



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 7, 2010**

**Motion 13321**

**Proposed No. 2010-0482.1**

**Sponsors Phillips and Hague**

1           A MOTION related to creating jobs and meeting mobility  
2           needs through action by the United States Congress on a  
3           multiyear surface transportation reauthorization act.

4           WHEREAS, though Motion 13202, the King County council has established  
5           priorities to promote local employment opportunities and economic recovery and to  
6           increase mobility options throughout King County, and

7           WHEREAS, investment in public mobility infrastructure such as roads, bridges,  
8           transit systems, intermodal, and non-motorized facilities delivers construction and  
9           construction-related jobs, and

10          WHEREAS, investment in public transportation supports the livability of the  
11          Puget Sound area through meeting the mobility needs of people and businesses, and

12          WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council distributes tens of millions of  
13          regional and local transportation dollars as allocated by federal surface transportation  
14          programs, and

15          WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs, beginning in 1991 with  
16          adoption of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act ("ISTEA"), followed  
17          by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century ("TEA 21") and then the Safe,  
18          Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users  
19          ("SAFETEA-LU"), have been a dramatic policy success by increasing federal highway

20 and public transportation funding, encouraging multimodalism and rewarding local  
21 innovation and partnership through the Surface Transportation Program and other flexible  
22 programs, and

23 WHEREAS, Sound Transit's Central Link Light Rail system, King County's  
24 RapidRide bus service, expansion of the Puget Sound region High Occupancy Vehicle  
25 road network, and funding for the South Park Bridge Program are examples of regional  
26 transportation successes made possible in part by ISTEA, TEA 21 and SAFETEA-LU,  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU expired on September 30, 2009, and

29 WHEREAS, short-term extensions of SAFETEA-LU have enabled state and local  
30 surface transportation programs to continue to receive essential federal support, and

31 WHEREAS, federal aid through SAFETEA-LU, the American Relief and  
32 Recovery Act, and other legislation has been an essential means of averting some of the  
33 most devastating impacts of the recession for transportation programs, and

34 WHEREAS, enactment of a multiyear federal surface transportation authorization  
35 act is essential to:

- 36 1. Create national, regional and local jobs;
- 37 2. Support the long-term economic sustainability of our region; and
- 38 3. Meet and preserve the mobility needs of people, goods and services in a way  
39 that reflects current climate change and energy objectives; and
- 40 4. Promote sound long-term planning, multiagency cooperation, infrastructure  
41 preservation, and public transportation, and

42 WHEREAS, reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU is also a high priority for the  
43 National Association of Counties, the American Association of State Highway and  
44 Transportation Officials, the American Public Transit Association and other national  
45 organizations representing transportation agencies, counties and other local governments;

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

47 A. King County hereby supports a multiyear surface transportation  
48 reauthorization act that:

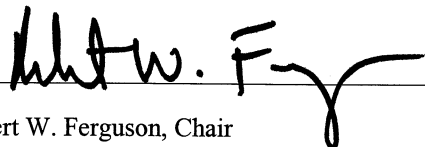
- 49 1. Creates jobs now;
  - 50 2. Maintains and enhances federal partnerships with states, local governments  
51 and public transportation agencies;
  - 52 3. Increases funding for highway and transit programs;
  - 53 4. Supports intermodal commerce;
  - 54 5. Embraces innovative and equitable solutions to the erosion of Highway Trust  
55 Fund revenues; and
  - 56 6. Addresses the environmental impacts of the transportation system, condition  
57 of essential roadways and bridges, and the growing demand for public transportation; and
- 58 B. King County encourages timely consideration by the United States Congress

59 of a multiyear surface transportation reauthorization act meeting county-supported  
60 objectives and supported by a full funding package.  
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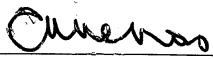
Motion 13321 was introduced on 8/30/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 9/7/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,  
Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None