



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee

Councilmembers:
Rod Dembowski, Chair;
Pete von Reichbauer, Vice Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Joe McDermott

Lead Staff: Jake Tracy (206-263-0875)
Co-Lead: Sherrie Hsu (206-477-7253)
Committee Clerk: Gabbi Williams (206 477-7470)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Dembowski called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 5 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved approval of the September 19, 2023 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The Chair recessed the meeting at 9:34am. The meeting was reconvened 9:35am.

*The following individuals were present to provide public comment:
Skylar Schmitt, Rick S. Bender, Michael Ruby, Peter Commerford, Jon Ewing, Mike Anderson, Alice Johnson, Ed Kenny, Simone Barron, Britt Erika Leggett, Artie Nosrati, and Katie Wilson*

Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0305](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Prem Subedi, who resides in council district five, to the King County access paratransit advisory committee.

Mary Bourguignon, Council staff, briefed the committee.

*Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.
Councilmember Balducci moved Title Amendment T1. The Amendment was adopted.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0306](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Lisa Espinosa, who resides in council district eight, to the King County access paratransit advisory committee.

Mary Bourguignon, Council staff, briefed the committee.

*Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.
Councilmember Balducci moved Title Amendment T1. The Amendment was adopted.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0307](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Christiana Williams, who resides in council district nine, to the King County access paratransit advisory committee.

Mary Bourguignon, Council staff, briefed the committee.

*Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.
Councilmember Balducci moved Title Amendment T1. The Amendment was adopted.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

Briefing

8. [Briefing No. 2023-B0105](#)

Metro GM Briefing

Michelle Allison, General Manager, Metro Transit Department, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

9. [Briefing No. 2023-B0108](#)

Metro Security Briefing

Rebecca Frankhouser, Director/Chief Safety Officer, Safety and Quality Assurance, Metro Transit Department, and Todd Morrell, Major, Metro Transit Police, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Discussion Only

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0310](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing an hourly minimum wage for employees of employers in unincorporated King County, employees of certain county contractors, and county employees; amending Ordinance 17909, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.18.010, Ordinance 17909, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.18.020, and Ordinance 17909, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.18.030, adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 12, and repealing Ordinance 17909, Section 8, and K.C.C. 3.18.050, Ordinance 17909, Section 9, and K.C.C. 3.18.060, and Ordinance 17909, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.18.080, and establishing an effective date.

Andrew Kim, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, also addressed the committee.

This matter was Deferred

Discussion and Possible Action

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0268](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the Economic Development and Small Business Assistance Strategies Report required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 20, Proviso P2.

Andrew Kim, Council staff, briefed the committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0315](#)

A MOTION relating to climate change funding, requesting that the executive assess funding options to address the climate crisis in consultation with a work group of interested parties, and transmit a report, a proposed motion, and, if recommended, a proposed ordinance.

Jake Tracy, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Penny Lipsou, Director of Council Relations, Executive's Office, also addressed the committee.

Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0261](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a biosolids thermal drying phase 2 report, prepared in accordance with the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 113, Expenditure Restriction ER2 and Proviso P1.

Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee. Jeff Moss, Project Engineer, CONSOR Engineers, and Erika Schuyler, Principal Engineer, CONSOR Engineers, also briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation. Kamuron Gurol, Wastewater Treatment Division, DNRP, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Deferred

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0340](#)

A MOTION expressing support for the Re+ Strategic Plan.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature