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AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; revising the reporting schedule for the annual service guidelines report and establish a new reporting schedule for the biennial strategic plan progress report; and amending Ordinance 17143, Section 5.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The King County council adopted Ordinance 17143 in July 2011, adopting the King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 ("the strategic plan") and the King County Metro Service Guidelines ("service guidelines").

2. Chapter three of the strategic plan requires Metro to report on strategic plan measures on a biennial basis. Complementary to the biennial strategic plan report, Ordinance 17143 requires Metro to transmit to the council, for acceptance by motion, an annual service guidelines report. Ordinance 17143, Section 5.B, requires the service guidelines report and motion to be transmitted by March 31 of each year for consideration by the regional transit committee.

3. The data collected and utilized by Metro in preparing the annual service guidelines report is available for evaluation beginning in late summer of each year.

4. The data that is used to formulate the service guidelines report also forms the basis for service change proposals and therefore should be made available as soon as possible.

5. Data necessary for measuring the cost of service, which is a subject of the biennial strategic plan progress report, is not typically available in time for a March 31 transmittal.

6. The biennial strategic plan progress report provides information useful to Metro's biennial budgeting process and therefore should be submitted in the same year as the budget.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 17143, Section 5, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Beginning with a baseline report in 2012 and then annually thereafter through the duration of the plan, the executive is directed to transmit to the council, for acceptance by motion, an annual service guidelines report of Metro's transit system, complementary to the biennial report on meeting the goals, objectives and strategies identified in chapter three of the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021. This service guidelines report is shaped by the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and the King County Metro Service Guidelines.

A. For the period of the report, the service guidelines report shall include:

1. The corridors analyzed to determine the Metro All-Day and Peak Network with a summary of resulting scores and assigned service levels as determined by the King County Metro Service Guidelines;

2. The results of the analysis including a list of over-served and under-served transit corridors and the estimated number of service hours, as either an increase or decrease, necessary to meet each underserved corridor's needs;

3. The performance of transit services by route and any changes in the King County Metro Service Guidelines thresholds since the previous reporting period, using the performance measures identified in Chapter III of the strategic plan and in the guidelines;

4. A list of transit service changes made to routes and corridors of the network since the last reporting period;

5. Network and rider connectivity associated with transit services delivered by other providers; and

6. A list of potential changes, if any, to the strategic plan and guidelines to better meet their policy intent.

B. The report and motion shall be transmitted by ((~~March 31~~)) October 31 of each year for consideration by the regional transit committee. Beginning in 2014, the biennial report identified in chapter three of the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 shall be transmitted by motion by June 30 of every other year.