



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE declaring the intent of King County to approve the agreement for the SeaShore Transportation Forum and: commit to staffing support for its continuation through 2005; clarify its membership and representation; and institute annual dues; and authorizing the executive to enter into an agreement to further the purposes of this board.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County and the cities in King County have a long history of multi-jurisdictional transportation planning, and have found that benefits can be achieved by multijurisdictional coordination, including a cooperative approach to the planning, financing, and construction of needed transportation improvements.
2. The King County Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation - Long Range Policy Framework, adopted in 1993, divided metro service into three geographic subareas for the purpose of allocating new transit subsidy, and the Six-Year Transit Development Plan, adopted in 1995, calls for the three subarea transportation boards, the Eastside Transportation Partnership ("ETP"), South County Area Transportation Board and SeaShore Transportation Forum ("SeaShore"), to review, refine, and recommend service priorities to the King County executive.
3. Sound Transit also relies on the three subarea transportation boards to review and recommend modifications to Sound Move Plan implementation-related services and projects, and to participate in development of future phase (Phase II) high capacity transit development efforts.

4. ETP and SCATBd have functioned under interlocal agreements since the early 1990s, but before 2002, SeaShore operated collaboratively without an interlocal agreement.

5. In 2002, the SeaShore approved an interlocal agreement and sent it to participating jurisdictions for signature. All of the member jurisdictions except for the city of Seattle and King County have signed that agreement.

6. Representatives from the city of Seattle and King County were selected as co-chairs of SeaShore for 2004.

7. It is expected that SeaShore will continue to provide valuable input on numerous planning and implementation decisions.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. King County approves the agreement for the SeaShore Transportation Forum, as shown in Attachment A to this ordinance, and:

A. Commits to continued staff support for its continuation through 2005;

B. Confirms its responsibilities for King County, including providing policy direction for the subarea on the following issues:

1. Development of the Six-Year transit development plan;

2. Implementation of transit service priorities; and

3. Recommendations for TEA-21 regional project identification and countywide project selection;

C. Acknowledges that Sound Transit considers the SeaShore Transportation Forum and other subarea transportation boards as information sharing forums for Sound Transit, and specifically requires consideration of subarea board approval of changes to the Sound Move Plan as one of six criteria in making a determination about changes;

D. Acknowledges that other transportation agencies may use these boards as tools for sharing information and gathering input;

E. Allows for the addition of new members and consideration of additional transportation issues as determined by the SeaShore Transportation Forum; and

F. Authorizes the executive to enter into an agreement to further the purposes of this board.

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