



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

January 8, 2008

Motion 12669

Proposed No. 2007-0630.2

Sponsors Gossett, Phillips, Ferguson,
Patterson, Constantine, von
Reichbauer, Hague and Lambert

1 A MOTION establishing the 2008 (FY 2009) Federal
2 Agenda for King County.

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4 WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County
5 executive have worked through the joint King County legislative steering committee to
6 develop a federal agenda and desire to bring their positions on issues to the attention of
7 the United States Congress, and

8 WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local
9 governments and other organizations to achieve its 2008 (FY 2009) federal legislative
10 goals, and

11 WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the
12 federal government for transportation, public health, homeland security, salmon recovery,
13 flood control, affordable housing and other important needs, and

14 WHEREAS, if King County is going to be able to continue delivering basic
15 government services to our residents, it needs a preservation, if not an expansion, of
16 federal support, and

17 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will
18 continue to review congressional developments for possible revisions of King County's
19 2008 (FY 2009) federal legislative program;

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

21 The King County council hereby adopts the attached 2008 (FY 2009) Federal
22 Agenda for King County, including both the Appropriations Requests attached hereto as
23 Attachment A and the Legislative Interests attached hereto as Attachment B, as King

24 County's highest priorities for federal action in the 2008 (FY 2009) congressional
25 appropriations cycle.
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Motion 12669 was introduced on 12/10/2007 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/7/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Hague

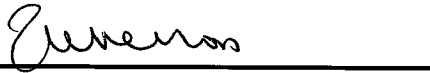
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Excused: 2 - Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Phillips

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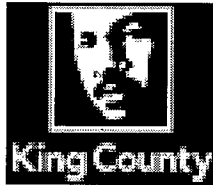

Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. King County, Washington 2008 (FY 2009) Federal Agenda Appropriations Requests, dated January 7, 2008, B. King County, Washington 2008 (FY 2009) Federal Agenda Legislative Interests, dated January 7, 2008



KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 2008 (FY 2009) FEDERAL AGENDA Appropriations Requests

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
1.	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill:</p> <p>Small Starts Request: \$20.2 million for the Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide Project</p> <p>Bus and Bus Facilities Account: \$5 million for hybrid bus fleet expansion, funds to be used to pay for cost differential over diesel buses (approximately \$200k per bus);</p> <p>Surface Transportation Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$5 million for the South Park Bridge Replacement Project; 2. \$4 million for the Novelty Hill Road Improvement Project; 3. \$400,000 for the Regional Traffic Operations Program <p>Transportation and Community System Preservation Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$1.9 million for the 98th Street Trail Connector Project in White Center. 2. \$1 million for East Lake Sammamish Trail Master Plan Construction.
2	<p>Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry</p> <p>\$2 million for the Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry from Department of Transportation Ferry Boat and Terminal Facilities Account.</p>
3	<p>King County International Airport</p> <p>Secure \$15.97 million in the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program for the KCIA Taxiway Bravo Project.</p>
4.	<p>Salmon Recovery</p> <p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$6.5 million for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program; 2. \$5.0 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project <p>Support \$90 million in Department of Commerce Appropriations for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program, which is critical to habitat recovery projects in King County.</p> <p>Secure \$500,000 in the Agriculture Appropriations bill to design, implement and maintain a series of on-the-ground restoration projects on private agricultural lands for salmon habitat restoration in the Snoqualmie Watershed through the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.</p>



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5. Homeland Security/Emergency Management	Secure the following in the Homeland Security Appropriations bill: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$500,000 to complete flood studies and to support DFIRMs appeals and publication of revised Green and White River maps; 2. \$5 million for floodplain buyouts and home elevations to reduce flood risks for the residential area of North Bend; and 3. \$1.5 million for the acquisition and installation of Chemical, Biological, and HazMat detection system, in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel.
6. Reclaimed Water	Secure \$1.5 million in the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill under EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program for construction of reclaimed water distribution facilities for agricultural irrigation in the Sammamish Valley.
7. Public Safety Technology Project	Secure \$1.5 million in the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill for upgrades to GPS-based laptops, in-car video and mobile interoperability for critical incident response.
8. Health Care Reform	Secure \$350,000 in the Department of Health and Human Service's Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Appropriations for the Puget Sound Health Alliance for the development of a health information database to measure and share quality of care information across employers and health plans in the Puget Sound region.
9. Housing and Community Development Funds	Secure the following in Housing and Urban Development Appropriations: \$1.9 million for relocation costs for low income floodplain residents at high risk of flooding (40-50 trailers @ Cedar Grove Mobile Home Park)
10. Energy Efficiency	Secure \$750,000 in Energy and Water Appropriations in the Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Account for the Issaquah Highlands Zero Energy Affordable Housing Project.



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<p>1. Transportation</p>	<p>Support Airport Improvement grant request: \$3.7 million for the KCIA Taxiway Alpha Project</p> <p>Support the following Small Starts Program grant requests: \$75 million for the Aurora Rapid Ride Project (may not be submitted for 2009 funding).</p> <p>Support legislation that would supplement the definition of "Bridge" as used in section 650.403 of the Code of Federal Regulations to include short span structures whose replacement would be more than 20 feet long. This would allow short-spans to qualify for the federal bridge replacement and rehabilitation program. Move to legislative interests.</p> <p>Support the following flood control projects: \$3 million North Bend request for improved flood conveyance across SR202. \$8 million Renton request for Cedar River Bridge Flood Reduction Project within Renton.</p> <p>Support US DOT Congestion Initiative: Urban Partnership grant program to aggressively use four complementary and synergistic strategies (referred to as the "4Ts") to relieve urban congestion: Tolling, Transit, Telecommuting, and Technology.</p>
<p>2. Lake Washington Ship Canal</p>	<p>Support the \$2 million in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe request for screening the diffuser well supply pipe for the fish ladder at the Lake Washington Ship Canal.</p>
<p>3. Workforce Development</p>	<p>Support \$500,000 in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill for the Seattle King County Workforce Development Council to integrate workforce training services into other social services currently offered to ex-offenders transitioning back into the community</p>
<p>4. Emergency Management</p>	<p>Support federal legislation to prohibit caller identification spoofing and to require higher caller location accuracy for manufacturers of telecommunications equipment. Monitor future activity pertaining to the FCC regulation requiring VoIP to provide e-911 service.</p>



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5. Homeland Security/ Bioterrorism	<p>Support efforts to designate the Seattle/King County area as a Tier I threat area.</p> <p>Support first-responder legislation to streamline funding to local first responders and provide them with greater control over how grant resources would be expended at the local level.</p> <p>Support legislation that would allow for the funding of full time equivalents for critical Homeland Security functions via the various Homeland Security grant programs.</p> <p>Support better coordination and greater flexibility for bioterrorism and public health preparedness. Funding silos prohibit an all-hazards approach to Homeland Security/Emergency Management/Bioterrorism Preparedness, and an integrated approach will facilitate disaster resistance at all levels.</p> <p>Support funding for King County to serve as a demonstration/pilot on effective integration of public health/emergency management for an all-hazards approach to Homeland Security.</p>
6. Methamphetamine Superfund	<p>Support the Methamphetamine Production Prevention Act of 2007 which increases funding for methamphetamine public awareness & education, import interdiction, enforcement and effective substance abuse treatment for methamphetamine users.</p>



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7.	Health Care Reform	<p>Support acceleration and expansion of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts to: move to legislative interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly support and implement quality measures endorsed by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and public reporting of the measures; • Support health information technology, clinical information system adoption and clinical management capabilities; • Fund regional, interoperable health information technology networks; and • Fund Pay for Quality Improvement pilot programs. <p>Support CMS and the Agency of Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) to continue to: moved to legislative interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly support cost-effective evidence-based medicine and medical practices; • Advocate the importance of improving quality of health care delivered; and • Fund innovative pilot programs, demonstration projects and evaluations that focus on quality of care issues, i.e., Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH). <p>Support the designation of the Puget Sound Health Alliance as a member of HHS's Chartered Value Exchange (CVE) in order to secure access to Medicare data as part of the Alliance's public reporting strategy.</p> <p>Secure increased funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including additional resources to address communicable diseases, provide immunizations (childhood and adult), to prevent and treat TB, to address chronic disease, prevent injuries, and to combat the spread of STDs.</p> <p>Secure restoration of Steps to a Healthier US funding to FY 2007 (\$43 M) and ensure that current grantees are eligible to apply for funding. Support active engagement of federal stakeholders to champion the program throughout the federal government.</p> <p>Secure grant funding to support the evaluation component of King County's Healthy Incentives Initiative which employs a unique combination of strategies to drive down health care costs by improving employee health.</p>
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<p>8. Housing and Community Development Funds</p>	<p>Housing and Urban Development Appropriations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase appropriation for Community Development Block Grant formula funds to \$4.1 billion nationwide and ensure that King County's formula share is maintained or increased; • Provide full funding for the Section 8 Program; • Fund the McKinney/Vento Act for Homeless Assistance at \$1.8 billion and ensure the renewal of Shelter Plus Care funding; • Fund the HOME program to at least \$2 billion nationwide; • Establish a National Housing Trust Fund and provide full funding to construct, rehabilitate and preserve 1.5 million units of housing over the next ten years; and • Support amendments to the IRS code, which will exempt all federal rental and operating subsidies from treatment as federal grants for the purposes of calculating tax credit basis.
<p>9. Homelessness Funding</p>	<p>Health and Human Services Appropriations: Support legislation to provide supportive services to eliminate homelessness as outlined in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County by 2015.</p>
<p>10. Solid Waste</p>	<p>Support H.R. 1248 which ends unregulated solid waste operations along rail lines and the ability of these waste facilities to operate independent of state and local environmental, health and safety regulations. The bill amends the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act and removes only solid waste operations from the exclusive jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board. The House version of the bill is preferable to the Senate version.</p>
<p>11. Immigration Reform</p>	<p>Support legislation that respects established civil rights, ensures due process of law for immigrants, including freedom from racial profiling and enforcement that is neither arbitrary nor selective, reunites and protects families, protects workers regardless of immigration status, offers a pathway to citizenship for the millions of undocumented immigrants in this nation.</p>



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12. Workforce Training	Support Workforce Investment Act funding for dislocated workers and youth education and training funds. Support funding for the HUD Youthbuild program.
13. Endangered Species	Oppose any attempts to weaken environmental protections provided by the Endangered Species Act. Support any and all efforts to increase funding for salmon habitat restoration.
14. Natural Resources	Adequately fund the State Revolving Fund for water pollution infrastructure improvements at \$1.35 billion. Support legislation to create a national trust fund for water and wastewater infrastructure. Support legislation which would apply the full market value of real property used in ecosystem restoration projects to the County's non-federal match requirement. Support legislation providing for receiving in-kind credit for goods and services provided before and after the signing of a partnership agreement. Support legislation supporting a portion of federal transportation project mitigation funding is directed toward high priority salmon recovery projects within watersheds/WRIAs; allow for mitigation banking for ESA implementation.
15. Abandoned Mines	Support legislation reauthorizing Abandoned Mines Land fund.



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16. Federal Cap & Trade System for Greenhouse Gas (carbon) Emissions and other mitigation efforts	Support the Lieberman - Warner Climate Security Act of 2007 that creates a national "cap and trade" system for power plant operators and major industrial emitters. Include provisions to provide incentives for local governments to address their impacts on global warming, such as increase use of hybrid fleets and bio-diesel; hydrogen fuel cells and reclaimed water investments at wastewater treatment plants, and addressing the reduction of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by residents.
17. Renewable Fuels Standard	Support House and Senate bills calling for mandated minimum fuels content for ethanol in gasoline and bio-diesel in diesel.
18. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program	Support \$2 billion annual appropriation to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide assistance to local and state governments to develop and implement a comprehensive energy efficiency strategy which emphasizes a bottom-up, community-based approach in helping the nation meet its energy and climate protection goals.
19. Climate Change Adaptation	<p>Support provisions to provide funding for climate change adaptation planning and implementation (e.g., investments in sustainable resources, such as reclaimed water; evaluation and replacement of vulnerable infrastructure).</p> <p>Support S. 2156, the SECURE Water Act, designed to facilitate the improvement of water management by the Bureau of Reclamation and take into account the impacts of global climate change on water resources.</p>
20. Clean Water Act and wetlands protection	Support legislative effort (HR 2421) to provide statutory protection for wetlands and other aquatic resources whose coverage under the Clean Water Act is in jeopardy from court decisions. Track federal agency efforts (EPA) to weaken such protections via administrative rules.



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21. Flood Control	<p>Secure \$20 million for Green River Levees Reconstruction in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill.</p> <p>Support language allowing the use of federal funds for Right-of-Way acquisitions for Tukwila 205.</p>
22. Public Safety	<p>Support the establishment of a National Methamphetamine Training and Technical Assistance Center in the State of Washington.</p> <p>Support the funding of the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative.</p> <p>Support legislation that would allow mentally ill offenders to retain Medicaid benefits for the purpose of maintaining medication for treating mental illness while being held in local jails for assessment and evaluation.</p> <p>Support enactment of the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act</p>
23. Title III Urban Forestry Program	<p>Support the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (P.L. 106-393).</p>
24. Forest Legacy Program	<p>Support continued funding for this program to set aside working forest lands. It would be useful in achieving the 100,000 acre goal.</p>
25. Employee Free Choice	<p>Urging Congress to enact the Employee Free Choice Act, H.R. 800.</p>
26. Waste Pharmaceuticals	<p>Support efforts to obtain a waiver from the Drug Enforcement Administration to allow safe collection of all waste medications, including controlled substances, as part of the pilot pharmaceutical collection project.</p>



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27. Transportation Fringe Benefit	Raise transit/vanpool portion of 132(f) Transportation Fringe Benefit to equal parking benefit.
28. Puget Sound Protection and Recovery	<p>Support federal funding request for the Puget Sound Partnership in the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill.</p> <p>Support including year-round permanent funding for the Neah Bay rescue tug in the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2007.</p>
29. Court Emergency Preparedness	Support the Crime Control and Prevention Act of 2007 (S.2237), which would create a new grant program to assist state courts with emergency preparedness. The legislation expands on the allowable uses for state court emergency preparedness funding, including continuity of operations planning, pandemic planning, risk assessments, training and equipment
30. Mental Health	<p>Support legislation to address co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance abuse) eligibility and integration of services.</p> <p>Support legislation to modify 42 CFR Part 2 to allow for information on chemical dependency treatment to be shared when done for the purpose of offering services. Services include: housing, mental health treatment, physical health, and co-occurring disorder treatment.</p> <p>Support the Medicare Mental Health Co-payment and Equity Act of 2007 (S. 1715). Currently Medicare patients pay 50 percent for mental health outpatient treatment. S. 1715 reduces the Medicare payment to 20 percent.</p> <p>Support legislation to broaden allowable Medicaid mental health services following the recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental health.</p>



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31. Public Health

Support increased funding in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including additional resources to address communicable diseases, to provide immunizations (childhood and adult), to prevent and treat TB, and to combat the spread of STDs.

Support the restoration of funding for the STEPS program to the FY 2006 enacted levels and to support demonstration funding to model King County program for other areas. Support active engagement of federal stakeholders to champion the program throughout the federal government.

Support using King County approach to health care and health service delivery as model and demonstration as Congress considers any major reform to federally supported health care programs.

Reinstate CDC program and funding for an Academic Health Department in the County, which would support a partnership between the County and area universities to provide cutting edge care and to better healthcare workforce.

Support legislation to decrease health disparities. Example S. 4024.

Support S. 600 – Act would authorize 50M for a grant-based program for the operation and development of School Based Health Clinics (SBCH) to provide primary health care services to medically underserved children

Support HR 3895 – Menu Education and Labeling Act requires nutrition labeling of chain restaurants with 20 or more restaurants of business under the same trade name.

Support April 2007 Institute of Medicine Report on Nutrition Standards for Foods in Schools: Leading the Way toward Healthier Youth: A report with recommendations about appropriate nutritional standards for the availability, sale, content and consumption of foods at school.

Support Farm Bill Reauthorization to increase access to fresh healthy foods in schools.

Support federal funds for blood borne disease prevention through needle exchange programs



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32.	Repeal Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion	Facilities of greater than 16 beds that are primarily devoted to the care of psychiatric patients are deemed to be Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD). Persons in such a facility do not qualify for Medicaid and no Title XIX funding can be used for their care. The IMD Exclusion impacts over 400 individuals who reside in King County residential facilities.
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