community-based
34 groups convened for a limited time to consider specific transit topics. ~~((Designed to~~
35 ~~promote the transit division's responsiveness and accountability to the community it~~
36 ~~serves, s))~~ Sounding boards shall ~~((work with))~~ be established by the transit division to
37 ~~((help plan and problem solve in))~~ provide advice on identified ~~((areas of concern such~~
38 ~~as))~~ issues including, but not limited to, transit service changes ~~((and capital~~
39 ~~improvements))~~. Sounding boards shall ~~((be established by the transit division, supported~~
40 ~~by the department and the transit advisory committee and))~~ provide ~~((feedback))~~

41 information to the transit advisory ((~~committee~~)) commission, local jurisdictions, ((sub-
42 area)) subarea transportation forums as well as the transit division, the executive and the
43 council. For major planning exercises such as service changes, sounding boards may
44 make consensus recommendations to the transit advisory ((~~committee~~)) commission and
45 the transit ((~~general manager who, in consultation with the King County council and the~~
46 ~~transit advisory committee, shall appoint its members to include one member of the~~
47 ~~transit advisory committee and to otherwise reflect community diversity and the range of~~
48 ~~affected interests.~~)) division.

49 B. ((~~An accessible services advisory committee that shall advise the transit~~
50 ~~general manager, the executive, the council, local jurisdictions, sub-area transportation~~
51 ~~forums and the transit advisory committee on transit matters of concern to the elderly and~~
52 ~~persons with disabilities. The committee shall have fifteen members recruited by the~~
53 ~~department of transportation, appointed to two-year terms by the executive and confirmed~~
54 ~~by the council. Seven of the initial fifteen members shall be appointed to one-year terms~~
55 ~~and all subsequent appointments shall be for two years. Committee appointments shall~~
56 ~~reflect the diversity and geographic distribution of county residents. The committee shall~~
57 ~~adopt by laws, elect a chair and vice chair to one-year terms, adopt an annual work plan~~
58 ~~and meet in open public sessions as often as needed to complete the work plan. The~~
59 ~~annual work plan shall include issues of interest to the committee as well as all items~~
60 ~~requested by the council or the transit division. Committee support shall be provided by~~
61 ~~department of transportation staff.~~

62 C. A) 1. The transit advisory ((~~committee~~)) commission, which is a permanent
63 body that shall((~~1. A)~~))advise the transit ((~~general manager~~)) division, the executive, the

64 council, local jurisdictions and ~~((sub-area))~~ subarea transportation forums on transit
65 issues and policy(~~;~~

66 ~~2. Function as a sounding board for updates of the six-year transit development~~
67 ~~plan;~~

68 ~~3. Participate in an annual transit open house convened by the transit division to~~
69 ~~inform the public of available transit services and promote transit ridership;~~

70 ~~4.)), including matters of concern to the elderly and persons with disabilities.~~

71 The transit advisory commission shall advise the division on the inception and
72 development of long-range planning efforts, and ((S))serve as a resource for ((inter-
73 jurisdictional)) transit promotion, ((and coordination;

74 ~~5.))~~ 2. As of the effective date of this ordinance, the commission shall have up
75 to thirty members who were appointed by the executive and confirmed by the council to
76 serve on either the transit advisory committee or accessible services advisory committee.

77 These initial members may serve for the remainder of the terms for which they were
78 appointed to the transit advisory committee or accessible services advisory committee.

79 The executive shall not appoint individuals to fill vacancies in these positions if the result
80 would be to exceed the membership limits in subsection B.3 of this section.

81 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B.2 of this section, the
82 commission shall ((H))have ((fifteen)) eighteen members who are((:-a.)) appointed by
83 the executive and confirmed by the council to two-year terms.

84 a. Nine members shall be transit riders((;-b.)), recruited by the department of
85 transportation to reflect the diversity and geographic distribution of county residents((;

86 ~~e. appointed by the executive and confirmed by the council; and~~

87 ~~d. appointed to staggered two-year terms with seven of the initial fifteen~~
88 ~~members appointed to one-year terms and all subsequent appointments for two years;)).~~

89 b. Nine members shall be persons with disabilities or elderly persons, or be
90 associated with an agency that works with disabled and elderly persons, recruited by the
91 department of transportation to reflect the diversity of the communities they represent and
92 types of disabilities, as well as consideration of the geographic distribution of county
93 residents.

94 4. The commission shall:

95 ~~((6-))~~ a. ((A))adopt by-laws, ~~((annually))~~ elect a chair and vice-chair to
96 quarterly terms and adopt an annual work program, which shall include issues of interest
97 to ~~((the committee))~~ transit riders and issues related to accessibility and ACCESS
98 services for elderly and disabled riders as well as all items requested by the council or the
99 transit division;

100 ~~((7-))~~ b. ((M))meet ~~((monthly or))~~ as needed to complete the work plan and
101 address other issues as they arise; and

102 ~~((8-))~~ c. ((D))designate one member to serve on each sounding board ~~((and~~
103 ~~consider issues arising from the work of the sounding boards; and~~

104 ~~9. Be supported by staff from the department of transportation)).~~

105 5. The transit advisory commission may establish standing and ad hoc
106 subcommittees to review issues that, in the commission's discretion, require in-depth
107 study. The subcommittees shall report to the transit advisory commission and are not
108 authorized

109 to take actions independent of the commission.

110 SECTION 3. K.C.C. 28.94.140 is recodified as a new chapter in K.C.C. Title 2.

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Ordinance 17025 was introduced on 1/3/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/31/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 8 day of FEBRUARY 2011.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

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