



Legislation Text

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A MOTION requiring the executive to report on plans to provide public transportation service to the waterfront and northwest Belltown as successive phases of construction are completed on projects including, but not limited to, the city of Seattle Alaskan Way, Promenade and Overlook project and Center City Connector Streetcar project, and the Washington state Department of Transportation projects related to the Alaskan Way Viaduct demolition and replacement.

WHEREAS, the executive has indicated that the Route 99 will need to be rerouted due to construction projects, using Second and Third Avenues in downtown Seattle, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, King County Metro Transit, conducted public outreach concerning proposed changes to service on First Avenue in downtown Seattle provided by Route 99, which identified public support for the Route 99 and transit service for the waterfront and northwest Belltown, and

WHEREAS, the executive has proposed to discontinue Route 99 with the March 2018 service change, has proposed a related administrative service change that would revise Route 29 to provide northbound and southbound service on First Avenue between Denny Way and Lenora Street and has committed to work with the city of Seattle to seek approval of a southbound stop at First Avenue and Broad Street, and

WHEREAS, following completion of construction on the waterfront and the Center City Connector Streetcar, Metro Transit intends to work with the city of Seattle and other partners to provide equal or better than current transit service to northwest Belltown, to other areas served by the Route 99 and to the waterfront, and

WHEREAS, this service is valuable to residents, workers and visitors to downtown Seattle in providing access between the waterfront, northwest Belltown and the central business district of downtown Seattle;

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

A. The executive shall submit a report and a motion that approves the report on plans to provide public transportation service to the waterfront and northwest Belltown as successive phases of construction are completed on projects including, but not limited to, the city of Seattle Alaskan Way, Promenade and Overlook project and Center City Connector Streetcar project, and the Washington state Department of Transportation projects related to the Alaskan Way Viaduct demolition and replacement.

B. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Options for improving service in the area of northwest Belltown currently served by Route 99 and the waterfront north of Columbia Street;
2. Route alignments and other public transportation options that can address multiple goals including travel by residents, employees and visitors; and
3. Partnership opportunities for implementing these improvements.

C. The executive should file the report and a motion required by this section by July 31, 2018, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the chief policy officer and the lead staff for the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor.