



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Regional Transit Committee

Councilmembers: Reagan Dunn, Chair; Julia Patterson, Larry Phillips

Suburban Cities Association: Kimberly Allen, Redmond; David Baker, Kenmore; Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way; Fred Butler, Issaquah; Dave Hill, Algona; Joan McGilton, Burien; Marcie Palmer, Renton; Bob Sternoff, Kirkland

Alternates: Chris Eggen, Shoreline; Noel Gerken, Maple Valley;

*Dennis Higgins, Kent; Conrad Lee, Bellevue
City of Seattle: Sally Bagshaw, Tom Rasmussen; Alternate:
Nick Licata*

*Staff: Paul Carlson, Lead Staff (206-296-1673)
Angelica Calderon, Committee Assistant (206-296-1661)*

3:00 PM

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Room 1001

Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this Regional Transit Committee meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council, whose agenda is limited to the committee business. In this meeting only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply and not those applicable to full council meetings.

1. **Call to Order**

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The Regional Transit Committee meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chair Dunn.

2. **Roll Call**

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Present: 13 - Ms. Burbidge, Mr. Butler, Ms. McGilton, Ms. Palmer, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Hill, Ms. Allen, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Eggen, Mr. Gerken and Mr. Licata

Excused: 3 - Mr. Baker, Ms. Bagshaw and Mr. Sternoff

3. **Approval of Minutes**

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Councilmember Burbidge moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 meeting of the Regional Transit Committee. The motion passed.

4. Chair's Report

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Chair Dunn welcomed the members to the March meeting of the Regional Transit Committee. The Chair commented on: 1) Our legislation under the King County Charter, regional committees generally have 120 days to consider legislation. In this case, approval from the Committee in June would allow Council action in July, primarily because the policy decisions will have a direct impact on the 2012-2013 biennial transit budget, and 2) The Chair reminded the members of the need for workshops and proposed that the committee hold two workshops on March 30 and April 7 outside the Courthouse.

5. General Manager's Report

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Kevin Desmond, General Manager, Transit Division reported on: 1) Gas price increases and how they hurting Metro's budget. 2) New forecast Sales tax for the County, which has a negative effect on the transit financial plan. 3) Bill 5457 will allow only King County a \$20 congestion fee, if adopted the bill would provide an option to address the budget problem, and 4) An informal labor union committee formed to discuss the scheduling deficiency issues expressed by the transit operators' testimony.

6. Announcements

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Mayor Hill invited the members to the Suburban Cities Association Network dinner on Wednesday, March 23, at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila. Chair Dunn announced the birth of the second child to Jeff McMorris' Family.

7. Public Comment

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The following people were present to offer public testimony:

1. Paul W. Locke
2. Norma Roth

Discussion

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2011-0114](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; adopting the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and Metro Transit Service Guidelines.

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Sponsors: Mr. Dunn and Mr. Phillips

Victor Obeso, Manager of Services Development, Transit Division was present to brief

the Committee on the Proposed Legislation with a power point presentation and answer questions from the members. Jim Jacobson, Deputy General Manager and Kevin Desmond, General Manager, Transit Division were also present to answer questions from the members.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

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The Chair announced that our next meeting will be March 30 at Redmond City Hall.

Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature