



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 17, 2001

Motion 11241

Proposed No. 2001-0371.2

Sponsors Nickels and Phillips

1 A MOTION requesting the King County Department of
2 Transportation to submit a contingency plan for transit
3 service affected by earthquake damage to the Alaskan Way
4 Viaduct.

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 WHEREAS, the Alaskan Way Viaduct has for many years been a key transit
8 corridor providing a reliable, express connection between the downtown and West
9 Seattle, and

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 WHEREAS, King County Metro Transit buses are unable to use the viaduct due
11 to structural damage sustained in the February 28, 2001, earthquake, and

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 WHEREAS, the former viaduct bus routes now operating on surface streets are
13 substantially slower and less reliable, especially during Safeco Field events,
14 inconveniencing riders and causing delays so great that individual trips have been
15 cancelled without notice, and

16 WHEREAS, the interim option of adding buses to the affected routes could
17 improve the reliability, but at a substantial cost while failing to address the travel time
18 increases experienced by riders, and

19 WHEREAS, these impacts affect not only West Seattle but also neighborhoods to
20 the north of downtown served by routes that connect with the former viaduct routes, and

21 WHEREAS, the Washington state Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
22 cannot currently say whether buses will be permitted to return to the viaduct once the
23 structural repairs now underway are completed, and

24 WHEREAS, a recent WSDOT report from a team of structural experts identified
25 long-term concerns over the viaduct's ability to withstand another major earthquake, the
26 current repairs notwithstanding;

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

28 The King County department of transportation is requested to transmit a
29 contingency plan to the council by August 1, 2001, to address the possibility that buses
30 will not be permitted to resume using the Alaskan Way Viaduct following completion of

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31 the repair work currently under way. The plan should include a consideration of options
32 and a recommendation for returning the affected routes to their prior performance levels.

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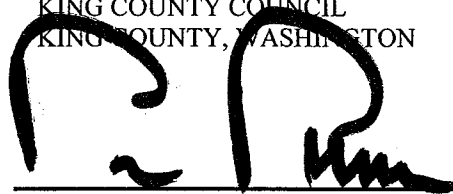
Motion 11241 was introduced on 7/2/01 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/16/01, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Irons

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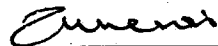
Excused: 2 - Ms. Miller and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None