



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

ATTACHMENT 1  
1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Motion**

**Proposed No.** 2019-0464.1

**Sponsors** Balducci

1           A MOTION relating to public transportation, adopting the  
2           Metro Mobility Framework Recommendations Summary  
3           and outlining a process for the development of updates to  
4           the Metro transit department's adopted policies.

5           WHEREAS, recent developments in transportation technologies have led to  
6           innovations in mobility that have changed the way people travel, and

7           WHEREAS, these innovative mobility services offer many new transportation  
8           options but do not always put people first or use public space equitably and efficiently,  
9           and

10          WHEREAS, these innovative mobility services are not yet well-integrated with  
11          public transit, meaning that it can be difficult for passengers to plan and pay for their  
12          mobility needs, and

13          WHEREAS, implementing mobility services in King County has been  
14          complicated by the recent increase in housing prices, which has resulted in many  
15          households living farther away from jobs, school and other destinations, in less-dense  
16          areas that can be more difficult to serve with fixed-route public transit and that are often  
17          not well served by innovative mobility services, and

18          WHEREAS, transportation is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas  
19          emissions in King County, making it essential that King County develop strategies to

20 reduce vehicle miles traveled by fossil-fuel burning, single-occupancy vehicles, and

21 WHEREAS, those challenges require a vision for a regional mobility system that  
22 is innovative, integrated, equitable and sustainable, and

23 WHEREAS, Motion 15253 required the Metro transit department to develop a  
24 regional mobility framework for the equitable implementation of innovations in transit  
25 service and mobility that should include: guiding principles; a review of emerging  
26 technologies and local and national best practices; analysis of potential implications for  
27 the Metro transit department and opportunities to integrate mobility innovations with  
28 fixed-route and other services; coordination with regional transit planning efforts; a  
29 review of potential policies for the allocation of public space; a review of industry-wide  
30 workforce trends; information on how transit policies should be updated; and engagement  
31 with regional partners, transit riders and local communities, including but not limited to  
32 low-income populations, communities of color, immigrants and refugees and limited-  
33 English-speaking populations, and

34 WHEREAS, as required by Motion 15253, the Metro transit department  
35 transmitted a scoping document on April 18, 2019, which included a timeline, expected  
36 work tasks and a budget to develop the mobility framework, and

37 WHEREAS, Motion 15252 required the executive, working in coordination with  
38 the council, to initiate a regional planning effort during 2019 to address the  
39 implementation of METRO CONNECTS, the Metro transit department's long-range  
40 transit service and capital plan, as well as the ongoing maintenance needs of King  
41 County's transportation infrastructure, and that, as part of this effort, the Metro transit  
42 department should prepare updated information to supplement METRO CONNECTS to

43 adjust for increased population growth, increasing regional congestion, inflation and  
44 construction costs, regional mobility needs and innovations in transportation, and

45 WHEREAS, as required by Motion 15252, the Metro transit department  
46 transmitted a status report on May 31, 2019, which described the coordination of the  
47 development of the mobility framework with regional transit planning and funding efforts  
48 and the progress in preparing updated information to supplement METRO CONNECTS,  
49 and

50 WHEREAS, to implement the efforts required by Motions 15252 and 15253, the  
51 Metro transit department convened the King County Metro equity cabinet, which was  
52 comprised of twenty-two community leaders representing communities countywide  
53 including, but not limited to, low-income people, communities of color, immigrants and  
54 refugees, limited-English speaking communities and people with disabilities, to cocreate  
55 the mobility framework, and

56 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department conducted extensive outreach and  
57 engagement around the development of the mobility framework with regional partners,  
58 elected leaders, stakeholder organizations, transit riders, local communities, low-income  
59 populations, communities of color, immigrants and refugees, limited-English-speaking  
60 populations, people with disabilities and others, and

61 WHEREAS, the process of developing the mobility framework began with the  
62 development of guiding principles, as required by Motion 15253, which were drafted by  
63 the King County Metro equity cabinet and then reviewed and refined by the regional  
64 transit committee, local elected officials, stakeholder organizations and community  
65 members, and

66 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department conducted analysis on emerging  
67 technologies and local and national best practices, as required by Motion 15253, and that  
68 information was used to develop the mobility framework, and

69 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department conducted analysis of potential  
70 implications for public transit services, opportunities to integrate mobility innovations  
71 with fixed-route and other services, potential policies for the allocation of public space  
72 and industry-wide workforce trends, as required by Motion 15253, and that information  
73 was used to develop the mobility framework, and

74 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department has begun a process to prepare  
75 revisions and updates to countywide public transit policies, including the Strategic Plan  
76 for Public Transportation, the King County Metro Service Guidelines and the METRO  
77 CONNECTS - King County Metro Long-Range Plan, as required by Motion 15253, and  
78 has described this process and a proposed timeframe for these updates within the mobility  
79 framework, and

80 WHEREAS, the Metro transit department has begun a process to prepare updated  
81 information to supplement METRO CONNECTS to adjust for increased population  
82 growth, increasing regional congestion, inflation and construction costs, regional mobility  
83 needs and innovations in transportation, as required by Motion 15252, and has described  
84 this process and a proposed timeline for this updated information within the mobility  
85 framework, and

86 WHEREAS, the mobility framework proposes recommendations in the areas of  
87 investments, surrounding land use, innovation, workforce and engagement that, if  
88 implemented, will help lead to a regional mobility system that is more innovative,

89 integrated, equitable and sustainable;

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

91 A. The Metro Mobility Framework Recommendations Summary, which is  
92 Attachment A to this motion, is hereby adopted.

93 B. The Metro transit department, under the leadership of the executive and  
94 working in coordination with the council, shall engage in a planning process to update its  
95 adopted policies and associated reporting requirements during 2020, including, but not  
96 limited to, the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, the King County Metro Service  
97 Guidelines, the King County Ferry District 2014-2018 strategic plan and the METRO  
98 CONNECTS - King County Metro Long-Range Plan, to incorporate recommendations  
99 from the mobility framework, as well as policies needed to implement METRO  
100 CONNECTS. The process shall include:

101 1. Regular reports to the regional transit committee and the mobility and  
102 environment committee, or its successor;

103 2. Outreach and engagement with regional partners, communities historically  
104 lacking in access to or underserved by transit, the Sound Cities Association, the city of  
105 Seattle, King County's regional transportation boards, transit riders and local  
106 communities, including, but not limited to, low-income populations, communities of  
107 color, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities and limited English speaking  
108 populations;

109 3. Ongoing consultation with the King County Metro equity cabinet to ensure  
110 that the recommendations of the mobility framework are incorporated into the updates to  
111 the Metro transit department's adopted policies;

112           4. Updated information to supplement METRO CONNECTS to adjust for  
113 increased population growth, increasing regional congestion, inflation and construction  
114 costs, regional mobility needs and innovations in transportation;

115           5. Analysis of funding options to implement METRO CONNECTS;

116           6. Identification of the components of the METRO CONNECTS 2040 network  
117 that can be implemented using existing funding;

118           7. Analysis of opportunities to assist local jurisdictions in implementing capital  
119 investments to improve speed and reliability for transit and to increase access to transit;

120 and

121           8. Analysis of opportunities to test, implement, partner with and respond to

122 innovative mobility services and the development of policies related to the role of  
123 innovative mobility services within the public transit network.  
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

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

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Metro Mobility Framework Recommendations Summary