



# KING COUNTY

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## Signature Report

November 14, 2018

### Motion 15253

**Proposed No.** 2018-0543.2

**Sponsors** Balducci and Kohl-Welles

1           A MOTION outlining a process to develop a regional  
2           mobility framework that will ensure that innovations in  
3           mobility put people first, use public space equitably and  
4           efficiently and are coordinated with transit policies and  
5           regional funding strategies.

6           WHEREAS, in addition to an increasing reliance on public transit, the region's  
7 residents are turning to mobility and technology options as an alternative to single  
8 occupancy vehicles, including: walking; bicycling; telecommuting; ordering online;  
9 using taxis, transportation network companies, carpools, vanpools and ride share options;  
10 and experimenting with new technologies and opportunities, including bike-share  
11 companies and passenger information applications, and

12           WHEREAS, in response to the growth in new mobility options, in September  
13 2014 the King County council adopted Ordinance 17892, which set new regulations for  
14 for-hire transportation, including taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, for-hire drivers and  
15 transportation network companies, and

16           WHEREAS, to outline a shared vision in which all people have equitable  
17 opportunities to thrive, in 2016, King County developed an equity and social justice  
18 strategic plan, 2016-2022, and

19           WHEREAS, in June 2016, the King County council adopted Ordinance 18301,

20 which adopted updates to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and the  
21 King County Metro Service Guidelines, which identify the criteria of corridor  
22 productivity, social equity and geographic value in setting transit service levels, and

23 WHEREAS, in January 2017, the King County council adopted Ordinance 18449,  
24 which adopted METRO CONNECTS, a long-range transit service and capital plan that  
25 outlines a vision for a seventy percent increase in bus service hours by 2040,  
26 accompanied by significant capital investments in fleet, operating base capacity,  
27 passenger access and facilities, transit pathways and other needs, and

28 WHEREAS, in August 2018, the King County council adopted Ordinance 18777,  
29 which established the King County Metro transit department, and

30 WHEREAS, King County Metro has expressed the goal of delivering more and  
31 better mobility solutions by making transit easy to use and available to all, building  
32 necessary transit infrastructure, partnering with cities and other stakeholders, and  
33 enabling Metro employees to do top quality work, and

34 WHEREAS, King County Metro has expressed the goal of embracing and leading  
35 on innovations in the transportation market by facilitating new mobility partnerships, and

36 WHEREAS, King County has stated its commitment to increasing equity in  
37 mobility by planning, developing and delivering mobility solutions that provide access to  
38 opportunities for people with low or no incomes, people of color, seniors, people with  
39 limited English proficiency, people with disabilities and those who commute during non-  
40 peak travel periods or live or work in rural areas, and

41 WHEREAS, jurisdictions and transit agencies must develop policies around  
42 mobility innovations in the context of quickly emerging technologies, and

43 WHEREAS, as these mobility policies are developed, it is essential that  
44 jurisdictions and transit agencies learn from the lessons of the past, so that innovations in  
45 mobility are implemented with intention, in ways that put people first and use public  
46 space efficiently and equitably;

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

48 A. The Metro transit department, under the leadership of the executive and  
49 working in coordination with the council, should begin a planning effort during 2019 to  
50 develop a framework for the equitable implementation of innovations in transit service  
51 and mobility.

52 B. The framework should include, but is not limited to:

53 1. A review of emerging technologies and local and national best practices;

54 2. Analysis of potential implications for the Metro transit department and  
55 opportunities to coordinate mobility innovations with fixed-route and other services;

56 3. Coordination with the regional planning, coordination and funding efforts to  
57 address the implementation of METRO CONNECTS, consistent with the strategy  
58 identified in Motion XXXX (Proposed Motion 2018-0542);

59 4. Outreach and engagement with regional partners, transit riders and local  
60 communities, including but not limited to low-income populations, communities of color,  
61 immigrants and refugees, and limited English speaking populations;

62 5. A review of potential policies for the allocation of public space, including  
63 streets, sidewalks, transit stops and station areas, focused on efficiency and equity of use;

64 6. A review of industry-wide workforce trends, including the potential  
65 implications of new mobility options on labor needs, career opportunities, recruitment,

66 training and economic prospects of transportation workers;

67           7. Guiding principles that will inform the framework development work,  
68 including putting people first; and

69           8. Potential revisions and updates to countywide public transit documents  
70 including but not limited to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, the King County  
71 Metro service guidelines and the METRO CONNECTS long-range plan.

72           C. Metro Transit should develop a scoping document outlining the proposed  
73 coordination with the regional planning effort outlined in Motion XXXX (Proposed  
74 Motion 2018-0542), as well as the timeline, expected work tasks and budget to develop  
75 the mobility framework, and should file this scoping document by April 18, 2019, in the  
76 form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall  
77 retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief

78 of staff and the lead staff for the regional transit committee and the lead staff of the  
79 mobility committee, or its successor.  
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Motion 15253 was introduced on 11/5/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/13/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



**Attachments:** None