



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 8, 2016

Ordinance 18399

Proposed No. 2016-0456.2

Sponsors Upthegrove

1 AN ORDINANCE related to the provision of discounted
2 transit fare media to human services agencies; and
3 amending Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and
4 K.C.C. 4A.700.210, Ordinance 17932, Section 2, as
5 amended, Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and
6 K.C.C. 4A.700.210 and Ordinance 12643, Section 17, as
7 amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.350.

8 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 9 1. K.C.C. 4A.700.210 authorizes a program for the sale and distribution
10 of transit tickets to human services agencies at twenty percent of the face
11 value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income
12 and homeless populations.
- 13 2. With the March 26, 2016, service change, Metro reconfigured its bus
14 service to provide better connections with Sound Transit's new Link light
15 rail service to Capitol Hill and the University District.
- 16 3. The extension of light rail service to Capitol Hill and the University
17 District, together with Metro's recent service change, has resulted in many
18 riders transferring from Metro bus service to Sound Transit light rail

19 service, including riders participating in Metro's human services ticket
20 program.

21 4. Currently, riders who are using tickets provided under the human
22 services agencies ticket program cannot transfer between Metro's bus
23 service and Sound Transit's light rail service using a single ticket.

24 Additionally, the price of the discounted tickets does not currently reflect
25 the interagency transfer credits provided through the ORCA system.

26 5. Expenditures by the human services agencies for the twenty percent
27 face value purchase price limits the amount of funding that these agencies
28 can use for other client needs.

29 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

30 SECTION 1. Section 2 of this ordinance takes effect January 1, 2017, and expires
31 January 1, 2018.

32 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210
33 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

34 A. The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution
35 of tickets to human service agencies at ~~((twenty))~~ ten percent of their cash value for the
36 purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations.
37 The total amount of the ~~((eighty))~~ ninety percent discount provided under the program
38 shall not exceed three million ~~((two))~~ six hundred thousand dollars for any one year.
39 However, the amount of the ~~((eighty))~~ ninety percent discount may be increased by up to
40 an additional two hundred thousand dollars annually under this human services ticket
41 program for the value of tickets applied to it through the congestion reduction transit

42 incentives program described in Ordinance 17295, Section 1. The allocation of discount
43 tickets under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local
44 jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services
45 programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall
46 determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the
47 human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are
48 valid on all public transportation and paratransit service for the purpose of meeting the
49 transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The program shall
50 provide for the following:

51 1. Metro issued fare payment media, including but not limited to bus tickets, to
52 be sold to human service agencies at ten percent of the cash value; and

53 2. A fare payment medium consisting of a combination of a Metro-issued fare
54 payment medium and a fare payment medium of another transportation agency, to be sold
55 to human services agencies at the higher of either the ten percent of the cash value of the
56 Metro fare medium or the discounted price of the fare medium provided by the other
57 transportation agency under an interagency agreement between Metro and the other
58 transportation agency.

59 B. The allocation of discount fare payment media under the program shall be
60 made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department
61 or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the
62 county department or departments shall determine the quantity of fare payment media
63 from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible
64 under the program.

65 C. The total amount of discount provided under the program established under
66 section A. of this section shall not exceed three million six hundred thousand dollars for
67 any one year.

68 D. Metro fare payment media sold under the program shall be valid for all Metro
69 transportation and paratransit service as well as for service on those Sound Transit bus
70 routes agreed to by Metro and Sound Transit.

71 SECTION 3. Ordinance 17932, Section 2, as amended, is hereby amended to
72 read as follows:

73 Ordinance 17932, Section 3, ~~((and))~~ Ordinance 18370, Section 4 ~~((of this~~
74 ~~ordinance))~~ and section 4 of this ordinance take effect January 1, 2018.

75 SECTION 4. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210
76 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

77 A. The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution
78 of ~~((tickets))~~ fare payment media to human service agencies at ~~((twenty))~~ ten percent of
79 their cash value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and
80 homeless populations. The total amount of the ~~((eighty))~~ ninety percent discount
81 provided under the program shall not exceed three million ~~((two))~~ six hundred thousand
82 dollars for any one year. The allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be
83 made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department
84 or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the
85 county department or departments shall determine the ~~((number of tickets))~~ quantity of
86 fare payment media from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human
87 service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are valid on

88 all public transportation and paratransit service for the purpose of meeting the
89 transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The program shall
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95 to human services agencies at the higher of either the ten percent of the cash value of the
96 Metro fare medium or the discounted price of the fare medium provided by the other
97 transportation agency under an interagency agreement between Metro and the other
98 transportation agency.

99 B. The allocation of discount fare payment media under the program shall be
100 made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department
101 or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the
102 county department or departments shall determine the quantity of fare payment media
103 from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible
104 under the program.

105 C. The total amount of discount provided under the program established under
106 section A. of this section shall not exceed three million six hundred thousand dollars for
107 any one year.

108 D. Metro fare payment media sold under the program shall be valid for all Metro
109 transportation and paratransit service as well as for service on those Sound Transit bus
110 routes agreed to by Metro and Sound Transit.

111 SECTION 5. Ordinance 12643, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.350
112 are each hereby amended to read as follows.

113 A. The executive is authorized to execute agreements with other transit agencies
114 either to establish a system of fare payment for passengers transferring between
115 transportation systems or for issuing a combined fare payment medium. The agreements
116 shall be subject to approval by the council to the extent the approval is required by the
117 charter, ordinance or applicable state law, or any combination thereof.

118 B. The agreements related to fare payment for passengers transferring between
119 transportation systems shall provide that the county's share of the fares collected for trips
120 involving transfers between transit agencies shall be the estimated revenue collected for
121 the trips multiplied by the ratio of the revenue that would have been generated by
122 application of the county's appropriate fares or prorated per trip pass prices due under
123 other provisions of this chapter for the county portions of these interagency trips divided
124 by the sum of the revenue that would have been generated by the application of each
125 agency's appropriate fares or prorated per trip pass prices for all segments of the
126 interagency trips.

127 C. The agreements related to the issuance of a combined fare payment medium
128 shall include terms that:

129 1. Apportion the revenues from the sales of the combined fare payment medium
130 between the county and the other transportation agency such that each party's share of the
131 revenues shall be determined by multiplying:

- 132 a. the ratio of the cost of that party's discounted payment fare if it were sold
133 separately to the human services agencies divided by the sum of all the parties'
134 discounted payment fares if they were sold separately to human services agencies; by
135 b. the revenues generated from the combined fare payment medium sales;
136 2. Identify the services, including service areas if appropriate, for which the
137 other transportation agency's fare medium will be valid; and

138 3. If appropriate, provide for the reimbursement of the other transportation
139 agency accepting discounted Metro bus tickets sold to human services agencies.
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Ordinance 18399 was introduced on 9/12/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/7/2016, 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, Acting Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None