



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 6, 2011**

**Motion 13399**

**Proposed No. 2010-0628.2**

**Sponsors Hague, Phillips and Ferguson**

1                   A MOTION establishing the King County 2011 (FY 2012)

2                   Federal Agenda.

3                   WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive have  
4 worked together through their respective government relations staff and desire to bring  
5 their positions on federal issues affecting King County to the attention of the First  
6 Session of the 112th Congress, and

7                   WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local  
8 governments and other organizations to achieve its 2011 (FY 2012) federal legislative  
9 goals, and

10                  WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the  
11 federal government for transportation, public health, homeland security, salmon recovery,  
12 flood control, affordable housing and other important needs, and

13                  WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will  
14 continue to review congressional developments for possible revisions of King County's  
15 2011 (FY 2012) federal legislative goals;

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

17                  The King County council hereby adopts the attached King County 2011 (FY

18 2012) Federal Agenda as King County's highest priorities for federal action in the 2011  
19 (FY 2012) congressional appropriations cycle.  
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Motion 13399 was introduced on 12/13/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/3/2011, by the following vote:

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

**Attachments:** A. King County, Washington 2011 (FY 2012) Federal Agenda Appropriations Requests, dated January 3, 2011, B. King County, Washington 2011 (FY 2012) Federal Agenda Policy Interests, dated January 3, 2011



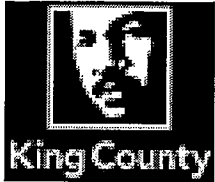
**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
2011 (FY 2012) FEDERAL AGENDA  
Appropriations Requests**

	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
1.	<b>Army Corps of Engineers</b>	<p><b>Green River Levee System</b> Support enhanced federal appropriations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Law 84-99 Rehabilitation and Inspection Program for the repair and rehabilitation of the Green River Levee System and other flood protection infrastructure resulting from the reduced operations at Howard Hanson Dam and/or response to extreme flooding.</p> <p><b>Duwamish/Green Restoration</b> Secure \$5.5 million under the Army Corps of Engineers construction account for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration project.</p> <p><b>Levee Research</b> Secure or support in partnership with the Puget Sound Partnership \$1 million from the General Investigations Account, Research and Development, for a study of levee vegetation scientific research to help reduce conflicts between federal mandates for levee repair and environmental protection.</p>
2.	<b>Department of Energy</b>	Secure \$475,000 under the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account to offset the cost differential to acquire alternative fuel vehicles.
3.	<b>Department of Transportation</b>	<p>Secure the funding under the following accounts:</p> <p><b>Very Small Starts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$24 million for the Shoreline/Downtown RapidRide Project;</li> <li>2. \$14.5 million for the Burien/Tukwila/Renton RapidRide Project;</li> </ol> <p><b>Bus and Bus Facilities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$5 million for Hybrid Bus Procurement;</li> </ol> <p><b>Surface Transportation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$5 million for Sustainable Communities Initiative;</li> </ol> <p><b>Transportation, Community and Systems Preservation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$22 million for the fee purchase of the rail portion of the BNSF corridor to realize the goal of dual rail and trail use established by three local governments</li> <li>2. \$2 million for Carpool Development;</li> <li>3. \$4.2 million for Lake to Sound Trail;</li> <li>4. \$1 million for the East Lake Sammamish Trail;</li> </ol>



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	<b>Department of Transportation (cont'd.)</b>	Airport Improvement Program: 1. \$25,058,150 for the King County International Airport (KCIA) Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation Project.
4.	<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>	Secure \$1 million under the Economic Development Initiative account to help acquire a 235-acre contaminated mining site on Maury Island for preservation of sensitive Puget Sound nearshore habitat.
5.	<b>Department of Commerce</b>	Secure \$90 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program, which provides funding for local salmon recovery efforts in six states.
6.	<b>Department of Justice</b>	Secure \$3.3 million under the COPS Technology account to replace the Electronic Court Records system which is becoming obsolete and thus difficult and costly to support.
7.	<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>	Secure \$8.4 million in the Emergency Operations Centers account to expand the Regional Communications and Emergency Coordination Center.  Secure \$4.6 million in the Pre-Disaster Mitigation account for Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Security Barriers.
8.	<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>	Secure \$1.5 million under the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program for construction of reclaimed water distribution facilities for agricultural irrigation in the Sammamish Valley.



## **KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 2011 (FY 2012) FEDERAL AGENDA Policy Interests**

### **Biodiversity Conservation & Habitat Protection and Restoration**

We seek federal funding support for implementation of habitat protection and restoration projects in approved WRIA-based salmon recovery plans. We support legislation directing a portion of major transportation project mitigation funds to high-priority salmon recovery projects. We support federal funding for USFWS to complete the status review projects for listing the Lake Sammamish Kokanee salmon. We support approaches to recovery of ESA-listed species that consider multiple species and their habitats. We support investments to maintain the good working order of the Ballard Locks, a critical passage for juvenile salmon.

### **Climate Change and Energy**

We support federal assistance for local governments—like the EECBG Program and Qualified Energy Efficiency Bonds—to retrofit public facilities for greater energy efficiency, partner with the private sector and local universities to develop “green” technologies and provide green jobs training, and provide assistance to housing authorities to make energy efficiency investments. We seek federal funding to replace our transit fleet with hybrid electric buses, develop electric-car charging infrastructure, and purchase alternative fuel vanpool fleet vehicles. We seek federal funding support for development of tools and strategies for evaluating and adapting to climate impacts on public health, emergency response, and natural resources. We support federal grant programs, including the Sustainable Housing and Communities Grant Program, that promote integration of transportation, housing, health, low impact development, and climate mitigation planning and projects.

### **Economic Development**

We encourage federal efforts to partner with local governments and provide them with tools needed to build strong, diverse, and sustainable economies. We support regional economic growth through strategic public-private partnerships such as the Central Puget Sound Regional Economic Strategy as well as federal support to help develop this and other economic strategies to retain existing businesses and strategically recruit new ones in key industrial clusters where the region has a competitive advantage. King County supports public works grants, such as those through the Economic Development Administration, to support private-sector projects that will create basic jobs, leverage private investment, and encourage domestic and international exports.

King County values export promotion programs that inform small to middle-size businesses of the economic benefits of international exporting, reduce the fear, myths, and uncertainty surrounding exporting, and encourage firms to actively seek international business. We support continued funding of Workforce Investment Act programs for youth, low-income adults, and dislocated workers to provide them the tools they need to enter or reenter the workforce in emerging sectors with career opportunities. We support greater funding and support for curricula at the secondary and postsecondary education levels that emphasize training and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

### **Emergency Management & Flood Hazard Reduction**

We support integrated approaches to major river flood hazard reduction, including development of regional standards for levee maintenance that both protect public safety and meet state and federal requirements for protecting listed species. We seek federal funding for major flood hazard mitigation projects, including those that meet multiple objectives of reducing future flood damages, protecting habitat, and providing open space benefits. We seek appropriations of federal funds to repair Howard Hanson Dam and reduce flood risks in the Green River Valley. We seek funding support and technical assistance from the Federal Emergency

Management Agency to continue updating federal Flood Insurance Rate Maps used to identify flood hazards and regulate development.

### **Health Care and Support**

King County develops and implements creative and effective strategies and programs that prevent the leading causes of poor health, ensure access to appropriate and quality physical and behavioral health services, and promote individual health and interventions to reduce health disparities. Supporting and expanding this work requires stable funding at the federal level for our public health, mental health and chemical dependency prevention and support infrastructure. Addressing health disparities in our community requires investments in resources and initiatives that will give all our residents access to affordable health care, including prescription drug coverage, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, and comprehensive mental health services.

The County will work with federal legislators and administration members to support implementation of national health care reform legislation and related legislative and administrative policies that meet the above goals. We also support federal regulatory and legislative initiatives that will protect the health of our communities and provide environmental safeguards ensuring the safety of our residents. Support steps that will strengthen healthy eating and active living standards that will prevent obesity and reduce use of tobacco and tobacco by products.

### **Homelessness & Housing**

King County is the administrative lead for the Countywide Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. The plan's success is built on existing strong collaborations between local, state and federal governments and community nonprofit providers. We support maintaining and expanding funding and regulatory initiatives for affordable appropriate housing at the federal level for homeless and low income residents of King County, including the Workforce Investment Act and funding for YouthBuild.

King County supports federal initiatives that provide services critical to maintaining housing stability and prevent homelessness, including Community Development Block Grants, Homeless Assistance Grants, and HOME Investments, and the National Housing Trust Fund through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Complementing the housing strategy is the provision of tools to reduce homelessness for families, individuals and youth through early support and intervention, including consideration of ways to prevent discharging youth and adults directly into homelessness from federal institutions. We also seek opportunities to connect county investments supporting veterans with the federal government's initiative to end homelessness for veterans.

### **Human Services**

King County supports funding for human services programs that help all children and youth grow and prosper socially and academically, offer paths to reduce or prevent involvement in the criminal justice, crisis mental health and emergency medical systems, and provide a safety net of services and partnerships to support our most vulnerable residents. We further support initiatives that offer opportunities for independence, self-sufficiency and mobility for our residents of all ages.

### **Land Use and Built Environment**

King County favors policies and legislation that support the integration of land use, transportation and public health through urban and suburban development standards; siting of hazardous land uses; transportation infrastructure; transit planning; and building construction requirements. We also support greater access to locally generated and fresh food, and the improved use of electronic food stamps to purchase these products from local farmers and producers.

### **Law & Criminal Justice**

We support a fair and accessible justice system that keeps people safe in their homes and communities. We support the use of court fees that appropriately balance the need for revenue with the need to eliminate barriers to court access. We support legislation that would allow for the interception of federal tax refunds to

pay for past-due state judicial debts and HR 1956. We support legislation providing for continuation of federal benefits for qualifying mentally ill adult and juvenile inmates and detainees. We are committed to ending domestic violence and sexual assault for our residents. We continue to be concerned about human trafficking and will work to combat its practice. We encourage the continued use of successful crime prevention and gang intervention programs, like School Resource Officers. We also support collaborative partnerships between communities and law enforcement and tools that help residents and local officers exchange information.

### **Stormwater/Water Quality/Puget Sound Partnership**

We support more holistic implementation of the Clean Water Act, including evaluation of and prioritization of actions at a watershed and Puget Sound scale. We seek federal funding to support watershed- and Puget Sound-scale analysis and identification of the most cost-effective approaches for retrofitting stormwater facilities. We support federal aid for wide-scale retrofits of stormwater facilities and septic systems, similar to past federal investments to develop wastewater treatment plants. We support an interim decision on the Lower Duwamish Cleanup that would enable high-priority clean-up actions to proceed in concert with rigorous monitoring and adaptive management. We support funding and implementation of the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda, including funding for grants administered by EPA and establishment of the Puget Sound Restoration as a recurring line-item in the federal budget. We support federal appropriations for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration and Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program.

### **Transportation**

As the operator of the 9th largest bus system in the United States, King County strongly supports federal efforts to fund mass transit improvements nationwide. With nearly 1,700 miles of paved roads, 51 miles of unpaved roads, and 184 bridges under county management, we have a diverse and complex mix of infrastructure needs to support our many communities. We support innovative opportunities for transit-oriented development that serves a number of complementary goals, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, focusing density into urban areas, and providing for a range of affordability levels for county residents. We support legislation that gives transit vehicles priority in the design and operation of federal roads. We support programs to promote hybrid and electric buses, electric charging stations, and alternative fuels for vehicles. We support legislation to reduce greenhouse gas levels caused by transportation. We support federal programs to address the aging infrastructure needs of our roadways and transit systems. We support funding for passenger ferry service.

### **Waste Reduction and Recycling**

We support development of "cradle-to-grave" product education, stewardship, recycling, and take-back programs for products for which improper disposal is likely to result in hazardous waste or water quality contamination, including pharmaceuticals and medicines, computers and other electronics, carpet, and fluorescent lighting.