



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 10, 2017

Motion 14969

Proposed No. 2017-0418.2

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION requiring the executive to report on options for
2 enhancing mobility in areas of the county that have high
3 concentrations of people with disabilities.

4 WHEREAS, Center Park is a one-hundred-thirty-seven-unit low-income public
5 housing facility located at 2121 - 26th Avenue South, Seattle, that is owned and operated
6 by the Seattle Housing Authority and that serves a high proportion of residents with
7 disabilities, and

8 WHEREAS, King County has provided customized transit service to residents of
9 Center Park since the 1970s, originally providing this service because Center Park was
10 the central location for Seattle Housing Authority to house most or all residents with
11 disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, the housing distribution for individuals with disabilities in public
13 housing has changed significantly;

14 WHEREAS, the King County council has required that customized transit service
15 provided to residents of Center Park to continue to be provided during the hours that were
16 in effect as of September 1, 2017, using Metro Transit vehicles appropriate for the
17 operating conditions, and that this schedule shall remain in effect until the effective date
18 of the September 2018 service change unless another service schedule is approved by the
19 council by ordinance, and

20 WHEREAS, King County is currently engaged in an evaluation of King County's
21 Access paratransit service that is provided for people with disabilities who are unable to
22 use regular, fixed-route transit services, as part of an effort to make the paratransit service
23 more effective, efficient and responsive to the needs of its users, and

24 WHEREAS, the King County council wishes to ensure that people with
25 disabilities throughout King County, particularly in locations of the county that have
26 similar numbers and concentrations of people with disabilities as live at Center Park, both
27 those who use regular, fixed-route transit services and those who use paratransit services
28 have transit options available to enhance their mobility;

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

30 A. The executive shall submit a report and a motion that approves the report on
31 all areas of the county that have similar numbers and concentrations of people with
32 disabilities as live at Center Park, together with options for enhancing mobility for these
33 individuals.

34 B. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

35 1. Data on areas of the county that are comparable to Center Park in the number
36 of residents with disabilities;

37 2. Options for improving mobility for the residents of these locations, including
38 but not limited to improved fixed route transit service, Community Connections or
39 alternative services, the Community Access Transportation program and Access
40 paratransit service for those eligible; and

41 3. A synopsis of how implementing the options identified in subsection B.2. of
42 this section aligns with current efforts to improve fixed route service accessibility,

43 implement the Community Connections program and improve Access paratransit service
44 implementation.

45 C. The executive should file the report and a motion required by this section by
46 February 28, 2018, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk
47 of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all

48 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the chief policy officer and the lead staff for
49 the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor.
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Motion 14969 was introduced on 10/9/2017 and passed as amended 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