

KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

August 1, 2000

Motion 10986

Proposed No. 2000-0423.2

Sponsors Fimia

1 A MOTION related to transit service allocation and
2 performance evaluation.

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5 WHEREAS, due to increased travel and increased population, transportation in
6 the Urban Growth Areas of the central Puget Sound area is becoming increasingly
7 expensive in terms of money, time and personal safety; and

8 WHEREAS, the resources which King County and its residents can dedicate to
9 the cost of transportation are limited, and

10 WHEREAS, the increasing costs of existing transportation systems encourage
11 increasing the use of modes other than the single-occupant motor vehicle whenever and
12 wherever reasonable, and

13 WHEREAS, metropolitan King County seeks efficient use of its resources and its
14 residents' resources in order to get good value, and

15 WHEREAS, increased usage of Metro transit services instead of single-occupant
16 vehicles is appropriate due to a host of environmental reasons, including reduction of

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17 fossil fuel use, reduction of impervious surface area due to reduced need to construct new
18 roadway lanes, and reduction of pollutants in storm water, and

19 WHEREAS, large numbers of King County residents are unable to use single-
20 occupant motor vehicles for transportation, or are unwilling to do so for a variety of good
21 reasons, and many of those residents rely on the provision of transit services in order to
22 be mobile within our communities, and

23 WHEREAS, all King County residents contribute toward the revenue necessary to
24 provide the great bulk of Metro transit funding through the payment of 0.6 percent sales
25 tax on purchases within King County, and

26 WHEREAS, those King County residents who use Metro transit services pay a
27 portion of the cost of providing those services in fares, and

28 WHEREAS, those King County residents who are willing to spend their time
29 using Metro transit services should be provided with service where it is financially
30 reasonable and practical to do so, in recognition of the value of their time as well as their
31 financial contributions to the services;

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

33 Before transmitting an update of the Transit Six-Year Development Plan, the
34 transit division is requested to submit a report on options for targeting transit service
35 investments in support of systemwide goals. The report should provide alternatives for
36 accomplishing this, including those that may modify either the transit service evaluation
37 guidelines or the policy on operating subsidy allocation, or both. In addition to one or
38 more alternatives reflecting adopted subarea allocation policy, the alternatives analyzed
39 should include one or more that reduces or eliminates the role of geographic sub-areas in

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40 service allocation while focusing service investments on systemwide goals. The
41 objectives to be embodied in the various alternatives analyzed should include the
42 following, as well as others that may be identified by the division in consultation with the
43 regional transit committee:

- 44 A. Optimize the usage of the Metro transit system by:
- 45 1. Expending farebox revenues on the routes where they are generated; and
 - 46 2. Expending operating subsidy in support of:
 - 47 a. a basic level of service throughout the urban growth area;
 - 48 b. improved service levels where utilization of current transit capacity
49 indicates high degree of rider commitment, and
 - 50 c. service that reflects the per-capita taxpayer contribution to transit revenues;
- 51 B. Maximize system ridership through the provision of high-quality, cost-
52 effective service;
- 53 C. Provide system accessibility for the transit dependent; and

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D. Support growth management objectives and countywide planning policies

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calling for high frequency service connections to designated urban centers and

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manufacturing centers.

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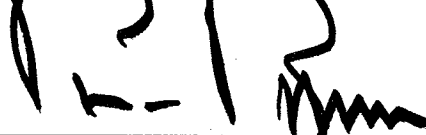
Motion 10986 was introduced on and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/31/00, by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons

No: 0

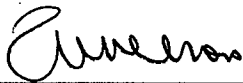
Excused: 3 - Mr. McKenna, Mr. Nickels and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None