



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Motion 16328**

**Proposed No.** 2023-0048.1

**Sponsors** Dembowski

1           A MOTION accepting the King County-Cities Climate  
2           Collaboration (K4C) 2023 Work Plan and Budget, prepared  
3           as the annual work plan and budget requested under Motion  
4           14449.

5           WHEREAS, confronting climate change through effective strategies to reduce  
6           greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate requires an  
7           integrated countywide effort involving public, private and non-governmental  
8           partnerships, and

9           WHEREAS, the King County executive and council unanimously adopted the  
10          2020 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, and

11          WHEREAS, the 2020 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan supports  
12          progress toward achieving the countywide goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by  
13          fifty percent by 2030, and

14          WHEREAS, King County will continue to play a key role in the King County-  
15          Cities Climate Collaboration, whose members represent more than eighty percent of the  
16          population of the county, and which lays out a shared countywide vision for reducing  
17          health- and environment-threatening greenhouse gas emissions upon which the 2020  
18          King County Strategic Climate Action Plan is built, and

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19           WHEREAS, the 2020 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan strengthens the  
20 county's strategy to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate on local communities,  
21 infrastructure, economy, public health and safety and the natural environment, and

22           WHEREAS, the 2020 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan is developed  
23 with an environmental justice framework in partnership with frontline communities  
24 disproportionately impacted by climate change and in a manner consistent with  
25 Ordinance 16948, which establishes the county's fair and just principle, and

26           WHEREAS, consistent with Ordinance 17285, which authorized the interlocal  
27 agreement for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, and with Motion 14449,  
28 which adopted the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, the executive was  
29 requested to coordinate with staff of the transportation, economy and environment  
30 committee, or its successor, in developing the annual work plans and budget for the King  
31 County-Cities Climate Collaboration under the interlocal agreement, and

32           WHEREAS, Motion 14449 also requested that the executive submit by January  
33 31, 2016, and every year thereafter, the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration annual  
34 work plan and budget to the council for acceptance by motion;

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

36           The King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) 2023 Work Plan and

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- 37 Budget, which is Attachment A to this motion and prepared as the annual work plan and  
38 budget as requested by Motion 14449, is hereby accepted.

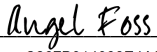
Motion 16328 was introduced on 2/21/2023 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/4/2023, by the following vote:

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

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**Attachments:** A. King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), 2023 Annual Work Plan and Budget, January 31, 2023

## **King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) 2023 Annual Work Plan and Budget**

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January 31, 2023



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## II. Motion Text

Motion 14449, Section B, Paragraph 1<sup>1</sup>:

B. Consistent with Ordinance 17285, which authorized the Interlocal Agreement for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, the executive is requested to coordinate with staff of the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor, in developing the annual work plans and budget for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration under the interlocal agreement. The executive is requested to submit by January 31, and every year thereafter, the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration annual work plan and budget to the council for acceptance by motion.

Motion 14449 is also attached as Appendix A.

## III. Executive Summary

This report provides annual information about the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration<sup>2</sup> (K4C) work plan and budget, as required by Motion 14449. This is the eighth annual K4C work plan and budget submitted to the King County Council.

The K4C is a voluntary but formal partnership of King County, 20 cities, and the Port of Seattle (“partners”), focused on coordinating and enhancing the effectiveness of local climate and sustainability action<sup>3</sup>. In 2022, the cities of Bothell, Duvall, Maple Valley, and North Bend joined the K4C as new partners. K4C partners now represent the local governments of more than 85 percent of the King County’s 2.3 million residents. The work of K4C partners is guided by the K4C’s Joint Climate Action Commitments, which were updated in 2019<sup>4</sup>.

In 2022, examples of K4C work included to: partner to implement the K4C’s Joint Climate Action Commitments; support use of a Climate Action Toolkit (adopted by the King County Council in 2021); coordinate on and pursue new state and federal funding for local climate action; identify and develop shared K4C State Policy and Legislative Interests for 2023; host two K4C elected official work sessions; engage on adoption of new state commercial and residential energy codes; and complete the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis project, among other accomplishments.

The K4C budget is based on shared contributions by K4C partners, as stipulated in the K4C interlocal agreement (ILA). The K4C budget for 2023 is projected to be \$52,500. None of these funds have yet been dedicated by K4C partners to a particular project.

Much of the K4C’s work is completed by participants and elected officials of K4C partners and is not part of the K4C budget. Examples of 2022 work included supporting city participant work to integrate new climate-related Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) into updates to city comprehensive plans;

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<sup>1</sup> [Motion 14449](#)

<sup>2</sup> [King County-Cities Climate Collaboration \(K4C\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> K4C partners as of 12/14/22 include the cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Duvall, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, North Bend, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Seattle, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, Tukwila; the Port of Seattle; and King County.

<sup>4</sup> [K4C Joint Climate Action Commitments](#)

developing new communications tools and outcomes related to the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis project; supporting engagement by elected officials on state legislative issues; engaging in development of regional approaches for energy and fossil fuel reduction programs; and engaging on climate preparedness topics such as development of a first-ever countywide Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy.

The work of the K4C is an important part of the County’s commitment to and support of climate action and is integrated with King County’s 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan<sup>5</sup>.

## IV. Background

**Organizational Overview:** The King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) is a voluntary but formal partnership of King County, 20 cities, and the Port of Seattle (“partners”) focused on coordinating and enhancing the effectiveness of local government’s actions on climate and sustainability. K4C partners collaborate on the following:

- Outreach – to develop, refine, and utilize messaging and tools for climate change outreach to engage decision makers, other cities, and the general public;
- Coordination – to adopt consistent standards, benchmarks, strategies, and overall goals related to climate change response;
- Solutions – to share local success stories, challenges, data, and products that support and enhance climate mitigation efforts by all partners; and
- Funding and resources – to secure grant funding and other shared resource opportunities to support climate-related projects and programs<sup>6,7</sup>.

The King County Executive Office and Department of Natural Resources and Parks help lead and support the K4C, with support and participation from Metro Transit, the Department of Executive Services, and the Department of Local Services. Participants and elected officials from each K4C partner are equal decision makers and partners in the work of the K4C. In 2023 and beyond, the new Executive Climate Office, as approved in the 2023/2024 King County budget, is expected to help lead the K4C.

**Key Historical Context:** This report is the eighth annual K4C work plan and budget to be submitted to the King County Council, as required by Motion 14449<sup>8</sup>. Details of the requirements of Motion 14449 are included in Section II of this report.

**Key Current Context:** In 2022, examples of K4C work included to: partner to implement the K4C’s Joint Climate Action Commitments; support use of a Climate Action Toolkit (adopted by the King County Council in 2021); coordinate on and pursue new state and federal funding for local climate action; identify and develop shared K4C State Policy and Legislative Interests for 2023; engage on new state

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<sup>5</sup> [King County 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan](#)

<sup>6</sup> [King County-Cities Climate Collaboration \(K4C\)](#)

<sup>7</sup> K4C partners as of 12/14/22 include the cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Duvall, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, North Bend, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Seattle, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, Tukwila; the Port of Seattle; and King County.

<sup>8</sup> [Motion 14449](#)

commercial and residential energy codes; and complete the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis project, among other accomplishments<sup>9, 10, 11, 12</sup>.

Four new partners (Bothell, Duvall, Maple Valley, and North Bend) joined the K4C in 2022. In part to help orient new partners to the work of the K4C, and to help engage new participants and elected officials from existing partners, partners hosted a “K4C 101” webinar, which was open to all members of the public on March 30, 2022<sup>13</sup>. The presentation included: (1) a brief history of the K4C; information on what the K4C has been working on; (2) how partners work together; (3) information on how new cities can join the K4C; and (4) the benefits of membership.

Additionally, in 2022, the K4C hosted two Elected Official Work Sessions:

The April 2022 Elected Official Work Session focused on the following:

- Federal and State Grant Resources for local climate action;
- Integrating Climate and Resiliency into Comprehensive Planning;
- Mobility Safety is a Climate and Public Health Policy; and
- 2022 State Legislative Session Recap.

Following this Work Session, King County Executive Dow Constantine, Bellevue Council Member Janice Zahn, and Maple Valley Council Member Victoria Schroff hosted a virtual Town Hall to discuss key themes from the April 2022 K4C Elected Official Work Session<sup>14</sup>.

The October 2022 K4C Elected Official Work Session was led by guest speakers who provided an update to the County’s communitywide geographic and consumption-based greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and highlighted several tools for local governments developed through the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis project. Elected officials also reviewed and affirmed the K4C State Policy and Legislative Interests for 2023. These are the legislative interests for the 2023 Washington State Legislative Session which guide members’ actions and advocacy.

**Report Methodology:** This report was drafted by participants that support the K4C. The report summarizes decisions and work completed in 2022 and outlines the 2023 K4C work plan and priorities building on this recent work. No additional outreach was conducted for the preparation of this report. This report builds on previous K4C work plans and budgets that have been submitted to the King County Council annually since 2016.

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<sup>9</sup> [K4C Joint Climate Action Commitments](#)

<sup>10</sup> [Climate Action Toolkit](#)

<sup>11</sup> [K4C State Policy and Legislative Interests for 2023](#)

<sup>12</sup> [Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis](#)

<sup>13</sup> [“K4C 101” webinar](#)

<sup>14</sup> [K4C April 2022 Virtual Town Hall](#)



## V. Report Requirements

This report is organized to respond to and to align with Motion 14449, which requires coordination and information annually about the K4C's budget and work plan. This section includes the following:

- A. Budget
- B. Work Plan

### A. Budget

The K4C budget is based on shared contributions by K4C partners as stipulated in the K4C Interlocal Agreement (ILA)<sup>15</sup>. The table below shows annual expected contributions for 2023 based on contributing K4C partners as of December 14, 2022. The population of several cities in the K4C has increased compared to population estimates in the K4C ILA, and these cities' annual contributions have been updated in coordination with K4C partners. The total expected K4C budget for 2023 is summarized below (\$52,500). None of the budget for 2023 has yet been designated for any projects.

Partner	Annual contribution
Bellevue	\$2,500
Bothell	\$1,200
Burien	\$2,000
Duvall	\$700
Issaquah	\$2,000
Kenmore	\$1,200
Kent	\$2,500
King County	\$10,000
Kirkland	\$2,500
Lake Forest Park	\$700
Maple Valley	\$1,200
Mercer Island	\$1,200
Normandy Park	\$700
North Bend	\$700
Port of Seattle	\$7,000
Redmond	\$2,500
Renton	\$2,500
Sammamish	\$2,500
Seattle	\$5,000
Shoreline	\$2,000
Snoqualmie	\$700
Tukwila	\$1,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,500</b>

<sup>15</sup> [K4C Interlocal Agreement](#)

## B. Work Plan

The K4C’s 2023 Work Plan focuses on the priorities below and supporting actions organized by relevant sections of the K4C’s Joint Climate Action Commitments. Priorities are recommended by elected officials at Elected Official Work Sessions, as defined in the K4C’s Joint Climate Action Commitments, and as developed in shared K4C State Policy and Legislative Interests. Much of the K4C’s work is completed by participants and elected officials of K4C partners and does not require K4C budget or expenditures.

Recent K4C budget related issues and decision making are summarized here: at the April 26, 2022, K4C Steering Committee meeting, 16 of 20 partners (4 partners did not vote), or 80 percent of partners, approved \$47,5000 of K4C funds for the “Climate and Comprehensive Planning Consultant Support – to develop shared K4C climate priorities and outcomes to support 2024 comprehensive planning” budget item.<sup>16</sup> After this K4C budget decision, the Washington State Department of Commerce provided a new “Early Action Climate Grants” opportunity to support similar work as already identified and budgeted by K4C partners. King County led a successful application process to support and expand the K4C identified budget item and was awarded \$79,200 (on July 19, 2022) for this work<sup>17</sup>. This grant funded project will be completed by early 2023. The K4C funding that had been set aside before the grant was awarded to support the comprehensive plan work is available to be repurposed pending direction of K4C partners. Additional budget expenditures will be decided on by formal vote of K4C partners.

### 1. Shared Goals

- In 2022, the Growth Management Planning Council adopted new Countywide Planning Policies that strengthened shared County and city GHG emission targets and updated related measurement policies<sup>18</sup>. In 2023, K4C will continue to support partners integrating these new shared targets and related climate policies into comprehensive plan updates and city climate and sustainability plans and actions.

<b>K4C and the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project – Summary of Deliverables</b>	
<i>The K4C partnered (with participant time and budget) with King County, the Puget Sound Regional Council, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, the City of Seattle, Snohomish County, Kitsap County, and Pierce County on a comprehensive data and inventory update about local GHG emissions sources and trends.<sup>19</sup> The project, named the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project, was completed in 2022. A major goal of this work was to provide as much city-specific data as possible to each K4C partner (and other cities in King County), while recognizing that some data may only be available at a broader geographic level. Additional trainings and communications about the project results and tools will continue in 2023.</i>	
<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Deliverable Details</b>
King County Geographic GHG Emissions Inventory and Report	This report provides a 2019 and 2020 update of the county’s communitywide geographic GHG emissions. The report includes: (1) a progress update of trends and progress toward the County’s GHG emission reduction goals; (2) an analysis that quantifies drivers of changes in emissions; and (3) a wedge analysis that develops

<sup>16</sup> The K4C ILA includes a stipulation that at least 75 percent of partners must approve of each budget expenditure.

<sup>17</sup> [Commerce awards \\$2.1 million in grants to help 27 communities plan for climate change.](#)

<sup>18</sup> [Countywide Planning Policies](#)

<sup>19</sup> The only project funded by the K4C in 2022 was to use \$50,411 (total amount allocated in 2021 and 2022) to expand the scope of the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis project to include city requested deliverables.

	scenarios of emissions reduction actions and policies that combined achieve adopted GHG reduction targets <sup>20</sup> .
King County Consumption GHG Emissions Inventory and Wedge Report	This report estimates GHG emissions associated with the consumption by all residents of King County. It is equivalent to a personal household carbon footprint estimate, except estimated for all households. Consumption-based emissions are modeled based on local variables such as income and vehicle ownership. These GHG emissions come from the goods and services that are purchased and consumed locally but are produced across the globe.
Geographic GHG Emissions Inventory Database	This dashboard and database tool allows users to explore local geographic sources of community GHG emissions for King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties and each of the 39 cities in King County.
Geographic GHG Wedge Planning Tool	This planning tool allows users to explore and customize different scenarios to achieve deep reductions in community geographic GHG emissions for King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties and each of the 39 cities in King County.
Consumption GHG Wedge Planning Tool	This planning tool allows users to explore and customize different scenarios to achieve deep reductions in community consumption GHG emissions for King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

**2. Climate Policy**

- The K4C developed shared State Policy and Legislative Interests for 2023 that K4C partners can use in support of developing legislative agendas and can use as a basis for drafting sign on letters or testimony.
- Several K4C Elected Officials are engaged through an ongoing K4C Elected Outreach Committee, which includes working on state legislative issues. In 2022, the K4C Elected Outreach Committee included participation from elected officials including those from the cities of Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Mercer Island, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, as well as the King County Council and the Port of Seattle.
- The K4C Outreach Committee will track and analyze state bills throughout the session and advocate for bills and investments that will advance the K4C Joint Commitments.
  - Climate-related goals in the 2023 State Legislative Session, as detailed by Washington Governor Inslee, include:
    - effectively siting and permitting clean energy and transmission to power homes, vehicles and businesses;
    - planning for livable, resilient communities with clean transportation;
    - mobilizing a workforce and creating a Climate Corps service program to build clean-energy and climate-resilient future; and
    - building the clean energy future in Washington<sup>21</sup>.
  - Additionally, the Governor’s proposed 2023-2025 budget includes \$1.867 billion in state funds for:
    - advancing environmental justice;
    - decarbonizing buildings;

<sup>20</sup> A wedge analysis is a scenario of emissions reduction actions and policies that are estimated to quantify the total GHG impact of each action or policy.

<sup>21</sup> [Washington Governor Inslee Proposed 2023-2025 Climate Budget and Policy Highlights](#)

- clean energy permitting and transmission;
- clean energy development;
- clean transportation;
- clean energy workforce; and
- climate resilience.

### 3. Transportation and Land Use

- K4C partners will work to update local plans and incentives to support transit-friendly development and easy connections, including through updates to city and county comprehensive plans.
- K4C partners will learn about and, as appropriate, support countywide transportation-related policy updates, such as related to Metro’s Service Guidelines and equitable transit-oriented development policies.

### 4. Clean Fuels and Electric Vehicles

- K4C partners will support engagement and partnership with utilities and organizations to develop pilots or programs to incentivize the transition to electric vehicle (EV) ownership.
- In 2022, new requirements for EV charging infrastructure were included in state building code updates. K4C partners will continue to engage to ensure new buildings have appropriate EV infrastructure included.
- K4C and King County Metro Transit will coordinate on countywide EV data compilation and information sharing, for example, on electric buses and public EV purchases.

### 5. Energy Supply

- K4C partners will continue engagement between elected officials, Puget Sound Energy (PSE), Seattle City Light, and state utility regulators to work toward a renewable energy-powered future, with accelerated coal phase-out and limitation of new natural gas-based electricity. An example of this type of engagement is a March 2022 K4C letter on PSE’s Clean Energy Implementation Plan<sup>22</sup>.
- K4C partners will continue to work to develop regional approaches to supporting energy retrofit and building decarbonization programs. For example, through the implementation of the Commercial - Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (C-PACER); the Energy Smart Eastside: Heat Pump Campaign (Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and Redmond); and the Energize!: Free heat pumps for income-qualified residents - King County Program<sup>23, 24, 25</sup>.

### 6. Green Building and Energy Efficiency

- In 2022, K4C partners engaged on development and adoption of new stronger commercial and residential building and energy codes. Examples of K4C engagement include a March 2022 K4C comment letter to the Washington State Building Code Council on the commercial energy code and an October 2022 K4C comment letter to the Washington State Building Code Council on the

<sup>22</sup> [March 2022 K4C letter on PSE’s Clean Energy Implementation Plan](#)

<sup>23</sup> [Commercial - Property Assessed Clean Energy Program \(C-PACER\)](#)

<sup>24</sup> [Energy Smart Eastside: Heat Pump Campaign](#)

<sup>25</sup> [Energize!: Free heat pumps for income-qualified residents - King County Program](#)

residential energy code<sup>26, 27</sup>. Washington State adopted the strongest commercial energy codes in the nation and also strengthened residential codes by requiring efficiency heat pumps among other improvements.

- K4C will continue to partner through the Regional Code Collaboration<sup>28</sup> on implementation and development of ambitious energy and green building policies and codes, including advancing energy efficiency in small residential buildings.
- K4C partners will consider using the K4C budget to support tools and training as new energy code requirements are adopted.
- K4C will collaborate with the Washington State Department of Commerce to increase awareness of, and provide support to, building owners about new incentives for energy efficiency projects related to the State’s Clean Buildings Act.

## 7. Consumption and Materials Management

- **Re+:** K4C partners will continue to engage on and support the Re+ (zero waste) regional work to support a more circular economy, in which waste is minimized and materials stay in use longer, thereby reducing GHG emissions<sup>29</sup>. This Re+ plan was developed with support of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee through a convened Task Force that includes many cities. This work will help develop and implement related policy, projects, and programs focused on options for (1) waste prevention and reuse, (2) product stewardship, recycling, and composting, and (3) beneficial use. Strategies will include a combination of education, incentives, and regulatory tools. In 2022, several K4C partners signed on to a Re+ pledge of support.
- **Tools to Reduce Consumption Emissions:** Building on K4C participation and contributions to the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project, K4C partners will continue to collaborate with King County on community engagement and strategy development to support development of new tools and guidance to inform choice and use of low-GHG-emissions products and services, so that residents, governments, and businesses can understand and play their part in reducing GHG emissions.<sup>30</sup>

## 8. Forests and Farming

- In May 2022, King County briefed K4C partners on a new King County Urban Forest Forum – and provided an opportunity for K4C partners to participate in a new County-convened forum of cities to share information and better support urban forest conservation and management.
- In 2023, K4C partners will continue to work to increase tree canopy, improve forest health, and encourage tree planting, including through King County’s 3 Million Trees initiative and in support of the King County 30-Year Forest Plan, which was developed with input from K4C partners<sup>31, 32</sup>.

<sup>26</sup> [March 2022 K4C comment letter to the Washington State Building Code Council on the commercial energy code](#)

<sup>27</sup> [October 2022 K4C comment letter to the Washington State Building Code Council on the residential energy code](#)

<sup>28</sup> [The Regional Code Collaboration: Municipal Cooperation to Advance Sustainability - King County GreenTools](#)

<sup>29</sup> [Re+ \(zero waste\) - King County](#)

<sup>30</sup> Low-GHG-emissions products include those sustainably produced and delivered. Low-GHG-emissions services are those that have low emissions and/or that are provided by companies that have reduced their GHG footprint.

<sup>31</sup> [King County’s 3 Million Trees initiative](#)

<sup>32</sup> [King County 30-Year Forest Plan](#)

## 9. Government Operations

- K4C partners will increase use of clean vehicles and alternative fuels in local fleets. For example, King County will continue to host Fleet Managers Working Group<sup>33</sup> events with the K4C to enhance the sharing of information and support development of best practices for vehicle use and fleet investments across partners.
- K4C partners will reduce energy use in their facilities and operations to reduce GHG emissions, with support from King County and the K4C partnership. For example, King County offers low-cost financing through the Cities Fund to Reduce Energy Demand (C-FRED) loan program. All cities are encouraged to use this program to invest in their own projects.
- K4C partners will support analysis for partners and engagement with PSE and the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission on the Green Direct electricity program<sup>34</sup>.
- K4C partners will increase demand for recycled content-products and materials, such as compost and recycled plastic, by exploring and implementing best practices in sustainable procurement policies and actions.

## 10. Climate Preparedness

- K4C participants will continue to expand the K4C collaborative approach to include preparedness topics and issues, which will increase community resilience by planning and preparing for the impacts of climate change on K4C communities.
- In coordination with King County, K4C will continue to implement a preparedness agenda and engage on preparedness issues such as stormwater and climate impacts; the Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy; and development of a countywide Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy<sup>35, 36</sup>.

## 11. Collaboration

- *Green Building and Code Collaboration:* K4C partners with a green building collaborative effort called the Regional Code Collaboration, which includes partners outside of King County, and is focused on code development for local governments to further sustainability and climate action. The K4C will continue to partner with this and related green building efforts and groups.
- *Local Best Practices and Coordination:* In 2023, the K4C will continue to host and partner on participant session(s) to support local action. Examples in 2022 included partnering with the Municipal Research and Services Center on local climate action planning; engaging K4C partners on development of a countywide Green Jobs Strategy; participating with the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative on issues such as climate preparedness and comprehensive planning; sharing details of the City of Bellevue's Land Use Planning & Air Quality Report and analyses; and sharing information and coordinating participation in the EnviroStars program.
- *Funding Climate Action:* K4C partners shared information and began to prepare for expected new state and federal funding opportunities to support local climate action. For example, for the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program and Inflation Reduction Act incentives and programs.

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<sup>33</sup> The Fleet Managers Working Group is a King County team led by the Fleet Services Division that, as part of its role, works to implement the County's commitment to increase the efficiency of County vehicle fleets and minimize their GHG emissions.

<sup>34</sup> [PSE | Green Direct Energy Partnership](#)

<sup>35</sup> [Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy](#)

<sup>36</sup> [Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy](#)

## **VI. Conclusion/Next Actions**

The 2023 K4C Work Plan and Budget build on the K4C's Joint Commitments, elected official input and engagement, and interests and direction of all K4C partners. The K4C budget is defined by the K4C ILA. The 2023 spending priorities will align with the direction provided by the K4C's Joint Climate Action Commitments and recommendations from K4C Elected Official Work Sessions.

The work of the K4C is an important part of the County's commitment to climate action, directly supporting a range of Priority Actions and Performance Measures in King County's 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan.

## **VII. Appendices**

Appendix A: Motion 14449



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**November 6, 2015**

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**Proposed No. 2015-0252.3**

**Sponsors Phillips and Dembowski**

1           A MOTION adopting the 2015 King County Strategic  
2           Climate Action Plan, submitted in compliance with K.C.C.  
3           18.25.010.A.4.

4           WHEREAS, K.C.C. 18.25.010.A.4. requires the King County executive to  
5           transmit to the council a plan by June 29, 2015 updating the King County Strategic  
6           Climate Action Plan, and

7           WHEREAS, with this motion, the executive has transmitted to the council as  
8           Attachment A to this motion the updated plan called for in K.C.C. 18.25.010.A.4., and

9           WHEREAS, confronting climate change through effective strategies to reduce  
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15          greenhouse gas emissions by eighty percent by 2050, and

16          WHEREAS, the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan identifies the  
17          county’s top sources of greenhouse gas emissions and quantifies the greenhouse gas  
18          emissions reduction benefits of key strategies, and



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19 WHEREAS, King County will continue to play a key role in the King County-  
20 Cities Climate Collaboration, whose members represent seventy-five percent of the  
21 population of the county, and which lays out a shared countywide vision for confronting  
22 climate change upon which the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan is built,  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan strengthens the  
25 county's strategy to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate on local communities,  
26 infrastructure, economy, public health and safety, and the natural environment, and

27 WHEREAS, the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan advances King  
28 County's guiding principle of promoting fairness and opportunity and eliminating  
29 inequities by considering the equity and social justice impacts in its decision-making on  
30 climate change strategies, and

31 WHEREAS, the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan recognizes that  
32 the burdens and benefits of climate change will affect King County's current and future  
33 residents in disparate ways, with the potential to disproportionately affect some  
34 populations, such as those who are low-income, have limited English proficiency or  
35 reside in certain geographic areas, and

36 WHEREAS, with this motion, the executive has transmitted to the council, as part  
37 of the 2015 Strategic Climate Action Plan, the annual report on the county's major  
38 environmental sustainability programs as called for in K.C.C. 18.50.010, and

39 WHEREAS, Appendix B of the 2015 Strategic Climate Action Plan responds to  
40 Motion 14349, passed May 4, 2015, which requested that the executive consider specific

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41 climate action activities and policies for inclusion in the 2015 Strategic Climate Action  
42 Plan, and

43 WHEREAS, the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan directly reflects  
44 the recommendations of a 2014 Performance Audit conducted by the King County  
45 auditor's office;

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

47 A. The 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, dated October 20,  
48 2015, which is Attachment A to this motion and prepared in compliance with K.C.C  
49 18.25.010.A.4., is hereby adopted.

50 B. Consistent with Ordinance 17285, which authorized the Interlocal Agreement  
51 for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, the executive is requested to  
52 coordinate with staff of the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its  
53 successor, in developing the annual work plans and budget for the King County-Cities  
54 Climate Collaboration under the interlocal agreement. The executive is requested to  
55 submit by January 31, and every year thereafter, the King County-Cities Climate  
56 Collaboration annual work plan and budget to the council for acceptance by motion. The  
57 2016 work plan should include recommendations on the timing and approach for an  
58 update to the interlocal agreement that includes addressing drafting issues identified  
59 during the council's initial review of the agreement.

60 C. Implementation of the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan may lead to

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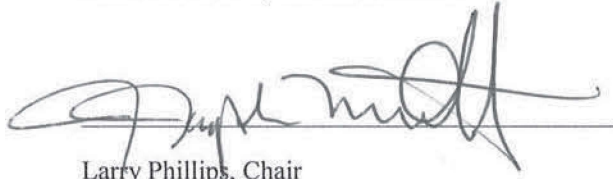
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61 the need for additional resources. However, any additional FTE/TLT requests are subject  
62 to approval through the county budget process.  
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Motion 14449 was introduced on 7/6/2015 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/2/2015, by the following vote:


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

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Larry Phillips, Chair

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Strategic Climate Action Plan November 2015

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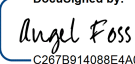
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