



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**April 21, 2016**

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No. 2016-0005.1**

**Sponsors Dunn**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;  
2 adopting updates to the Strategic Plan for Public  
3 Transportation 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service  
4 Guidelines.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

6 1. The King County council adopted the King County Metro Strategic  
7 Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 ("strategic plan") and the King  
8 County Metro Service Guidelines ("service guidelines") in July 2011.

9 2. The regional transit task force recommended that the strategic plan and  
10 service guidelines focus on transparency and clarity, cost control,  
11 productivity, social equity, geographic value and sustainable funding.

12 3. In 2010, the first-ever countywide King County Strategic Plan 2010-  
13 2014 was adopted via Ordinance 16897, establishing prioritized goals,  
14 objectives and strategies for the programs and services of King County  
15 government. This countywide plan was also intended to provide a  
16 framework for all agency-level strategic planning, including planning for  
17 the transit division.

18           4. The strategic plan and service guidelines build on the King County  
19           Strategic Plan 2010-2014 and the policy framework and recommendations  
20           of the regional transit task force and are also guided by the challenges  
21           King County Metro faces: population and economic growth, demographic  
22           changes, funding, the environment, customer service and satisfaction,  
23           access to transit, and an evolving transportation system.

24           5. The strategic plan and service guidelines are meant to be living  
25           documents setting the policy for and guiding the implementation of the  
26           Metro transit service network while responding to growth throughout the  
27           county, while also incorporating regular review of policies by the regional  
28           transit committee.

29           6. Ordinance 17143, Section 6, which adopted the strategic plan and  
30           service guidelines, directed the executive to transmit to the council an  
31           ordinance to update the strategic plan and service guidelines by April 30,  
32           2012, 2013 and 2015, and as necessary thereafter for the purpose of  
33           validating policy intent of the strategic plan.

34           7. Ordinance 18029, Section 1, changed the due date for the April 30,  
35           2015 update to December 15, 2015, to allow for the formation of a  
36           regional stakeholder task force called for in the 2015/2016 Biennial  
37           Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, Section 113, Proviso P1 to provide  
38           recommendations that influence the updates to the strategic plan and  
39           service guidelines.

40 8. In February 2015, the council passed Motion 14304, adopting the work  
41 plan for a regional stakeholder transit task force that convened from  
42 March through October 2015. The task force made consensus  
43 recommendations in October, 2015 after reviewing the following policy  
44 areas identified in the charge:

45 a. How transit service performance is measured as specified in the  
46 service guidelines to reflect the varied purposes of different types of  
47 transit service;

48 b. Approaches to evaluating how the goal of geographic value is  
49 included in the service guidelines, including minimum service standards;

50 c. Approaches to evaluating how the goal of social equity is included in  
51 the service guidelines;

52 d. Financial policies for purchase of additional services within a  
53 municipality or among multiple municipalities; and

54 e. Guidelines for alternative services implementation.

55 8. In addition to changes recommended by the regional stakeholder task  
56 force, the legislation and updates to the strategic plan and service  
57 guidelines include:

58 a. Changes necessary to account for separately adopted transit policy  
59 documents including updating the strategic plan and service guidelines;

60 b. Any proposed changes to address unanticipated issues associated with  
61 implementing the strategic plan and service guidelines, including the

62 factors that implement the concepts of productivity including land use,  
63 social equity and geographic value;

64 c. Changes that may be necessary to achieve the five-year  
65 implementation plan required in Ordinance 17143, Section 7;

66 d. Changes necessary to address the results of the collaborative process  
67 required in Ordinance 17143, Section 8; and

68 e. Additional substantive changes that may also be proposed following  
69 regional transit committee discussion.

70 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

71 SECTION 1. The King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation  
72 2011-2021 is hereby updated as provided in Attachment A to this ordinance and the King

73 County Metro Service Guidelines are hereby updated as provided in Attachment B to this  
74 ordinance.  
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 2015 Update,  
B. King County Metro Service Guidelines 2015 Update