



Legislation Text

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A MOTION related to public transportation; approving a report on options for enhancing mobility in areas of the county that have high concentrations of people with disabilities.

WHEREAS, since the 1970s King County has provided customized transit service to residents of Center Park, a one-hundred-thirty-seven-unit low-income public housing facility located at 2121 - 26th Avenue South, Seattle, that is owned and operated by the Seattle Housing Authority and that serves a high proportion of residents with disabilities, originally providing this service because Center Park was the central location for Seattle Housing Authority to house most or all residents with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the King County council has required that customized transit service provided to residents of Center Park continue to be provided during the hours that were in effect as of September 1, 2017, using Metro Transit vehicles appropriate for the operating conditions, and that this service schedule remain in effect until the effective date of the September 2018 service change, unless another service schedule is approved by the council by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the King County council wishes to ensure that people with disabilities throughout King County, particularly in locations of the county that have similar numbers and concentrations of people with disabilities as live at Center Park, both those who use regular, fixed-route transit services and those who use paratransit services, have transit options available to enhance their mobility, and

WHEREAS, in October 2017 the King County council passed Motion 14969, which requires the executive to submit a report and a motion that approves the report on all areas of the county that have similar

numbers and concentrations of people with disabilities as live at Center Park, together with options for enhancing mobility for these individuals, and

WHEREAS, the report is to include, but not be limited to:

1. Data on areas of the county that are comparable to Center Park in the number of residents with disabilities;
2. Options for improving mobility for the residents of these locations including, but not limited to, improved fixed-route transit service, Community Connections or alternative services, the Community Access Transportation program and Access paratransit service for those eligible, and
3. A synopsis of how implementing the options identified aligns with current efforts to improve fixed-route service accessibility, implement the Community Connections program and improve Access paratransit service implementation, and

WHEREAS, Metro has compiled the required information and the executive has transmitted to the council the report, entitled King County Transportation Options for People with Disabilities, as set forth in Attachment A to this motion;

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

The council hereby approves the report, King County Transportation Options for People with Disabilities, Attachment A to this motion.