



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

January 23, 2013

Motion 13806

Proposed No. 2013-0039.1

Sponsors Gossett, Patterson, Phillips and Lambert

1 A MOTION regarding access to public
2 transportation mobility for low income populations;
3 and the establishment of an advisory committee for
4 mobility as an element of the health and human
5 services safety net to assist in the development of
6 new regional public transportation fare programs;
7 and rescinding Motion 13746.

8 WHEREAS, King County is responsible for the Metro transit system, which has a
9 mission to provide the best possible public transportation services and improve regional
10 mobility and quality of life in King County, and

11 WHEREAS, King County established "fair and just" as a countywide guiding
12 principle within the adopted King County Strategic Plan and defined this equity and
13 social justice program via Ordinance 16948 in order to achieve equitable opportunities
14 for all people and communities, and

15 WHEREAS, King County provides public transportation fare discounts to seniors,
16 disabled persons and youth riders, and participates in the regional reduced fare permit
17 program with the goals of advancing the "fair and just" guiding principle, and

18 WHEREAS, because King County is committed to the goal of providing
19 opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential, King

20 County forgoes more than two million dollars per year of fare revenue through a program
21 where community health and human services agencies purchase transit fare scrip at
22 twenty percent of the cash transit fare value, and

23 WHEREAS, the United Way of King County, via its community assessment basic
24 needs indicators, reports that requests for assistance with basic needs remains at high
25 levels, and in many cases at the highest levels. United Way of King County also report
26 that King County is currently experiencing its longest period of sustained, high
27 unemployment since monthly unemployment rates began to be measured in the early
28 1940s, and

29 WHEREAS, the King County council desires to explore and develop new
30 regional public transportation fare program concepts to meet the growing mobility needs
31 of low income persons as part of the health and human services safety net, and

32 WHEREAS, Ordinance 16415, authorizing the executive to execute an amended
33 and restated interlocal cooperation agreement for design, implementation, operation and
34 maintenance of the regional fare coordination system, established the King County transit
35 general manager as King County's representative on the joint board, which serves as the
36 governing, policy-setting body overseeing the activities related to the ORCA fare media
37 system, and

38 WHEREAS, the general manager notified the members of the ORCA joint board
39 of King County's interest in exploring local and regional low income fare programs, and

40 WHEREAS, it is expected that low income fare programs will be considered as
41 part of an overall transit fare program proposal from the King County executive,
42 anticipated to be transmitted in 2013, and

43 WHEREAS, King County council adopted Motion 13746 establishing a low
44 income fare advisory committee, and

45 WHEREAS, the King County executive transmitted to council membership in the
46 low income fare advisory committee consistent with Motion 13746, and

47 WHEREAS, the King County council desires to increase breadth of the
48 membership by adding two members of the committee in addition to those specified in
49 Motion 13746 and appointed by the executive;

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

51 A. Motion 13746 is hereby rescinded.

52 B. The executive is requested to convene an advisory committee on mobility as
53 an element of the health and human services safety net. The purpose of the advisory
54 committee is to assist in the review and development of new King County public
55 transportation fare options for low income persons.

56 C. The committee membership shall consist of the following executive-level
57 representation:

- 58 1. One representative of the North Urban Human Service Alliance;
- 59 2.. One representative of the Eastside Human Services Forum;
- 60 3. One representative of the South King Council of Human Services;
- 61 4.. One representative of the Seattle Human Services Coalition;
- 62 5. Three representatives of low income consumer populations;
- 63 6. Four local jurisdiction representatives representing geographic diversity; and
- 64 7. Two business representatives.

65 D. The following staff shall serve as ex officio members of the advisory
66 committee:

- 67 1. Two staff designated by the council;
- 68 2. Two staff designated by the executive;
- 69 3. A representative designated by the Washington state Department of Social
70 and Health services;
- 71 4. The directors of the department of community and human services and
72 public health; and
- 73 5. The general manager of the transit division of the King County department
74 of transportation;

75 E. The advisory committee shall:

- 76 1. Establish a common understanding of mobility barriers for low income
77 populations, and how transit fare price points affect access and use of transit by low-
78 income persons;
- 79 2. Review the different types of transit fare options available to meet the
80 mobility needs of low-income persons;
- 81 3. Review costs of potential King County low-income fare programs;
- 82 4. Recommend definitions of low income to be used for the implementation of
83 transit fare programs;
- 84 5. Make prioritized recommendations related to the establishment of King
85 County low-income fare programs;
- 86 6. Identify different options for funding low income fare programs and potential
87 partners that may be willing to support such programs; and

88 7. Identify opportunities and recommendations for regional low income fare
89 programs for potential consideration by agency partners of the ORCA joint board; and

90 F. Recommendations to the council by the advisory committee should be
91 transmitted, in the form of a motion for acceptance by the council, by July 1, 2013,
92 regarding regional low-income public transportation fare program. The report should
93 include fare program definitions, priorities, costs and mobility impacts and funding
94 recommendations, as a well as recommendations for regionalization of the fare programs.

95 G. The advisory committee should be convened by February 1, 2013, and meet at
96 least monthly, at times convenient to a majority of the noncounty employee members.

97 H. The membership for the advisory committee is set forth in Attachment A to
98 this motion.
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Motion 13806 was introduced on 1/22/2013 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/22/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn and Mr. McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Low Income Transit Fare Advisory Committee Membership

Attachment A - Low Income Transit Fare Advisory Committee Membership - 13806

Rob Beem – Board Member	North Urban Human Service Alliance
Marilyn Mason Plunkett – Board Member	Eastside Human Services Forum
Ginger Kwan –ED Open Doors for Multicultural Families	South King Council of Human Services
Alison Eisinger - Director	Seattle Human Services Coalition
Katie Wilson – Transit Riders Union	Low income consumer
Katheryn Flake –SE Seattle	Low income consumer
On Ho – Women's Advisory Board	Low income consumer
Jerry DeGriek – Seattle Mayor’s Office	Local jurisdiction representative
Marilynne Beard – Kirkland Deputy City Manager	Local jurisdiction representative
John Hodgson – Kent City Manager	Local jurisdiction representative
Londi Lindell-North Bend City Administrator	Local Jurisdiction representative
Kate Joncas – Director, DSA	Business representative
Patrick Bannon - Director, BDA	Business representative
John Resha	Ex officio member – council designee
Kelli Carroll	Ex officio member – council designee
Chris Arkills	Ex officio member – executive designee
Elissa Benson	Ex officio member – executive designee
Deborah Doyle	Ex officio member – Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
Katy Miller	Ex officio member – King County Human Services
Dennis Worsham	Ex officio member – King County Public Health
Kevin Desmond	Ex officio member - King County Metro Transit