



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**December 12, 2017**

**Motion 15026**

**Proposed No. 2017-0499.1**

**Sponsors Dembowski, Upthegrove and  
Balducci**

1           A MOTION providing guidance on the establishment of a  
2           Metro transit department.

3           WHEREAS, the county has prioritized the goal of delivering a seamless network  
4 of transportation options to get people where they need to go, when they need to get there  
5 through Motion 14317 establishing countywide goals, and

6           WHEREAS, the county is projected to grow by more than 350,000 people and  
7 more than 450,000 jobs by 2040, and

8           WHEREAS, the Metro transit system currently meets the mobility needs  
9 associated with over 125 million annual passenger trips, and needs to grow to effectively  
10 serve the growth of the county's residential, jobs and social demands; and

11           WHEREAS, the council established the director of the transit division as a key  
12 subordinate unit and requested transmittal of a plan to transition the transit division from  
13 a subordinate division within the department of transportation to an executive department  
14 through Ordinance 18001, and

15           WHEREAS, the executive has directed the executive's staff to begin the  
16 formation of a Metro transit department to most expediently and innovatively meet the  
17 region's growth management challenges;

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

19           The executive is requested to:

20           A. Form a transition team to establish a Metro transit department by January 1,  
21 2019. This team, as it conducts its work to recommend organizational, operational and  
22 other changes to the transit general manager and the executive, may be called upon to  
23 brief the council's standing and regional committees;

24           B. Prepare the 2019-2020 executive proposed budget reflective of a Metro transit  
25 department and related changes to other King County departments, funds and rates;

26           C. Develop and transmit an ordinance that would amend K.C.C. chapter 2.16 to  
27 establish a Metro transit department with organizational emphasis on:

28               1. Delivery of mobility services to the people, businesses and communities of  
29 King County;

30               2. Innovation in the development, planning and delivery of mobility and transit  
31 services;

32               3. Performance-driven financial, technology and capital programs;

33               4. A foundational commitment to equity and reducing disparity through the  
34 power of mobility;

35               5. Strengthening and expanding partnerships with communities, as well as  
36 transportation providers and other entities;

37               6. Meaningful and inclusive community engagement; and

38               7. Investing in our most-valuable resources - our employees; and

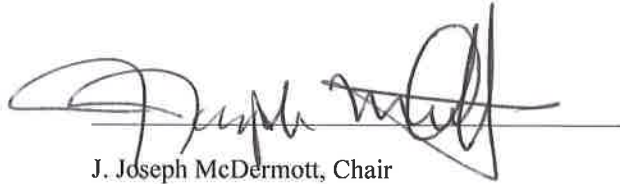
39           D. Develop and transmit legislation addressing funds, fund management policies,

40 financial policies and other legislation as appropriate to this county organizational  
41 change.  
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Motion 15026 was introduced on 12/4/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 12/11/2017, by the following vote:


Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr.  
Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Mr. Gossett and Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



**Attachments:** None