



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 27, 2011**

**Ordinance 17197**

**Proposed No. 2011-0349.2**

**Sponsors McDermott**

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

6           STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 7           1. The King County council adopted Motion 9679 on October 9, 1995,  
8           approving a plan for a transportation and commute trip reduction program  
9           for King County worksites.
- 10          2. The employee transportation plan in Attachment A to Motion 9679 was  
11          intended to change the commute behavior of county employees and  
12          maintain the county's leadership in implementing the state Commute Trip  
13          Reduction Act and Growth Management Act.
- 14          3. The King County Ferry District was formed in 2007 and operates  
15          cross-sound service from Vashon Island and West Seattle to Pier 50 in  
16          downtown Seattle.
- 17          4. The public transportation service offered by the King County Ferry  
18          District reduces congestion, lowers emissions and provides vehicular

19 travel alternatives to residents of and visitors to Vashon Island and West  
20 Seattle.

21 5. King County is committed to promoting the use of public  
22 transportation among its employees and the public.

23 6. Sound Transit for some time has participated in the county's employee  
24 transportation program pursuant to an interlocal agreement between Sound  
25 Transit and the county, but that has not been reflected in K.C.C. 3.12.188.

26 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

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

42 benefits under this chapter shall not receive transit bus passes or any transit bus pass  
43 subsidy.

44 B. The executive shall cause an appropriate survey to be conducted biennially of  
45 the use of public transportation services by county employees and volunteer interns.  
46 Based on the results of the survey, the projected usage of public transportation services  
47 by county employees, the county's commute trip reduction objectives((;)) and other  
48 factors determined appropriate by the executive, the executive shall recommend in the  
49 annual budget an amount to be paid to the public transportation operating account for  
50 transit bus passes. The amount recommended by the executive shall not include any  
51 payment for transit bus passes for commissioned police officers, eligible department of  
52 transportation retirees and employees whose positions are determined by the director of  
53 the department of transportation to be dedicated exclusively to the public transportation  
54 function. The final amount to be transferred to the public transportation operating  
55 account for transit bus passes shall be determined by the council as part of the annual  
56 budget and appropriation process consistent with the requirements of the King County  
57 Charter and applicable state law.

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

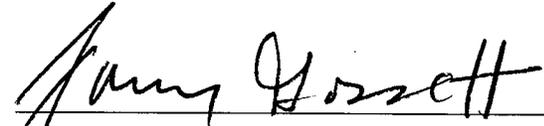
60 1. Separates from employment with the county while holding a position in the  
61 department of transportation determined by the director of the department of  
62 transportation to be dedicated exclusively to the public transportation function; and

63           2. On the date of the separation is eligible to receive benefits from a retirement  
64 system established pursuant to state law.  
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Ordinance 17197 was introduced on 8/15/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 9/26/2011, by the following vote:

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

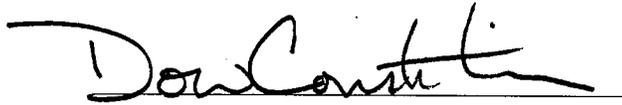
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 6 day of OCTOBER, 2011.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None