



Legislation Text

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A MOTION relating to public transportation, approving the King County Metro Transit COVID-19 Response Title VI Service Equity Analysis report.

WHEREAS, following the precipitous decline in public transit ridership during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, and through the exercise of the King County executive's emergency authority, the King County Metro transit department temporarily suspended service in response to the public health emergency, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration Circular FTA C 4702.1B, Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") regulations require recipients of FTA financial assistance to comply with applicable U.S. Department of Transportation Title VI regulations, including conducting service equity analyses for major service changes, and

WHEREAS, as outlined in FTA Circular FTA C 4702.1B, Chapter IV, Section 7, any major service change that lasts longer than twelve months is considered permanent and requires a service equity analysis. The same timeframe is applicable to service changes initially implemented in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. As a recipient of federal financial assistance from the FTA, and in accordance with FTA Circular FTA C 4702.1B, service equity analyses conducted by the Metro transit department for major service changes must be approved by the council, and

WHEREAS, the Metro transit department, as a transit provider and direct recipient of federal financial assistance from the FTA, developed the King County Metro Transit COVID-19 Response Title VI Service Equity Analysis report in compliance with applicable federal regulations;

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

The council hereby approves the King County Metro Transit COVID-19 Response Title VI Service Equity Analysis report, which is Attachment A to this motion. The council requests that the executive transmit a copy of Attachment A to this motion, with a copy of the final, signed Signature Report of this motion attached as Appendix X, to the Federal Transit Authority.