



Legislation Text

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A MOTION endorsing the King County Electric Vehicle Report as the guiding document for implementing actions to accommodate the use of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and battery electric vehicles, and to promote energy efficiency and clean vehicle technology in King County's fleet.

WHEREAS, in October 2006, the council adopted Motion 12362 relating to county efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate their impacts and prepare for climate change, and

WHEREAS, Motion 13262 and Executive Order 7-7 called for development of a King County Climate Change Mitigation and Preparedness Plan by February 1, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the executive transmitted the King County 2007 Climate Plan to the council in February of 2007, and

WHEREAS, the King County council Motion 12744 sought "ways for King County to accommodate the use of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and battery electric vehicles," and

WHEREAS, King County Ordinance 15988 sought actions "relating to the promotion of energy efficiency and clean vehicle technology in King County's fleet," and

WHEREAS, new technologies for reducing climate change-causing greenhouse gas emissions are quickly evolving, and

WHEREAS, the executive has updated the King County Climate Plan based on the most current scientific findings and changes in technology, and

WHEREAS, Motion 12362 and Executive Order PUT 7-8 direct the county to review and update

policies related to air quality, climate and land use to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the impacts of climate change, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Proposed 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update includes a new section on climate change and updated policies throughout the document to provide overarching policy direction for the county's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change, and

WHEREAS, counties and other local governments can reduce overall transportation emissions from single occupancy vehicles through land use and transportation planning, in conjunction with investments in clean vehicle technologies and fuels, and

WHEREAS, King County should continue to be a role model for other local governments in pioneering strategies to reduce emissions from local government operations and applying land use and transportation strategies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote healthy communities, and

WHEREAS, formal legislative endorsement of the King County Electric Vehicle Report further strengthens King County's commitment to climate change actions throughout all facets of its operations;

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

A. The council endorses the King County Electric Vehicle Report dated October 1, 2008, Attachment A to this motion, as the guiding document for implementing actions to accommodate the use of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and battery electric vehicles, and promote energy efficiency and clean vehicle technology in King County's fleet.

B. The King County Electric Vehicle Report shall be updated periodically in accordance with the development of new technology for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing vehicle fuel economy.

C. Updates to the King County Electric Vehicle Report should be consistent with climate change policies in the King County Climate Plan and the King County Comprehensive Plan.

D. The county shall continue to actively collaborate with other municipalities, universities, federal and state agencies, and community groups at the local, regional and

international level to develop "green fleet" tools tailored to local government authorities, fleet operations and commuters.