



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE establishing the specific routing for Pacific Highway South, Bellevue-Redmond, West Seattle, and Ballard-Uptown RapidRide service improvements for King County.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings: The council makes the following findings:

A. The county council adopted Ordinance 15582 to submit to the voters a proposition authorizing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the King County Metro public transportation system.

B. The results of the November 7, 2006, election in which the voters of King County authorized the additional sales and use tax were certified on November 28, 2006.

C. The county council adopted Ordinance 15670 authorizing the collection of the additional sales and use tax beginning April 1, 2007.

D. K.C.C. 4.29.020 directed that proceeds from the sales and use tax be used for the operation, maintenance and capital needs of King County Metro public transportation in the manner described in Attachment A to Ordinance 15582, titled "Improvements Funded by Transit Now."

E. The types of services funded by "Transit Now" as set forth in Attachment A to Ordinance 15582 included "RapidRide/Bus Rapid Transit," which will create bus rapid transit ("BRT") with frequent all day service and faster travel times on five key travel corridors. The unique RapidRide branding, frequency, and quality of service were key elements of the service that make the transit system easier to understand.

F. The county council adopted Ordinance 15963, which adopted the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2007-2016 ("the Strategic Plan"). The plan describes current and impending planning work required to implement RapidRide BRT service and established a timeline for implementation of the service in the five corridors identified in "Transit Now."

G. King County Metro conducted public outreach in communities surrounding the first four of five corridors in which RapidRide will operate: Federal Way/Tukwila via Pacific Highway South; Bellevue/Redmond via Crossroads and Overlake, West Seattle/Downtown Seattle via West Seattle Bridge and Ballard/Seattle Center/south downtown stadium area via 15th Avenue NW and W Mercer Street with service or frequent connections to Ballard High School and the Ballard business district. As part of public outreach, King County Metro consulted the cities of Redmond, Bellevue, Seattle, Tukwila, SeaTac, Des Moines and Federal Way regarding station and intermediate stop location and accommodated city priorities consistent with the bus rapid transit concept.

H. Attachment A to Ordinance 15582 states that specific routing shall be determined by the county council and be consistent with the corridor descriptions in Ordinance 15582.

I. The proposed alignment for each corridor is consistent with the corridor descriptions in Attachment A to Ordinance 15582.

SECTION 2. The Pacific Highway South RapidRide, A Line specific routing, substantially as depicted in Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved for implementation. The general locations of station facilities, along with the number of intermediate stops, depicted in Attachment A to this ordinance, are also approved. Before the implementation of RapidRide service, the executive shall notify the council and the affected cities of any substantial changes to the station or intermediate stop locations. The notice to the council shall be filed 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. Following implementation, the transit division shall consult with the affected cities before making any changes to the routing or station or

intermediate stop locations.

SECTION 3. The Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide, B Line specific routing, substantially as depicted in Attachment B to this ordinance, is hereby approved for implementation subject to the conditions described therein. The general locations of station facilities, along with the number of intermediate stops, depicted in Attachment B to this ordinance, are also approved. Before the implementation of RapidRide service, the executive shall notify the council and the affected cities of any substantial changes to the station or intermediate stop locations. The notice to the council shall be filed 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. Following implementation, the transit division shall consult with the affected cities before making any changes to the routing or station or intermediate stop locations.

SECTION 4. The West Seattle RapidRide, C Line, specific routing, substantially as depicted in Attachment C to this ordinance, is hereby approved for implementation. The general locations of station facilities, along with the number of intermediate stops, depicted in Attachment C to this ordinance, are also approved. Before the implementation of RapidRide service, the executive shall notify the council and the city of Seattle of any substantial changes to the station or intermediate stop locations. The notice to the council shall be filed 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. Following implementation, the transit division shall consult with the city of Seattle before making any changes to the routing or station or intermediate stop locations.

SECTION 5. The Ballard-Uptown RapidRide, D Line, specific routing, substantially as depicted in Attachment D to this ordinance, is hereby approved for implementation. The general locations of station facilities, along with the number of intermediate stops, depicted in Attachment D to this ordinance, are also approved. Before the implementation of RapidRide service, the executive shall notify the council and the city of Seattle of any substantial changes to the station or intermediate stop locations. The notice to the council

shall be filed 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. Following implementation, the transit division shall consult with the city of Seattle before making any changes to the routing or station or intermediate stop locations.