



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 7, 2004**

**Ordinance 14995**

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**Proposed No.** 2004-0366.2

**Sponsors** Patterson, Ferguson, McKenna and Irons

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing November 2, 2004, as the  
2 date for an advisory election on the question of whether a  
3 publicly funded plan of transportation investments should  
4 be developed and placed on the ballot in 2005.

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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 SECTION 1. Findings:

9 A. State funding for improving and maintaining Puget Sound's transportation  
10 infrastructure has not kept pace with growth in the region and the demand placed upon  
11 our transportation system.

12 B. The Alaskan Way Viaduct, the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge and other key  
13 corridors are in danger of failing if improvements are not completed.

14 C. The current congestion levels across King, Pierce and Snohomish counties  
15 prevent people and goods from moving efficiently throughout the region and significantly  
16 impact the quality of life of Puget Sound residents.

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17 D. Reducing congestion and increasing mobility in all corridors of regional  
18 significance is essential in allowing for a vital economy and sustained economic  
19 development.

20 E. Recognizing that funding for improving Puget Sound's transportation problem  
21 has been inadequate, in 2002 the Washington state legislature passed legislation creating  
22 the Regional Transportation Investment District. This legislation authorized county  
23 councilmembers from King, Pierce and Snohomish counties to develop a plan for  
24 improving transportation in the Puget Sound area and present it to voters for approval.  
25 This plan would require that every dollar raised in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties  
26 be directed to projects located in the respective county. A seven-member executive board  
27 of the Regional Transportation Investment District has been working with state and local  
28 officials as well as business, labor and environmental leaders to identify projects and  
29 develop a plan for voter approval.

30 F. Puget Sound voters have faced two advisory ballot measures related to  
31 transportation since 1988. Voters in King County supported a measure to accelerate  
32 planning for a regional transit system in 1988. The successful measure led to the creation  
33 of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, now referred to as Sound Transit.

34 G. Additionally, in 1998 voters in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap and Thurston  
35 counties and portions of King, Mason and Pierce counties approved an advisory ballot  
36 supporting the construction of a second Narrows Bridge in Tacoma. The advisory ballot  
37 passed and the state legislature approved funding for construction of the second Narrows  
38 Bridge in 2002.

39 H. Pursuant to chapter 29A.04 RCW, the county council deems an emergency to  
40 exist for the purpose of calling a special election to place the question of a locally funded  
41 transportation plan before the voters as an advisory ballot on November 2, 2004.

42 I. K.C.C. chapter 1.10 provides for the publication and distribution of local  
43 voters' pamphlets in conformity with the provisions of chapter 29A.32 RCW for elections  
44 held in King County.

45 SECTION 2. A special election shall be held on November 2, 2004, in  
46 accordance with chapter 29A.04 RCW, for the purpose of submitting the question in  
47 section 3 of this ordinance.

48 SECTION 3. In accordance with chapter 29A.04 RCW, it is hereby deemed that  
49 an emergency exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the county at a  
50 special election to be held on November 2, 2004, an advisory question of whether a  
51 locally funded transportation plan should be developed and placed before the voters in  
52 2005. The King County manager of the records, elections and licensing services division  
53 is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction to call and conduct a special election and  
54 submit to the registered voters of the county the proposition as set forth in section 3 of  
55 this ordinance. The clerk of the council is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this  
56 proposition to the manager of the records, elections and licensing services division, with  
57 such additions, deletions or modifications in the ballot title as may be required for the  
58 proposition listed below by the King County prosecutor:

59 Proposition 1: The King County Council passed Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_  
60 concerning an advisory measure on a locally funded transportation plan. This  
61 advisory measure asks whether the voters in King County support development

62 and placement on the ballot in 2005 of a locally funded transportation plan  
63 designed to relieve traffic congestion and increase safety through a mix of road  
64 and transit projects in King County in the Interstate 405 and State Route 509, 522,  
65 167 and 99 corridors, replace the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge, begin  
66 replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct, and extend light rail to SeaTac Airport and  
67 the University District. Do you want a locally funded transportation plan to  
68 relieve congestion and increase safety to be developed and placed on the ballot in  
69 2005?

70 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

71 \_\_\_\_\_ No

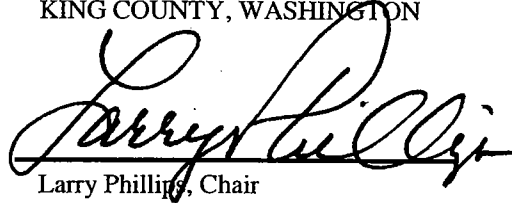
72 SECTION 4. The manager of the records, elections and licensing services  
73 division is hereby authorized and requested to prepare and distribute a local voters'  
74 pamphlet, pursuant to K.C.C. 1.10.010, for the special election called for in this

75 ordinance, the cost of the pamphlet to be included as part of the cost of the special  
76 election.  
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Ordinance 14995 was introduced on 7/26/2004 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/7/2004, by the following vote:

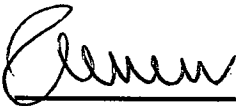
Yes: 12 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. McKenna

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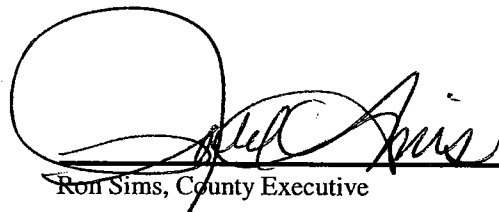
Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7 day of September, 2004.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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