



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

January 14, 2009

Motion 12911

Proposed No. 2009-0035.2

Sponsors Constantine, Patterson and Phillips

1 A MOTION establishing the 2009 (FY 2010) Federal
2 Agenda for King County.

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4 WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County
5 executive have worked together to develop a federal agenda and desire to bring their
6 positions on issues to the attention of the United States Congress, and

7 WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local
8 governments and other organizations to achieve its 2009 (FY 2010) federal legislative
9 goals, and

10 WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the
11 federal government for transportation, public health, homeland security, salmon recovery,
12 flood control, affordable housing and other important needs, and

13 WHEREAS, if King County is going to be able to continue delivering basic
14 government services to our residents, it needs a preservation, if not an expansion, of
15 federal support, and

16 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will
17 continue to review congressional developments for possible revisions of King County's
18 2008 (FY 2009) federal legislative program;

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

20 The King County council hereby adopts the attached 2009 (FY 2010) Federal

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- 22 Agenda for King County as King County's highest priorities for federal action in the 2009
23 (FY 2010) congressional appropriations cycle.
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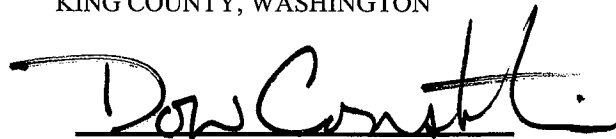
Motion 12911 was introduced on 1/12/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/12/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

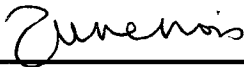
Excused: 3 - Mr. Dunn, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



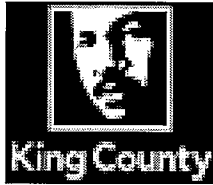
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. King County, Washington 2009 (FY 2010) Federal Agenda Appropriations Requests, dated January 12, 2009, B. King County, Washington 2009 (FY 2010) Federal Agenda Legislative Interests, dated January 12, 2009



**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
2009 (FY 2010) FEDERAL AGENDA
Appropriations Requests**

Attachment A
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PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
1.	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill:</p> <p>Small Starts Account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$20.2 million for the Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide Project <p>Bus and Bus Facilities Account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$15 million for hybrid buses for the West Seattle RapidRide and hybrid fleet expansion 2. \$4.0 million for the Renewable Energy and Ultra-High Efficiency Transit Facilitation Project; <p>Surface Transportation Program Account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$5.0 million for the South Park Bridge Replacement Project; 2. \$4.0 million for the Novelty Hill Road Improvement Project; 3. \$3.0 million for the S.R. 202 Bridge Improved Flood Conveyance Project. <p>Transportation and Community System Preservation Program Account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$2.3 million Bike Sharing Program and Facility Enhancements; 2. \$425,000 for the Acquisition of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles and Park & Ride Charging Stations; 3. \$1.0 million for construction of the East Lake Sammamish Trail Project; 4. \$1.0 million for planning, design and construction of the Lake-to-Sound Trail Project.
2	<p>King County Passenger Ferry System</p> <p>Ferry Boats and Ferry Boat Terminals Account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$10.0 million for Lease/Acquisition of Passenger Only Ferry Vessels
3	<p>King County International Airport</p> <p>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill in the Airport Improvement Project Account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$7.79 million for the King County International Airport (KCIA) Taxiway Alpha Project; 2. \$5.0 million for the KCIA Air Rescue Fire Fighting Facility Project; 3. \$713,000 for Airport Security Improvements.
4.	<p>Salmon Recovery</p> <p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$6.5 million for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program; 2. \$5.0 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project;



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	Support \$90 million in Department of Commerce Appropriations for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program, which is critical to habitat recovery projects in King County.
5. Homeland Security/Emergency Management	Secure the following in the Homeland Security Appropriations bill: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$5.0 million for floodplain buyouts and home elevations to reduce flood risks for the residential area of North Bend; 2. \$1.6 million for the acquisition and installation of Chemical, Biological, and HazMat detection system, in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel.
6. Reclaimed Water	Secure \$1.5 million in the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill in the EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program for construction of reclaimed water distribution facilities for agricultural irrigation in the Sammamish Valley.
7. Public Safety	Secure the following in the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$350,000 for the School Safety Project; 2. \$300,000 for the Gang and Youth Violence Suppression Project; 3. \$150,000 for the Community E-Policing Technology Project.
8. Health Care Reform	Secure \$350,000 in the Department of Health and Human Service's Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Appropriations for the Puget Sound Health Alliance for continued development as a Charter Value Exchange through the funding of a health information database to measure and share quality of care information across employers and health plans in the Puget Sound region.



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9.	Housing and Community Development Funds	Secure the following in Housing and Urban Development Appropriations: \$1.9 million for relocation costs for low income floodplain residents at high risk of flooding (40-50 trailers @ Cedar Grove Mobile Home Park).
10.	Energy Efficiency	Secure the following in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Account: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. \$750,000 for the Issaquah Highlands Zero Energy Affordable Housing Project;2. \$240,000 for the Low-Energy Bus Yard Lighting Project.
11.	Superior Court	Secure \$2.0 million in the Commerce, Science, Justice Appropriations bill in the COPS Technology Account for the development and implementation of the King County Superior Court Criminal Tracking System.
12.	Flood Control	Secure an authorization in the Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization and \$7.0 million in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill under the Army Corps of Engineers Section 205 account for the Green River Levee Reconstruction Project.



**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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Legislative Interests**

Attachment B
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1.	Transportation	<p>Support legislation that would supplement the definition of “Bridge” as used in section 650.403 of the Code of Federal Regulations to include short span structures whose replacement would be more than 20 feet long. This would allow short-spans to qualify for the federal bridge replacement and rehabilitation program.</p> <p>Support the reauthorization of the Airport Improvement Program. (On September 23, 2008, Congress approved H.R. 6984 reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration through March 31, 2009.)</p> <p>Support the reauthorization of the SAFETEA-LU legislation (authorizing all surface transportation programs) with a special emphasis on transportation components of the Climate Communities’ Climate Action Blue Print for President Obama and the 111 Congress to address a more balanced investment in highway and mass transit; with a special emphasis on reducing the transportation sectors impact on climate change.</p> <p>Support continued solvency of the Highway Trust Fund and oppose any raiding of Federal Transit Administration Funds to offset the shortfall.</p> <p>Support mileage reimbursement for volunteers and carpools. Support increased transit funding in the reauthorization of the SAFETEA-LU legislation.</p> <p>Support the development of energy efficient buses and providing funds to defray the cost differential for hybrid buses.</p> <p>Support the following flood control projects: \$3 million North Bend request for improved flood conveyance across SR202.</p>
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2.	Lake Washington Ship Canal	Support funds (amount TBD) in the Energy and Water Appropriation bill for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe request for permanent solutions for fish passage problems at the Lake Washington Ship Canal.
3.	Workforce Development	Support \$500,000 in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill for the Seattle King County Workforce Development Council to integrate workforce training services into other social services currently offered to ex-offenders transitioning back into the community.
4.	Emergency Management	Support federal legislation to prohibit caller identification spoofing and to require higher caller location accuracy for manufacturers of telecommunications equipment. Monitor future activity pertaining to the FCC regulation requiring VoIP to provide e-911 service.
5.	Homeland Security/ Bioterrorism	<p>Support efforts to designate the Seattle/King County area as a Tier I threat area.</p> <p>Oppose imposition of non-federal matching requirements for federal homeland security funds.</p> <p>Oppose proposed 15% personnel cap on federal homeland security and emergency management funds.</p>
6.	Health Care Reform	<p>Support acceleration and expansion of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support health care reform legislation that includes payment reform based on quality, prevention and value-based care, expansion of public insurance coverage and access, preservation of private and employer-sponsored insurance, consumer engagement, and incentives for primary care recruitment; • Support public reporting of nationally-vetted process and outcome measures and cost transparency of all care regardless if paid for by private or public (e.g., Medicare) insurance; • Support health information technology, clinical information system adoption and clinical management capabilities; • Fund regional, interoperable health information technology networks;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund medical home/patient-centered care demonstration pilot programs; • Support legislation related to approval of biogenerics; • Support legislation related to developing criteria as to when a specialty drug should be included in a benefit plan; • Support legislation aimed at reducing employer costs or crediting employers for offering comprehensive health benefits, prevention and supportive wellness programs; and • Support legislation that reduces hospital acquired conditions and denies payment for services caused by hospital acquired conditions. <p>Support CMS and the Agency of Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) to continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly support cost-effective evidence-based medicine and medical practices; • Advocate the importance of improving quality of health care delivered; and <p>Secure grant funding to support the evaluation component of King County’s Healthy Incentives Initiative which employs a unique combination of strategies to drive down health care costs by improving employee health, as well as health education/wellness programs.</p>
7.	Housing and Community Development Funds	<p>Housing and Urban Development Appropriations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CDBG Program is able to spend funds and create jobs immediately by addressing its current backlog of projects. Restore funding to at least \$4.1 billion or more as part of any economic stimulus package; • Provide full funding for the Section 8 Program; • Fund the McKinney/Vento Act for Homeless Assistance at \$1.8 billion and ensure the renewal of Shelter Plus Care funding; • The HOME Program is able to spend funds and create jobs immediately by addressing its current backlog of projects. Fund the HOME Program to at least \$2 billion or more as part of any economic stimulus package; • Increase funding for the National Housing Trust Fund. Require funding to local governments based upon the same formula distribution factors used to allocate funds to state; and • Support legislation to amend and improve the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program. H.R. 5772 – the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008 will improve the Section 811 program and increase new Section 811 units every year.

8.	Homelessness Resources	Support legislation to provide supportive services to eliminate homelessness as outlined in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County by 2015.
9.	Immigration Reform	Support legislation that respects established civil rights, ensures due process of law for immigrants, including freedom from racial profiling and enforcement that is neither arbitrary nor selective, reunites and protects families, protects workers regardless of immigration status, offers a pathway to citizenship for the millions of undocumented immigrants in this nation.
10.	Workforce Training	Support Workforce Investment Act funding for dislocated workers, youth education and training funds, and Green Jobs. Support funding for the HUD Youthbuild program.
11.	Endangered Species	Oppose any attempts to weaken environmental protections provided by the Endangered Species Act.
12.	Natural Resources	Support legislation supporting a portion of federal transportation project mitigation funding is directed toward high priority salmon recovery projects within watersheds/WRIAs; allow for mitigation banking for ESA implementation.
13.	Abandoned Mines	Support legislation reauthorizing Abandoned Mines Land fund.
14.	Federal Cap & Trade System for Greenhouse Gas (carbon) Emissions and other mitigation efforts	Support the America's Climate Security Act of 2007 that creates a national "cap and trade" system for power plant operators and major industrial emitters. Include provisions to provide incentives for local governments to address their impacts on global warming, such as increase use of hybrid fleets and bio-diesel; hydrogen fuel cells and reclaimed water investments at wastewater treatment plants, and addressing the reduction of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by residents.
15.	Renewable Fuels	Support House and Senate bills calling for mandated minimum fuels content for ethanol in gasoline and bio-diesel in diesel.

16.	Electric Vehicle Promotion	Support funding for a pilot program to convert public agency fleets to electric and plug-in vehicles.
17.	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program	Support \$2 billion annual appropriation to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide assistance to local and state governments to develop and implement a comprehensive energy efficiency strategy which emphasizes a bottom-up, community-based approach in helping the nation meet its energy and climate protection goals.
18.	Climate Change	<p>Support provisions to provide funding for climate change adaptation planning and implementation (e.g., investments in sustainable resources, such as reclaimed water; evaluation and replacement of vulnerable infrastructure).</p> <p>Support legislation designed to facilitate the improvement of water management by the Bureau of Reclamation and take into account the impacts of global climate change on water resources.</p> <p>Support the Climate Communities' Climate Action Blue Print for the Obama Administration and the 111th Congress.</p>
19.	Clean Water Act (wetlands protection, infrastructure, CSO affordability, watershed management)	<p>Support legislative efforts to provide statutory protection for wetlands and other aquatic resources whose coverage under the Clean Water Act is in jeopardy from court decisions. Track federal agency efforts (EPA) to weaken such protections via administrative rulemakings.</p> <p>Support legislation to reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for water pollution infrastructure improvements of \$20 billion in FY 2008-2012, and authorize additional funding for sewer overflow projects. Maximize CWSRF funding appropriation to the maximum authorized amount.</p> <p>Support legislation to create a natural trust fund for water and wastewater infrastructure.</p> <p>Support legislation (S. 3443) directing EPA to revise the 1997 Combined Sewer Affordability Guidance to achieve a more integrated, flexible and site specific approach.</p> <p>Support legislative efforts (such as 21st Century Watershed Act) that aim to focus implementation of Clean Water Act on holistic watershed management, evaluating needs and prioritizing water quality, water quantity, and habitat at the watershed level.</p>

20.	Flood Control	<p>Support language allowing the use of federal funds for Right-of-Way acquisitions for Tukwila 205.</p> <p>Support the City of North Bend's funding request for the North Bend 205 Project.</p> <p>Secure \$20 million for Green River Levees Reconstruction in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill.</p> <p>Secure \$4 million for US Army Corps of Engineers to repair major damages on Horseshoe Bend Levy in Tukwila in Energy and Water Appropriations bill.</p>
21.	Public Safety	<p>Support the establishment of a National Methamphetamine Training and Technical Assistance Center in the State of Washington.</p> <p>Support the continued funding of the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative.</p> <p>Support legislation that would allow mentally ill offenders to retain Medicaid benefits for the purpose of maintaining medication for treating mental illness while being held in local jails for assessment and evaluation.</p> <p>Support enactment of the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act.</p>
22.	Forest Legacy Program	<p>Support continued funding for this program to set aside working forest lands. It would be useful in achieving the 100,000 acre goal.</p>
23.	Employee Free Choice	<p>Support enactment of legislation to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations (known in the 110th Congress as the Employee Free Choice Act, H.R. 800).</p>

24.	Waste Pharmaceuticals and Product Stewardship	<p>Support efforts to obtain a waiver from the Drug Enforcement Administration to allow safe collection of all waste medications, including controlled substances, as part of the pilot pharmaceutical collection project.</p> <p>Support Improved Chemicals Regulation and Reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Kids-Safe Chemicals Act - S.3040 and H.R. 6100 in 110th Congress – to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce exposure of children, workers and consumers to toxic chemicals 2. Support BPA-Free Kids Act - S.2928 in 110th Congress – to ban bisphenol-A in products for children under age seven. <p>Removing Federal Barriers to Pharmaceuticals Take-Back Programs.</p> <p>Promote inclusion of requirements in energy efficiency legislation to require manufacturers of fluorescent lights to finance and implement a take-back and recycling program to reduce mercury exposure.</p> <p>Oppose Federal Preemption of State/Local Chemicals Regulation & Product Stewardship to protect human health and the environment.</p>
25.	Transportation Fringe Benefit	<p>Raise transit/vanpool portion of 132(f) Transportation Fringe Benefit to equal parking benefit.</p>
26.	Puget Sound Protection and Recovery	<p>Support federal funding request for the Puget Sound Partnership in the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill.</p> <p>Support legislation similar to the 110th Congress' HR 6364 to establish an office within EPA to coordinate the expanded efforts to address pollution impacts on Puget Sound and authorize grants to local communities.</p> <p>Support including year-round permanent funding for the Neah Bay rescue tug in the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act.</p>
27.	Court Emergency Preparedness	<p>Support legislation to create a new grant program to assist state courts with emergency preparedness, which would expand on the allowable uses for state court emergency preparedness funding, including continuity of operations planning, pandemic planning, risk assessments, training and equipment</p>

28.	Mental Health	<p>Support legislation to address co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance abuse) eligibility and integration of services.</p> <p>Support legislation to modify 42 CFR Part 2 to allow for information on chemical dependency treatment to be shared when done for the purpose of offering services. Services include: housing, mental health treatment, physical health, and co-occurring disorder treatment.</p> <p>Support legislation such as the 110th Congress' Medicare Mental Health Co-payment and Equity Act of 2007 (S. 1715). Currently Medicare patients pay 50 percent for mental health outpatient treatment. S. 1715 reduces the Medicare payment to 20 percent.</p> <p>Support legislation to increase the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Washington state.</p>
29.	Public Health	<p>Withdraw proposed rule regarding "Provider Conscience Regulations" (73 Fed. Reg. 50274).</p> <p>Support omnibus family planning initiatives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase access to family planning services; • eliminate cost barriers for poor and low-income women; • ensure equity in prescription insurance and contraceptive coverage; and • protect teens against infection and unintended pregnancy. <p>Support legislation that re-authorizes the State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP) and expands SCHIP coverage to include families with higher incomes (300% of FPL).</p> <p>Support legislation that increases access to comprehensive oral healthcare services for adults and children living in underserved areas including rural and inner-city communities.</p> <p>Support inclusion of prevention/public health as part of any federal health care reform proposal.</p> <p>Reinstate CDC program and funding for an Academic Health Department in the County, which would support a partnership between the County and area universities to provide cutting edge care and to better healthcare workforce and for academic practice-based research.</p> <p>Support efforts to permanently abolish the 7 CMS regulations under moratoria.</p>

	<p>Make Steps to a Healthier US funding a priority of the new Administration</p> <p>Support increased funding in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including additional resources to address communicable diseases, to provide immunizations, to prevent and treat TB, to combat the spread of STDs, and expand the cancer screening and early detection programs.</p> <p>Support legislation to decrease health disparities.</p> <p>Pursue regulations to allow state Title V funded programs to participate in the 340 B Drug Pricing Program, thereby making contraceptives more affordable for women and men.</p> <p>Remove age restrictions for those 17 years old and younger over-the-counter emergency contraception.</p> <p>Support the creation of an interagency task force to develop and implement a national plan to halt and reverse the national obesity epidemic.</p> <p>Authorize resources for states to develop and test public health approaches to promote healthy eating and active living.</p> <p>Tobacco Master Settlement relating to marketing cigarettes to youth. Secure greater enforcement of the current Master Settlement agreement re: tobacco advertising in youth oriented magazines. Amend the current regulations for enforcement at the state level.</p> <p>Support Home visiting programs such as The Healthy Children and Families Act proposed in the 110th Congress (S. 1052/HR 3024) that allows states the option of offering, within SCHIP and Medicaid programs, evidence based nurse home visitation services such as NFP to low-income women/children. Also, the request through the Administration for Children and Families for evidence-based home visitation programs.</p> <p>Support the creation of a generic flexible funding pool of \$20 billion for public health.</p> <p>Support increased transparency and accountability through the development of performance measures and accreditation</p>
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30.	Repeal Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion	Facilities of greater than 16 beds that are primarily devoted to the care of psychiatric patients are deemed to be Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD). Persons in such a facility do not qualify for Medicaid and no Title XIX funding can be used for their care. The IMD Exclusion impacts over 400 individuals who reside in King County residential facilities.
31.	Solid Waste	<p>Support legislation similar to the 110th Congress' H.R. 1248 which would have ended unregulated solid waste operations along rail lines and the ability of these waste facilities to operate independent of state and local environmental, health and safety regulations.</p> <p>Support efforts to reverse the 2006 EPA-issued final rule (Toxics Release Burden Reduction Rule) that relaxed reporting requirements for the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). Reporting requirements for the most dangerous category of toxic chemicals, persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs), was also reduced.</p> <p>Support efforts to remove federal regulatory barriers that prohibit or restrict the development of a safe medicine return program for consumers.</p> <p>Support efforts to finalize the pesticide container recycling rule. The current rule proposal addresses only agricultural pesticide containers. A similar mandatory recycling program provided by pesticide manufacturers for residential and landscaping containers is also needed.</p> <p>Support efforts to ban the export of electronic waste collected by Electronics Recycling laws. Electronics waste from the US continues to be shipped overseas to countries which do not follow adequate recycling processes, resulting in highly hazardous exposure to workers and appalling environmental contamination</p>
32.	CSO Affordability Guidance	Support legislation similar to the 110 th Congress' S. 3443 to direct EPA to revise its 1997 CSO Affordability Guidance.
33.	Developmental Disabilities	Support legislative efforts to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for early intervention services to birth to three year old infants and toddlers with developmental delays.