

KING COUNTY

Signature Report

Motion 16649

Proposed No. 2024-0166.2 **Sponsors** Dunn 1 A MOTION requesting the King County executive to 2 evaluate strategies to improve traffic safety along countymaintained roads and roadway segments in and around the 3 4 Fairwood community of unincorporated King County and 5 to prepare a report. 6 WHEREAS more than one million trips are taken on King County's 7 unincorporated one-thousand-five-hundred-mile road network each day, and 8 WHEREAS many county agencies have responsibilities for the safety of drivers 9 and pedestrians using the county's unincorporated roads. The road services division of 10 the department of local services is responsible for the safety and maintenance of the 11 county's roadway network, the King County sheriff's office is responsible for 12 enforcement of traffic laws, the King County district court is responsible for adjudicating 13 and processing traffic enforcement citations, and the department of public health is 14 responsible for monitoring safety and public health risks including those related to traffic 15 safety, and 16 WHEREAS, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission reports that 2023 17 recorded over eight hundred traffic related fatalities across the state of Washington, the 18 most the state has seen since 1990, and 19 WHEREAS, traffic crashes are a significant source of injuries and fatalities in 20 King County each year. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission and the road

services division of the department of local services report that from 2018 to 2022, six
hundred twenty people died in King County in a motor vehicle-related crashes, seventy of
which occurred on county-maintained roads and an additional three thousand three
hundred seven people were seriously injured, two thousand four hundred ninety-two
occurring on a county-maintained road, and
WHEREAS, the department of public health reports that speeding is a major
cause of traffic crashes, particularly in those crashes resulting in injury or fatality. From
2018 to 2022, speeding contributed to one hundred ninety fatalities and seven hundred
eighty-one injuries, and
WHEREAS, the centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National
Traffic Safety Institute have identified automated traffic safety cameras as an evidence-
based best practice for reducing speed and speeding-related crashes, along with related
property damage, injuries, and fatalities, and
WHEREAS, the Washington state Legislature enacted engrossed substitute house
bill 2384 in March 2024 that allows local jurisdictions greater flexibility in the placement
and use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect speed violations, and
WHEREAS, Chapter 307, Laws of Washington 2024, requires that revenues
generated from automated traffic safety cameras be used for traffic safety activities
related to construction and preservation projects and maintenance and operations
purposes, and
WHEREAS, the Fairwood community in unincorporated King County has voiced
its concerns regarding reckless driving and speeding on 140th Ave SE and recently
voiced those concerns in a community meeting attended by King County councilmember

44	Reagan Dunn, King County sheriff Patti Cole-Tindall, manager of the road services		
45	division of the department of local services Tricia Davis, and others, and		
46	WHEREAS, a couple was hit and tragically killed by a head-on collision in 2022		
47	on 140th Ave SE;		
48	WHEREAS, in March 2024, a crash at the intersection of SE 192nd St and 140th		
49	Ave SE by a vehicle reportedly traveling at speeds in excess of one hundred twelve miles		
50	per hour took the lives of a mother and three children, and seriously injured two more		
51	children;		
52	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:		
53	A. The council requests the King County executive address the recent increase in		
54	traffic related injuries and deaths along 140th Ave SE, and at nearby intersections and		
55	roadways, by evaluating all available strategies to improve traffic safety along the		
56	county-maintained portion of 140th Ave SE and SE Petrovitsky Rd. corridors in and		
57	around the Fairwood community of unincorporated King County and prepare a report.		
58	B. The King County executive should consider strategies including, but not		
59	limited to:		
60	1. Utilizing traffic enforcement cameras at the intersection of 140th Ave SE and		
61	192nd St, on 140th Ave SE in front of Carriage Crest Elementary School, and at other		
62	high-risk locations along the 140th Ave SE and the SE Petrovitsky Rd corridors in the		
63	Fairwood community of unincorporated King County in accordance with Chapter 307,		
64	Laws of Washington 2024, the recently adopted state law;		
65	2. Assessing the feasibility of various traffic calming capital improvements on		
66	140th Ave SE, at the entrances to the Windham Ridge Neighborhood, and in other high-		

risk areas along the 140th Ave SE and the SE Petrovitsky Rd corridors in the Fairwood				
community in unincorporated King County including, but not limited to, roundabouts,				
road diets, physical barriers in unused center two-way left-turn lanes, leading pedestrian				
intervals, and other appropriate roadway countermeasures; and				
3. Coordinating emphasis patrols by law enforcement officers along 140th Ave				
SE and other areas in and around the Fairwood community in unincorporated King				
County known to experience excessive speeding or higher crash risks.				
C. The report should include, but not be limited to:				
1. A listing and description of segments along the 140th Ave SE and the SE				
Petrovitsky Rd. in the Fairwood community in unincorporated King County known to				
experience excessive speeding or higher crash risks and a recommendation for which				
segments should be prioritized for improvement;				
2. A listing and description of traffic safety strategies and projects, including				
capital improvements, that will be developed and implemented to reduce traffic related				
injuries and deaths along the 140th Ave SE and the SE Petrovitsky corridors in the				
Fairwood community in unincorporated King County; and				
3. An analysis of additional staff and resource needs across King County				
government departments and agencies to develop and implement traffic safety strategies				
and projects along the 140th Ave SE and the SE Petrovitsky Rd. corridors in the				
Fairwood community in unincorporated King County.				
D. The executive should electronically file the report no later than December 31,				
2024, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an				

- 89 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the
- 90 local services and land use committee, or its successor.

Motion 16649 was introduced on 5/21/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/20/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

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