



Signature Report

October 10, 2017

Motion 14968

Proposed No. 2017-0405.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION expressing support for planning for solid
2 waste transfer capacity in Northeast King County.

3 WHEREAS, the solid waste division of the department of natural resources and
4 parks operates the Cedar Hills regional landfill, eight transfer stations and two drop
5 boxes, as well as provides innovative programs to help customers recycle and prevent
6 waste, and

7 WHEREAS, the 2006 Transfer and Waste Management Plan ("the 2006 transfer
8 plan"), approved in 2007 by Ordinance 15979, recommended a new Northeast recycling
9 and transfer station ("Northeast station") to meet growing demand for solid waste
10 services in northeast King County, and

11 WHEREAS, the 2006 transfer plan also recommended that the aging Houghton
12 transfer station be closed when replacement capacity was available, and

13 WHEREAS, to confirm the need for new stations, including a Northeast station,
14 two reviews of the 2006 transfer plan were directed through the 2013/2014 Biennial
15 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17696, Section 25, Proviso P1, and Motion 14145 passed
16 in 2014, and

17 WHEREAS, while the need for a new station was under review, Ordinance 17696
18 adopted in 2013 removed the Northeast station project from the division's capital
19 improvement program, and

20 WHEREAS, the second transfer plan review, completed in 2015, suggested that if
21 the cities of Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina and Yarrow Point leave the
22 regional system in 2028 per existing interlocal agreements, demand management actions
23 such as extending station hours and charging peak-hour prices could meet customer needs
24 for many years without a Northeast station, and

25 WHEREAS, in 2015 the county auditor confirmed the conclusions from the
26 second transfer plan review and recommended real-world testing to confirm that modeled
27 demand management actions perform as predicted, and

28 WHEREAS, to confirm the potential effectiveness of demand management,
29 Ordinance 18409 approved 2017-2018 appropriations to conduct a northeast-area demand
30 management pilot program, as well as assumed revenue during the biennium from
31 proceeds of the sale of the division's Eastgate property, and

32 WHEREAS, Motion 14856 acknowledged receipt of a demand management pilot
33 program implementation plan that recommended the temporary suspension of
34 commercial and self-haul garbage services at the Houghton transfer station, as well as
35 extended hours and peak-hour pricing at the Factoria transfer and recycling station, and

36 WHEREAS, additional approval by ordinance to authorize a temporary
37 suspension of service at the Houghton transfer station and to establish peak pricing at the
38 Factoria transfer and recycling station would have been required in order to implement
39 the pilot program, and

40 WHEREAS, a July 2017 letter cosigned by the King County executive and
41 Bellevue city manager outlined a process by which the city of Bellevue would extend its
42 solid waste interlocal agreement through 2040, subject to the county's cancelation of the

43 2018-2019 demand management pilot program, commitment to a Northeast station and
44 agreement that the county-owned Eastgate property would not be used to expand the
45 Factoria transfer and recycling station, and

46 WHEREAS, if Bellevue extends its interlocal agreement and the Houghton
47 transfer station is closed in accordance with the 2006 transfer plan, the executive's
48 assessment is that the county's transfer system would exceed level-of-service standards
49 without a Northeast station and demand management at the Factoria transfer and
50 recycling station is no longer a substitute for a Northeast station, and

51 WHEREAS, construction of a Northeast recycling and transfer station in the
52 future would be subject to the county's debt management policies, which currently are set
53 forth in Motion 12660, including the policies in section 6.2 of Attachment A to Motion
54 12660 relating to the term of financing;

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

56 In order to meet the solid waste transfer capacity needs of the Northeast area of
57 King County, and in anticipation of the city of Bellevue signing the Amended and
58 Restated Interlocal Agreement as authorized by Ordinance 17677 by October 31, 2017,
59 thereby extending the city's participation in the regional solid waste system through 2040,
60 it is the intention of the King County council that King County shall:

61 A. Cancel the demand management pilot proposed in Motion 14856, which
62 would have temporarily suspended commercial and self-haul garbage services at the
63 Houghton transfer station and would have established extended hours and peak-hour
64 pricing at the Factoria transfer and recycling station.

65 B. In light of the tonnage that would result from Bellevue's continuation in the

66 system and the cancellation of the demand management pilot program, plan for needed
67 transfer station capacity in the Northeast area of King County that would be in addition to
68 the existing Factoria station and that would allocate transfer capacity equitably among the
69 jurisdictions in the region.

70 C. Conduct planning for needed transfer station capacity in the Northeast area of

71 King County within the context of the development of the Solid Waste Comprehensive
72 Plan and the regional solid waste system as a whole.
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Motion 14968 was introduced on 10/2/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/9/2017, 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

Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



Attachments: None