## REVISED STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 9 | **Name:** | Paul Carlson |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2017-0051 | **Date:** | April 18, 2017 |

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

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| ***Proposed Substitute Motion 2017-0051.2 passed out of committee on April 18, 2017, with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion was amended in committee with Amendment S1 to require a committee briefing on options to increase late-night bus service increase on the July 4 and New Year’s Eve holidays; and with Title Amendment T1 to confirm the title to the amended body of the motion.*** |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2017-0051 would direct King County Metro to report to the Council on options for providing free, late night service on bus routes on the Fourth of July and New Year’s Eve holidays.

**SUMMARY**

The proposed motion identifies the potential for public safety and personal mobility benefits from providing late night Metro bus service on the Fourth of July and New Year’s Eve, two holidays noted for late night fireworks displays and public gatherings. The celebration of these holidays results in significantly expanded late night traffic including trips by individuals who do not have a late night transit option because the buses serving their neighborhoods do not run late at night.

As amended, the motion would call for a briefing, by May 31, 2017 on July 4, 2017 expanded late-night service plans and options for increased late-night service, including options for free service, on New Year’s Eve and the morning of New Year’s Day.

**BACKGROUND**

As amended by the Committee:

The preamble outlines some of the considerations for providing increased late-night bus service on the Fourth of July and New Year’s Eve and the morning of New Year’s Day.

Section A of the motion expresses support for late-night service on these two holidays and for King County Metro to seek partners in providing this service.

Section B requests the Executive to brief the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee, by May 31, 2017, on planning for July 4, 2017 substantially increased late-night service. The briefing is to address options for substantially increased late-night service on New Year’s Eve and early morning of New Year’s Day, including the possibility of free service. The briefing is requested to address:

1. Analysis and methodology for identifying an appropriate level of extended service including number of routes, duration and provision of service throughout the county;
2. Information about other transit agencies that provide free late-night service on New Year's Eve and other holidays;
3. Analysis of costs and potential funding sources relating to free late-night service on New Year’s Eve;
4. Coordination with cities, other transit agencies, law enforcement agencies and other public sector agencies;
5. Coordination with private sector firms;
6. A description of how geographic diversity throughout the county was considered.

**ANALYSIS**

Approval of the proposed motion would provide the County Council with information on King County Metro plans for increased late-night service on the Fourth of July and the options for increased late-night service, potentially including free service, on New Year’s Eve and early morning of New Year’s Day.