



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 12, 2012

Motion 13681

Proposed No. 2012-0190.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION directing the executive to implement potential
2 strategies in support of active trail linkages as a means of
3 connecting regional trails with regional points of interest.

4 WHEREAS, through Ordinance 16942, in October 2010 the council established a
5 new Open Space resource category under the public benefits rating system entitled active
6 trail linkages, and

7 WHEREAS, that ordinance authorized tax incentives for private landowners in
8 exchange for allowing trail linkages between regional trails and regional points of interest
9 across privately owned land, and

10 WHEREAS, the executive completed and transmitted a report in October 2011
11 entitled Active Trail Linkages: Potential Application and Relationship to Other Trails,
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13 WHEREAS, that report concluded that implementing active trail linkages in
14 urban areas could be challenging but could complement other trail expansion efforts, and

15 WHEREAS, the report also identified a number of potential strategies to stimulate
16 interest in and to facilitate creation of public benefits rating system active trail linkages,
17 and

18 WHEREAS, those potential strategies included the following:

19 1. Develop a King County parks web page describing opportunities for donating
20 property or easements to the King County parks system and incorporate information
21 about active trail linkages;

22 2. Link the parks and recreation division web site information to the water and
23 land resource division's public benefit rating system web page;

24 3. Create a department of development and environmental services customer
25 service bulletin about active trail linkages;

26 4. Reduce or waive public benefit rating system review application fees for
27 landowners interested in enrolling properties in the active trail linkage category; and

28 5. Conduct a targeted mailing to landowners within key focus areas identified as
29 potential active trail linkage areas, and

30 WHEREAS, the council finds that those strategies are useful and appropriate
31 means of moving forward with the public benefit rating system active trail linkages;

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

33 The council directs the executive to proceed with implementation of these
34 strategies expeditiously. Where there is a need for council legislative action authorizing

35 any of the strategies, the executive shall transmit the recommended legislation to the
36 council by February 1, 2013.
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Motion 13681 was introduced on 5/21/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/11/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None