



**Signature Report**

**Ordinance 19051**

**Proposed No.** 2020-0025.1

**Sponsors** Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE changing the term length for members  
2 of the Access paratransit advisory committee; and  
3 amending Ordinance 11431, Section 7, as amended, and  
4 K.C.C. 2.124.010.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

6 1. Access paratransit is a supplementary transit service for people with  
7 disabilities who are unable to use regular transit services for some or all of  
8 their travel needs. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act ("the  
9 ADA") requires all transit agencies to provide paratransit services that  
10 meet minimum requirements established in the ADA and implementing  
11 regulations. The King County Code authorizes additional paratransit  
12 service in excess of minimum federal requirements and the program is  
13 delivered by contractors.

14 2. During 2017 and 2018, as part of a procurement process for a new  
15 vendor for Access paratransit, King County Metro transit department  
16 convened an Access paratransit request for proposals work group to  
17 evaluate Access service and make suggestions for service improvements  
18 as part of the new contract.

19 3. In April 2018, following the work of the request for proposals work

20 group, the Metro transit department convened an Access paratransit task  
21 force, which was charged with advising the agency on priorities and areas  
22 of mutual concern while developing a vision for ongoing improvements.  
23 The task force, which has been meeting monthly since April 2018, is  
24 comprised of either riders or riders' family members, or both,  
25 representatives of human service organizations that serve Access riders  
26 and additional members of the public that are reflective of the  
27 communities that Access serves, which include people with disabilities,  
28 people who speak English as a second language and all geographic  
29 locations in King County.

30 4. In November 2018, the Ordinance 18838, created an Access paratransit  
31 advisory committee to advise the Metro transit department, the executive  
32 and the council on issues related to Access paratransit relative to the terms  
33 of the contract for Access paratransit service.

34 5. Ordinance 18838 established a term length of four years for members  
35 of the Access paratransit advisory committee. As part of their work, the  
36 volunteer members of the Access paratransit task force recommended that  
37 the length of these terms be two years.

38 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

39 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11431, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.124.010 are  
40 each hereby amended to read as follows:

41 The King County Metro transit department shall employ a transit public  
42 involvement model to promote responsiveness and accountability to the community. The

43 Metro transit department shall provide staff support for the transit public involvement  
44 model, which shall include the following major elements:

45       A. Sounding boards, which are geographically, topically or community-based  
46 groups convened for a limited time to consider specific transit topics. Sounding boards  
47 shall be established by the Metro transit department to provide advice on identified issues  
48 including, but not limited to, transit service changes. Sounding boards shall provide  
49 information to the transit advisory commission, local jurisdictions, subarea transportation  
50 forums as well as the Metro transit department, the executive and the council. For major  
51 planning exercises such as service changes, sounding boards shall make consensus  
52 recommendations to the transit advisory commission and the Metro transit department.

53       B.1. The transit advisory commission, which is a permanent body that shall  
54 advise the Metro transit department, the executive, the council, local jurisdictions and  
55 subarea transportation forums on transit issues and policy, including matters of concern  
56 to the elderly and persons with disabilities. The transit advisory commission shall advise  
57 the department on the inception and development of long-range planning efforts and  
58 serve as a resource for transit promotion.

59       2. As of February 18, 2011, the commission shall have up to thirty members  
60 who were appointed by the executive and confirmed by the council to serve on either the  
61 transit advisory committee or accessible services advisory committee. These initial  
62 members may serve for the remainder of the terms for which they were appointed to the  
63 transit advisory committee or accessible services advisory committee. The executive  
64 shall not appoint individuals to fill vacancies in these positions if the result would be to  
65 exceed the membership limits in subsection B.3. of this section.

66           3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B.2. of this section, the  
67 commission shall have eighteen members who are appointed by the executive and  
68 confirmed by the council to two-year terms.

69           a. Nine members shall be transit riders, recruited by the Metro transit  
70 department to reflect the diversity and geographic distribution of county residents.

71           b. Nine members shall be persons with disabilities or elderly persons or be  
72 associated with an agency that works with disabled and elderly persons, recruited by the  
73 Metro transit department to reflect the diversity of the communities they represent and  
74 types of disabilities, as well as consideration of the geographic distribution of county  
75 residents.

76           4. The commission shall:

77           a. adopt by-laws, elect a chair and vice-chair to quarterly terms and adopt an  
78 annual work program, which shall include issues of interest to transit riders and issues  
79 related to accessibility and ((ACCESS)) Access services for elderly and disabled riders as  
80 well as all items requested by the council or the Metro transit department;

81           b. meet as needed to complete the work plan and address other issues as they  
82 arise; and

83           c. designate one member to serve on each sounding board.

84           5. The transit advisory commission may establish standing and ad hoc  
85 subcommittees to review issues that, in the commission's discretion, require in-depth  
86 study. The subcommittees shall report to the transit advisory commission and are not  
87 authorized to take actions independent of the commission.

88           C.1. The Access paratransit advisory committee, which shall advise the Metro

89 transit department, the executive and the council on issues related to Access paratransit  
90 relative to the terms of the contract for Access paratransit service.

91           2. The Access paratransit advisory committee shall have at least nine members  
92 who are appointed by the executive and confirmed by the council by motion.

93 Membership shall be comprised of Access paratransit riders, family members of Access  
94 paratransit riders, representatives of organizations that provide services to Access  
95 paratransit riders and representatives of organizations that support Access paratransit  
96 riders or potential riders who have limited English proficiency. Members shall serve for  
97 ~~((four))~~ two-year terms.

98           3. The Access paratransit advisory committee shall:

99           a. adopt bylaws, elect a chair and vice-chair to annual terms and adopt an  
100 annual work program focused around review of Access service;

101           b. meet as needed to complete the work plan and address other issues as they  
102 arise;

103           c. provide verbal reports to the council's mobility committee, or its successor,  
104 at the request of the committee; and

105           d.(1) prepare and transmit to the executive and the council an annual report,  
106 beginning in August 2020, on Access paratransit service, including:

107           (a) a review of and comment on the Metro transit department's annual  
108 performance metrics and trends relevant to Access paratransit;

109           (b) a review of and comment on information from customer surveys  
110 distributed by the Metro transit department relevant to Access paratransit;

111           (c) a summary of areas of strength, deficiency or priorities for improvement

112 in the provision of Access paratransit services; and

113 (d) an overall assessment of Access paratransit service for the prior year.

114 (2) The Access paratransit advisory committee shall file the report required

115 under subsection C.3.d.(1) of this section in the form of a paper original and an electronic

116 copy with the executive and the clerk of the council, and the clerk of the council shall  
117 retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.  
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Ordinance 19051 was introduced on 1/14/2020 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/4/2020, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Balducci and Mr. Zahilay



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Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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