



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**February 11, 2002**

**Motion 11377**

**Proposed No. 2002-0072.1**

**Sponsors Pelz**

1                   A MOTION establishing 2002 federal legislative agenda  
2                   for King County.  
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5                   WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County  
6 executive have worked through the joint King County legislative steering committee to  
7 develop a federal legislative agenda and desire to bring their positions on issues facing  
8 the United States Legislature to the attention of the 107th Congress, and

9                   WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local  
10 governments and other partners at the local, state and federal level in the development of  
11 a 2003 federal agenda, and

12                   WHEREAS, King County is committed to ensuring that dislocated workers in this  
13 region have access to retraining and job placement services, and

14                   WHEREAS, congestion is an urgent matter and in King County has become  
15 increasingly worse and remains the primary threat to the long-term mobility and health of  
16 King County citizens and businesses

17           WHEREAS, as a result of the tragic events of September 11, we must continue to  
18 seek ways of improving our emergency preparedness capabilities in the multi-disciplinary  
19 areas of service King County provides its residents, and

20           WHEREAS, King County will continue to be advocates for intelligent habitat  
21 conservation, the protection of endangered species and smart growth, and

22           WHEREAS, King County is a major national urban center with associated social  
23 and health issues affecting children, families, seniors, and diverse immigrant populations.  
24 King County recognizes effective programs that minimize impacts on the criminal justice  
25 system and that positively impact the overall economy and health of the area.

26           WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will  
27 continue to review federal legislative and appropriations developments impacting  
28 transportation for possible revisions of King County's 2002 federal legislative program;

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

30           The King County council adopts the 2002 federal legislative agenda for King

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31 County as King County's highest priorities for action in the 107th United States  
32 Congress.  
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Motion 11377 was introduced on 2/11/02 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/11/02, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gossett

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments** A. King County, Washington 2002 (FY 2003) Federal Agenda and Action Plan  
Priorities, B. Legislative Interests



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**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**  
**2002 (FY 2003) FEDERAL AGENDA**  
**AND ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES**

	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
1	<p><b>Transportation</b></p> <p>The Ferguson Group</p> <p>Denny Miller, McBee &amp; Associates</p>	<p><b>Transportation Appropriations:</b> 2003 King County Joint Federal Appropriations Request supported by King County cities and King County</p> <p>King County government projects specifically include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Buses \$27 million</li> <li>(2) Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride (\$4.9 million)</li> <li>(3) Brickyard Park and Ride (\$1 million)</li> <li>(4) Burien Transit Center / TODs (\$2 million)</li> <li>(5) Central Base Expansion (\$15.6 million)</li> <li>(6) Support funds for the FAST Corridor 2 program (\$10 million)</li> </ol> <p><b>Reauthorization of TEA-21:</b> <b>(1) Metropolitan Congestion Relief</b> - King County is pursuing a TEA-21 Reauthorization initiative for a new, national discretionary assistance program that provides flexible funding for transportation solutions in the nation's most congested metropolitan areas.</p>
2	<p><b>Salmon Recovery</b></p> <p>Denny Miller/McBee &amp; Associates</p> <p>Joe Raeder, The Ferguson Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support for the <b>Salmon Recovery Funding Board</b> at \$30million level through the Commerce, State Justice Appropriations Bill</li> <li>• Support for the <b>Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters Initiative</b> at \$5million through Energy and Water Appropriations Bill</li> <li>• <b>Kokanee Conservation Actions</b> – need fund source through Interior Appropriations Bill at \$500K</li> <li>• Support for the <b>Green/Duwamish Ecosystem Restoration</b> Program at \$3million through Energy and Water Appropriations Bill</li> <li>• Complete the Tri-County proposal for Puget Sound Chinook habitat and ensure its inclusion in the 4(d) rule proposed by NMFS. Continue working with USFWS in response to the bull trout listing and the development of their 4(d) rule. Seek additional federal funding for habitat projects.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Workforce Training</b></p> <p>The Ferguson Group</p> <p>Denny Miller/McBee &amp; Associates</p>	<p><b>Increase Workforce Investment Act formula allocation</b> King County WorkSource Centers had 75,367 customer visits from 10/1-12/31 2001. The demand for re-training and job placement services is extremely high. The WIA funding streams are currently at risk of significant budget cuts that would have severe impacts on the capacity of WorkSource Centers to provide these essential services to dislocated and low-income workers.</p> <p>Support the National Emergency Grant proposal. The State of</p>

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		Washington has submitted a \$74.1 million request of which King County should receive as much as one-third to handle the massive volume of laid-off workers since the 9/11 attack.
4	<p><b>Growth Management / Smart Growth</b></p> <p>The Ferguson Group</p> <p>Denny Miller/McBee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tollgate Farm and Rock Creek Vision \$2 million</b> - to complete land acquisition and preservation in Interior Appropriations Bill</li> <li>• <b>Forest Legacy:</b> Support funding the forest legacy projects proposed by the State of Washington for the acquisition of development rights on forest parcels. The State proposal includes projects in King County worth \$3 million.</li> <li>• <b>Cedar Green Conservation Partnership \$1.5 million</b> – Partnership with Plum Creek Timber to preserve 3,200 acres of highly threatened forest land which will connect over 105,000 acres of Federal, State and local public lands</li> <li>• <b>Urban and Community Forestry:</b> Diversify sources of federal funding by seeking funds through USDA Forest Service to leverage local support for improving tree cover in open spaces and critical habitats. Priorities are improving wildlife habitats and quality of life in inner city areas and encouraging preservation of tree resources in emerging suburban developments. King County supports increased funding for the USDA Forest Service’s Urban and Community Forestry Program.</li> <li>• <b>Maury Island Conservation Initiative \$8 million in EPA Appropriations</b> – The Initiative brings together a unique array of partners in an effort to preserve the significant ecological values of the Marine Island Aquatic Conservancy and associated uplands. The partners include the State of Washington, King County, the Cascade Land Conservancy, the Vashon/Maury Island Land Trust, and Glacier Northwest. The Conservancy protects critical nearshore salmon habitat which has been identified as a top priority for preservation by the WRIA 9 watershed planning process.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Homeland Security / Bioterrorism</b></p> <p>The Ferguson Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional funds are needed to assist <b>local law enforcement</b> jurisdictions and first responders to be prepared for events like those occurring September 11, 2001.</li> <li>• Support grant funds to develop and implement pre-incident <b>emergency management</b> planning to provide preparation for domestic terrorism and other issues where interagency coordination, cooperation and execution are critical to public safety.</li> <li>• Support increased funding for city and county organizations to target major populations centers providing regional services in response to weapons of mass destruction.</li> <li>• Support funding to enhance the basic infrastructure of the <b>public health</b> system and its ability to prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism, especially bioterrorism.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Green River</b>	\$2.6 million to continue to help with King County Sheriff’s Office

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	<b>Investigation</b>  The Ferguson Group	investigation of 1980's 49 homicides. \$500,000 was earmarked in FY 2001 for DNA testing.
7	<b>Infiltration/Inflow Demonstration Partnership Project</b>  The Ferguson Group	\$7 million in EPA Appropriations, State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) Account, to establish infiltration/inflow rehabilitation pilot programs that will serve as standards for local sewage collection systems.
8	<b>Molten Fuel Cell Demonstration Project</b>  The Ferguson Group	\$2.5 million in EPA Appropriations, Environmental Programs Management Account. This project has received \$2.5 million each in FY98, FY99 and FY00; \$300,000 in FY01; \$500,000 in FY02. An additional \$2.5 million is needed in FY03 and FY04 to complete the project.
9	<b>Medicaid</b>  The Ferguson Group	Restore the FMAP to FY 2001 level. King County Regional Support Network (mental health), drug and alcohol services, and developmental disabilities services rely on the FMAP funding levels.
10	<b>Economic Stimulus</b>  The Ferguson Group	Support a comprehensive federal investment into infrastructure needs, particularly drinking water and wastewater, as well as transportation.
11	<b>Methamphetamines Enforcement Funding</b>  The Ferguson Group	\$1 million in funding for additional detectives and clean-up teams needed to combat the ever-moving methamphetamine laboratory populations.

## LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS

Legislative Interests are advocated for in partnership with national organizations or issue-specific coalitions and are part of a national program.

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG)	Support continued funding for the LLEBG program, especially those programs that support drug education, treatment and prevention.
Secure Emergency Communications Bandwith	Support legislative policy that would allow secure bandwidth for public safety communication needs
Flood Hazard Reduction	Support funding for the Snoqualmie flood hazard reduction project
Shelter Plus Care	Maintain a separate budget line item for Shelter Plus Care renewals. These funds subsidize the cost of rental housing for homeless people with disabilities
Domestic Violence	Support funding for the Title IV, the Violence Against Women Act of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (the Crime Act). The money made available through this program should be made available to develop Domestic Violence prevention programming in jails.
CDBG and HOME Formula Funds, McKinney Act Programs	Advocate for increases or at least maintain HUD appropriations for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs, homeless assistance (McKinney Act programs), and public housing operating subsidies, rental certificates/vouchers, and Section 8 contract renewals. These funds benefit low/moderate income residents of KC. It is also important to advocate for maintaining local discretion and flexibility over the use of these funds
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	Increase funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) program funds. Increases are included in the President's "New Freedom Initiative"
Reinvesting in Youth	The City of Seattle and King County have launched this initiative to be used as a model for reforming the juvenile justice system. The goal is to implement "front end" or intervention measures that build strengths in children and families especially for youth at risk
Water Reuse (DMA)	Support authorization and expansion of federal assistance for local water reuse programs. Funding under current programs has been extremely limited. Additional authority is needed in order to make funds available for King County
Mental Health	Support funding to improve local jail's ability to address the issues related to the contact between the criminal justice system and the mentally ill. This would include screening and evaluation, housing, treatment, and discharge planning
Federal Flow Control	Reinstatement of flow control by Congress for at least the period that pay off the bonded indebtedness. King County, as well as many other counties in the state, has based the financing of its solid waste management services on revenues received under their flow control authority. Capital improvements for the system are paid for through general obligation bonds and a considerable amount of indebtedness remains.
Community Access Program	Support reauthorization and appropriations funding at no less than 2001 level \$125 million.
Forestry (DMA)	Support passage and enactment of forestry bonds legislation.

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Infrastructure	Support a comprehensive federal investment into infrastructure needs, particularly drinking water and wastewater. Also support legislation to provide funding for communities needing new capital facilities to meet the new arsenic standard under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
State Criminal Alien Apprehension Program (SCAAP)	Support continued funding for the SCAAP. King County has been a recipient for the last five years, receiving some level of reimbursement every year from \$500,000 to over \$7M for local jails and state prisons to provide detention services to criminal aliens.
Juvenile Detention	Support funding for juvenile detention-based programs that focus on drug education, crisis intervention, prevention, and treatment.
Mental Health	Assist in modifying 42 CFR, Part 2 – data sharing between systems (mental health and substance abuse). King County needs improvements in the law to allow information sharing between the two disciplines. Support opportunities for local government to create demonstration projects to apply confidentiality standards differently, and request one-time funds to mobilize and train staff in implementation of the pilot model.
State Enhancement Program (SEP)	Support federal participation in the establishment of a SEP for the State of Washington, which will enable the State to overcome the barriers to greater participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the nation's largest conservation program administered by the federal government. In addition, establishment of a SEP will allow the State to tailor the CRP so that it will more effectively address the State's unique conservation challenges, particularly as they relate to salmon habitat protection and restoration.
Safe Drinking Water Act	Support legislation to provide funding for communities needing new capital facilities to meet the new arsenic standard under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)	Support for federal funding for guidance and full TMDL implementation for the new TMDL rules that will be proposed in 2002 and adopted in 2003.
Low Flow Fixtures	Oppose legislation that attempts to eliminate national plumbing code standard that mandate low-flow fixtures.
Wet Weather Water Quality	Support legislation that provides regulatory clarity and federal funding for combined sewer overflow (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) control.
School Safety Act	Support legislation that would release the 20% cap on federal Safe and Drug Free Schools funds to 100% discretion to allow schools more flexibility over spending those funds for School Resource officers.
Pipeline Safety Bill	Support legislation for pipeline reform and accountability to ensure safety and trust within our state.
Superfund	Support adoption of an amendment to Superfund that would exempt Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW's) from liability.
FEMA	Seek modifications to FEMA's interim policy barring reimbursement of the cost of replanting trees and shrubs as part of repairs made to river facilities, detention/retention areas, water quality sites and stream and river bank stabilization areas.
FEMA	Seek variance for Pacific Northwest to Corps of Engineers and FEMA disaster assistance eligibility criteria. Currently, levees and other flood works that



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	contain vegetation are ineligible for assistance from the Corps under P.L. 84-9 and FEMA funding for repairs under the Stafford Act.
FEMA	Seek federal funds from FEMA and other agencies with flood hazard mitigation programs to support the removal of structures within the flood plain and the restoration of important habitat.
Seismic Infrastructure	Federal funding to improve the seismic reliability of public facilities in most threatened regions of King County.
Housing	Support revisions to the tax code to support homeownership for households earning 120 percent of median income or less.
Housing	Seek appropriations and tax code revisions to support a King County House Land Trust to purchase land to construct owner-occupied housing for moderate- and median-income households.
Homeless	Support "hold harmless" provision in legislation to block grant federal homeless assistance funding for the Seattle-King County area to maintain current funding levels and support maximum flexibility for local jurisdictions in the use of the funds.

## **LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS**

The federal contract lobbyist will monitor federal legislation and regulations continuously and report to King County when participation in the process is beneficial to the county. The federal lobbyist will also coordinate efforts on these issues with national associations. King County has expressed a particular interest in the following issues:

- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
- Privacy
- Affirmative Action
- Clean Water Act / Endangered Species Act Integration
- HIV/AIDS
- Private Activity Bond Cap and Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Mental Health Block Grant
- Property Rights and "Takings" legislation
- EPA's Sustainable Development Challenge Grant Program
- Welfare to Work
- CARA
- Internet Tax
- EPA, Waterbody Monitoring and Assessment Rule
- Child Care
- Education
- Individuals w/Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Housing (CDBG, HOME, homeless assistance, public housing, first time buyers, Section 8, etc.)
- Pediatric Cancer Research funding
- Telecommunications
- Federal Highway Administration's Grant Program (Section 1221 of TEA 21)

## **GRANTS**

The federal lobbyist will conduct a grants workshop with King County departments to further help the County improve its grant application process. In addition, the federal lobbyist will research federal grant opportunities at the County's request. When the County is interested in applying for a grant it will notify the federal lobbyist so that any additional information may be sent. After the County has applied for the grant and notified the federal lobbyist, the federal lobbyist will work with the County, congressional delegation, and agencies to garner support for the application. Active participation in the process will continue to determine the approximate time of grant announcement and the status of the County's application, as well as to ensure the County's application receives the best possible consideration. If the County's application is successful, the federal lobbyist will work with the federal agency to expedite allocation of the grant award. If the County's application is unsuccessful, the federal lobbyist will follow-up with the federal agency's grant reviewers to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the application and then work with the County to prepare for the next funding opportunity.

## **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITIONS**

The federal lobbyist will build partnerships and coalitions with national associations in which King County is an active member. These associations include, but are not limited to, the National Association of Counties, and its subgroups the Large Urban County Caucus and the National Democratic County Officials, the American Public Transit Association and other groups in which the Legislative Steering Committee deems of particular interest.

## NACO LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS

King County supports the major lobbying initiatives of the National Association of Counties congressional priorities for FY 2003.

<b>Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affordability</li><li>• Sustainability</li><li>• Low-Income</li></ul>
<b>Health Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medicaid and Medicare financing</li><li>• Ryan White AIDS Reauthorization</li><li>• Public Health Funding</li></ul>
<b>Juvenile Justice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding, Student Resource Centers</li><li>• Prevention, Monitoring and Assistance programs</li><li>• Youth &amp; Reporting Resource Centers</li></ul>

## WASHINGTON VISITS

It is expected that representatives of the King County Council and County Executive will travel to Washington, D.C. multiple times in 2002 to present and reinforce lobbying efforts for the FY 2003 Federal Agenda and Action Plan. The first trip will occur the week of February 25<sup>th</sup> to present the King County's federal priorities to the Washington State Congressional Delegation. Subsequent trips will be planned at times the lobbyist and the County determine to be most effective.