



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 5, 2016

Motion 14606

Proposed No. 2016-0160.1

Sponsors von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION approving the Independent Advanced Life
2 Support (ALS) Study Scope of Work as identified in the
3 Medic One/Emergency Medical Services 2014-2019
4 Strategic Plan.

5 WHEREAS, during the adoption of the 2014-2019 Emergency Medical Services
6 Strategic Plan under Ordinance 17578 and in anticipation of the 2020-2025 Emergency
7 Medical Services Strategic Plan, Emergency Medical Services Stakeholders agreed a
8 more comprehensive process was needed to plan for the efficient allocation of advanced
9 life support ("ALS") services, and

10 WHEREAS, language was added to the 2014-2019 Emergency Medical Services
11 Strategic Plan requiring an independently-led study to analyze the service and costs for
12 an optimal number, or range, of ALS providers in King County, and

13 WHEREAS, the study will review the current number of ALS providers, and units
14 per provider, in King County, and

15 WHEREAS, the study will analyze the medical, operational and financial impacts
16 that potentially changing the current number of either ALS providers or units per
17 provider, or both, would have on the regional emergency medical services system, and

18 WHEREAS, the study will analyze a process for addressing changes to the
19 current number of ALS providers, and

20 WHEREAS, the intent of the study is not to revamp the successional regional
21 system or how ALS services are specifically provided, but rather to inform the next levy
22 planning process, beginning in 2017, and

23 WHEREAS, the 2014-2019 Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan,
24 Recommendation 9 directed that the emergency medical services advisory task force, the
25 regional policy committee and the King County council review and approve the study's
26 scope of work, and

27 WHEREAS, the task force and the regional policy committee have reviewed and
28 approved the scope of work;

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

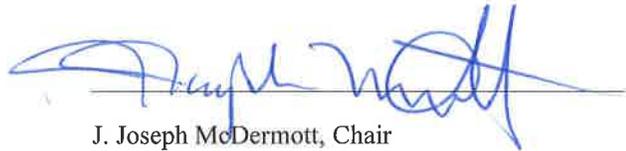
30 Having received notice of the approval of the emergency medical services
31 advisory task force and the regional policy committee, the council approves the

32 Independent Advanced Life Support (ALS) Study Scope of Work, Attachment A to this
33 motion.
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Motion 14606 was introduced on 3/7/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 4/4/2016, 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:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Independent Advanced Life Support (ALS) Study

Independent Advanced Life Support (ALS) Study Scope of Work

Purpose

The study will assess the optimal number (or range) of ALS agencies in King County, from a clinical outcome and financial perspective, in order to meet the region's current and future needs. The findings from the study will be submitted to the EMS Advisory Task Force, Regional Policy Committee, and King County Council by September 12, 2016. The outcome of this effort will help inform future levy planning processes.

Objective

A study will be conducted to validate the optimal number (or range) of ALS agencies in the County, and the appropriate number (or range) of units operated per agency. The study will also develop a regional process for responding to any changes to the current ALS agency configuration (ex. if an ALS agency relinquishes oversight).

The evaluation and recommendations must recognize that the current EMS system provides excellent patient care, and any potential recommendation must ensure the following:

- No deterioration in the provision of medical care or patient outcomes;
- The system remains a tiered, integrated, regional system;
- The delivery of patient care is derived from the highest standards of medical training based on scientific evidence with continued oversight by EMS physicians; and
- The system sustains its focus on operational and financial effectiveness and efficiencies.

Elements to be evaluated include impacts on cost, regional governance and management, agency operations, and medical outcomes. The study should consider how operational changes may impact the rest of the tiered system, and identify any advantages or additional benefits to being an ALS agency (examples: BLS services, public image/perception).