



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Motion 16078**

**Proposed No.** 2022-0150.1

**Sponsors** Balducci, Kohl-Welles, Perry  
and Zahiray

1           A MOTION requesting that the executive prepare a  
2           feasibility assessment report and implementation plan on  
3           King County's ability to facilitate the manufacture of  
4           concrete for use in county projects and projects of public  
5           partner entities.

6           WHEREAS, concrete is not only the backbone of the construction industry, but it  
7           is also foundational to the economic stability and growth of the region, and

8           WHEREAS, because a labor dispute with a limited number of companies has  
9           caused significant delays or shut down nearly all local public sector and private  
10          construction, the local concrete market is failing the county and region, and

11          WHEREAS, the labor dispute has for more than the last one hundred days,  
12          significantly reduced the availability of local commercial-scale production of concrete,  
13          and

14          WHEREAS, King County respects and recognizes the collective bargaining  
15          process and continues to urge the parties to return to the negotiating table with federal  
16          mediators, to bring an end to this region's debilitating dispute, and

17          WHEREAS, current public infrastructure projects like Sound Transit light rail  
18          expansion, West Seattle bridge reopening, Washington state Convention Center  
19          expansion, University of Washington's Behavioral Health Hospital, completion of the

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20 Georgetown wet weather facility and the Metro transit department's rapid ride H and G  
21 lines are experiencing costly delay due to the labor dispute, and

22 WHEREAS, this ongoing dispute may harm future projects and result in costly  
23 delays or cancellation of taxpayer-funded work, such as expansion of Harborview  
24 Medical Center, and electrification of Metro transit department's south base, as well as  
25 road safety improvements in the unincorporated area, and

26 WHEREAS, the ongoing dispute is also impairing private development, including  
27 housing construction, during the current housing crisis when need for homes is greater  
28 than available housing, and

29 WHEREAS, the ongoing dispute is resulting in layoffs for thousands of  
30 construction workers and construction related jobs just as the region is recovering from  
31 the COVID-19 global pandemic, and

32 WHEREAS, because concrete can travel a limited distance to a job site, it is  
33 necessary for King County and its jurisdictional and public agency partners to explore the  
34 public manufacture of concrete for King County and public partner projects to ensure the  
35 next decade of taxpayer-funded infrastructure projects are able to move forward with  
36 minimal delay;

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

38 A. The council requests that the executive submit for the council's review a  
39 feasibility assessment report and implementation plan on King County's ability to  
40 facilitate the public manufacture of concrete. The report and plan shall be developed in  
41 consultation with stakeholders such as but not limited to Sound Transit, the Washington  
42 state Department of Transportation, the Port of Seattle, the University of Washington, the

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43 city of Seattle and other interested jurisdictions around the county, representatives from  
44 organized labor who work in the concrete industry, and shall include at a minimum:

45 1. A feasibility assessment of the county's ability to partner with other public  
46 agencies to facilitate manufacture concrete for use in public building and construction,  
47 including:

48 a. identification of the elements necessary for the county to facilitate the  
49 manufacture of concrete for use in county building and construction and projects of  
50 public partner entities;

51 b. identification of property where such manufacturing could occur and what  
52 improvements to property would be necessary for the public manufacture of concrete;

53 c. a survey of jurisdictions and public entities that may wish to partner with the  
54 county in facilitating the public manufacture of concrete and use of publicly  
55 manufactured concrete;

56 d. a fiscal analysis of the cost and benefits of the county facilitating the public  
57 manufacture of concrete;

58 e. operational, policy and legal analysis of the county's role in facilitating the  
59 public manufacture of concrete, including consideration of whether operations should be  
60 contracted to an outside entity or conducted by employees of the county or other public  
61 agency, and partnerships with public entities; and

62 f. identification of any opportunities in the public manufacture of concrete that  
63 may benefit private entities in need of concrete; and

64 2. An implementation plan for the public manufacture of concrete, including:

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- 65           a. a process for jurisdictions and public entities to partner in the public  
66 manufacturing of concrete;
- 67           b. an estimated timeline of major milestones for implementing the public  
68 manufacturing of concrete;
- 69           c. a financial plan that identifies estimated costs and revenues for the public  
70 manufacture of concrete; and
- 71           d. identification of any changes needed to the King County code to enable the  
72 county to facilitate the public manufacture of concrete.
- 73           B. The executive shall file the feasibility assessment report and implementation  
74 plan on King County's ability to facilitate the manufacture of concrete by December 1,  
75 2022, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council.  
76 The clerk of the council shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all

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- 77 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director and the lead staff for  
78 committee of the whole, or their successors.

Motion 16078 was introduced on 3/22/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/22/2022, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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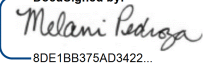
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