



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; adopting King County Metro's long-range transit service and capital plan and requiring a work plan.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The King County council adopted the King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and the King County Metro Service Guidelines in July 2011.
2. The regional transit task force recommended that the strategic plan and service guidelines focus on transparency and clarity, cost control, productivity, social equity, geographic value and sustainable funding.
3. The King County council adopted the 2013 update to the strategic plan and service guidelines in July 2013 under Ordinance 17641.
4. Ordinance 17641, Section 1, adopting the 2013 update to the strategic plan, incorporated a new strategy 6.1.2 to the strategic plan which reads as follows:

Establish and maintain a long-range transit service and capital plan developed in collaboration with local comprehensive and regional long-range transportation planning.

5. In 2010, the first-ever countywide King County Strategic Plan 2010-2014 was adopted via Ordinance 16897, establishing prioritized goals, objectives and strategies for the programs and services of King County government. That countywide plan was also intended to provide a framework for all agency-level strategic planning, including planning for the transit division.

6. On March 2, 2015, the King County council passed Motion 14317 updating and revising the King County Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles, Goals and Strategic Innovation Priorities.

7. METRO CONNECTS - King County Metro Long-Range Plan ("Metro CONNECTS"), Attachment A to this ordinance, is a long-range transit service and capital plan that was developed with input from transportation stakeholders, the King County council and executive, jurisdictions, and riders.

8. METRO CONNECTS builds on Metro's strategic plan, service guidelines, the King County Strategic Plan 2010-2014, the policy framework and recommendations of the regional transit task force, Metro's work with the Linking Transit and Development process and the Access to Transit Report. METRO CONNECTS is also guided by the challenges King County Metro faces, including population and economic growth, demographic changes, funding, the environment, customer service and satisfaction, access to transit, the need to build complementary capital projects for transit service and an evolving transportation system.

9. METRO CONNECTS is meant to be a living document setting the vision for and guiding the implementation of Metro's long range transit service and capital networks while responding to growth throughout the county.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. King County Metro's long-range transit service and capital plan, set forth as Attachment A to this ordinance and titled METRO CONNECTS - King County Metro Long-Range Plan, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. A.1. By March 30, 2017, the executive shall transmit to the council a work plan for establishment of a METRO CONNECTS development program and a motion that approves the work plan.

2. The work plan shall:

a. outline the process to establish and the elements to be contained within a METRO CONNECTS development program;

b. identify the participants that will be engaged in proposing the METRO CONNECTS development

program and their roles;

c. define the regional transit committee's role as part of implementing the work plan, in addition to its review and recommendation of the motion to approve the work plan as provided for in subsection B. of this section; and

d. provide a timeline for establishment of a METRO CONNECTS development program with completion prior to October 31, 2017.

3. The work plan shall reflect establishment of a METRO CONNECTS development program that includes:

a. policy guidance regarding the timing and substance of service and capital policy decisions that King County will make in the implementation of the METRO CONNECTS long-range plan;

b. the identification of policy guidance and deliberation needed to increase the effectiveness of implementing the METRO CONNECTS long-range plan and

c. collaboration between Metro and Metro's jurisdictional partners and regional leaders, with the goal of enabling Metro to work with jurisdiction and agency staff, elected officials, the regional transit committee and the council to collaborate and provide meaningful input on project development and implementation.

B. The executive must transmit the work plan and a motion required by this section 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, members of the regional transit committee, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the regional transit committee. The motion shall be referred to the regional transit committee for review and recommendation.

SECTION 3. If requested by either the chair of the regional transit committee or a chair of a standing committee, the executive shall provide presentations of the status and progress of the work plan at a meeting of the requesting committee. If any presentation occurs before June 30, 2017, the comments and recommendations generated from such presentations shall be addressed in the work plan.

SECTION 4. The regional transit committee will continue to provide input and policy guidance regarding the timing and substance of service and capital improvements, consistent with its charter role. The regional transit committee shall review and offer recommendations on any motion adopting the METRO CONNECTS development program.