



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**May 9, 2018**

**Motion 15141**

**Proposed No. 2018-0120.1**

**Sponsors Dembowski**

1           A MOTION accepting the King County-Cities Climate  
2           Collaboration (K4C) 2018 Work Plan and Budget, prepared  
3           as the annual work plan and budget requested under Motion  
4           14449.

5           WHEREAS, confronting climate change through effective strategies to  
6           reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate  
7           requires an integrated countywide effort involving public, private and non-governmental  
8           partnerships, and

9           WHEREAS, the King County executive and council unanimously adopted the  
10          2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, and

11          WHEREAS, the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan presents a  
12          bold course of action that will make progress toward achieving the countywide goal to  
13          reduce greenhouse gas emissions by eighty percent by 2050, and

14          WHEREAS, King County will continue to play a key role in the King  
15          County-Cities Climate Collaboration, whose members represent seventy-five percent of  
16          the population of the county, and which lays out a shared countywide vision for  
17          confronting climate change upon which the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action  
18          Plan is built, and

19          WHEREAS, the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan strengthens

20 the county's strategy to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate on local  
21 communities, infrastructure, economy, public health and safety, and the natural  
22 environment, and

23 WHEREAS, the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan advances  
24 King County's guiding principle of promoting fairness and opportunity and eliminating  
25 inequities by considering the equity and social justice impacts in its decision-making on  
26 climate change strategies, and

27 WHEREAS, consistent with Ordinance 17285, which authorized the  
28 interlocal agreement for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, and with Motion  
29 14449, which adopted the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, the  
30 executive was requested to coordinate with staff of the transportation, economy and  
31 environment committee, or its successor, in developing the annual work plans and budget  
32 for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration under the interlocal agreement, and

33 WHEREAS, Motion 14449 also requested that the executive submit by  
34 January 31, 2016, and every year thereafter, the King County-Cities Climate  
35 Collaboration annual work plan and budget to the council for acceptance by motion;

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

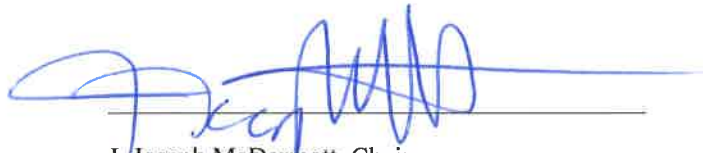
37 The King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) 2018 Work Plan and

- 38 Budget, which is Attachment A to this motion and prepared as the annual work plan and  
39 budget as requested by Motion 14449, is hereby accepted.

Motion 15141 was introduced on 2/12/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/7/2018, 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

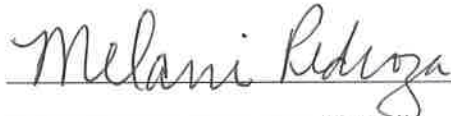
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



**Attachments:** A. KC-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) 2018 Work Plan and Budget

**King County-Cities Climate Collaboration  
(K4C) 2018 Work Plan and Budget**

**Prepared per Motion 14449**

This report has been developed to provide information about the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C)<sup>1</sup> 2018 Work Plan and Budget, as required by King County Council Motion 14449 which states:

B. Consistent with Ordinance 17285, which authorized the Interlocal Agreement for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, the executive is requested to coordinate with staff of the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor, in developing the annual work plans and budget for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration under the interlocal agreement. The executive is requested to submit by January 31, and every year thereafter, the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration annual work plan and budget to the council for acceptance by motion.

### **Background: Elected Official and K4C Partner Guidance on K4C Priorities**

K4C partners have collaboratively developed a Letter of Commitment, Principles for Collaboration, and Joint County-City Climate Commitments<sup>2</sup> (K4C's Joint Commitments) - that will help get the region on track towards shared and ambitious countywide, community scale climate change and greenhouse gas reduction targets formally adopted by King County and 39 King County cities through the Growth Management Planning Council. As of the end of 2017, the K4C's Joint Commitments have been formally endorsed by the chief elected official of thirteen of fourteen K4C partners - that together represent three quarters of the County's population. The K4C's Joint Commitments serve as the anchor and guiding document informing the work plan and activities of the K4C.

Recognizing that K4C partners cannot implement all of the K4C's Joint Commitments at once, partners are currently focusing on areas that: maximize greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction potential; recognize an appropriate and strategic role for K4C; pursue untapped potential or opportunity; and/or represent an opportunity for political action or partnership among K4C partners, Washington State agencies, energy utilities, and others.

Based on alignment with the K4C's Joint Commitments, a series of six elected official summits between 2014 and 2017, and decisions at the Fall 2017 K4C staff retreat, below is a summary of 2018 K4C work plan and budget priorities. Beyond these priority focus areas, the K4C will continue to collaborate on other K4C Joint Commitment areas, for example through hosting the 2018 Sustainable Cities Roundtable series on climate related topics.

### **2018 Work Plan: K4C Joint Commitment Priorities**

The K4C's 2018 Work Plan commitments focus on the following areas, organized by relevant section of the K4C's Joint Commitments:

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<sup>1</sup> To learn more about the K4C: [www.kingcounty.gov/climate/pledge](http://www.kingcounty.gov/climate/pledge)

<sup>2</sup> The K4C's Joint Commitments: <https://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/dnrp-directors-office/climate/2016-K4C-LetterOfCommitments.pdf>

## 1. Shared Goals

- Partner to share data on countywide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions sources and trends, including through a project led by the City of Bellevue and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability to better assess the drivers and trends in local sources of community level GHG emissions.
- Partner to fund and use Scope 5, a web-based GHG emissions and sustainability metric measurement platform for K4C partners that is transparent, current, and provides consistency across agencies.

## 2. Energy Supply

- Continue engagement between elected officials, Puget Sound Energy, Seattle City Light, and state utility regulators to work toward a renewable energy-powered future, with accelerated coal phase-out and limitation of new natural gas-based electricity.
- Use K4C expertise to support a technical analysis of local efficiency and renewable energy potential, as part of a Clean Electricity Pathways Planning Project, including outlining and engaging with elected officials regarding what K4C partners can do to achieve that potential.
- Collaborate to extend King County's Fund to Reduce Energy Demand (FRED) program to K4C partners.

## 3. Transportation and Land Use

- Support increased use of alternative fuels and clean technologies in the K4C partner fleet.
- Explore more possibilities for people throughout the county to access the frequent transit network, expanding opportunities for travel and decreasing reliance on single occupant vehicles, including opportunities to expand alternative transit services and ridesharing.
- Pursue funding opportunities for electric vehicles and related technologies, transportation-oriented developments, and other strategies that reduce transportation emissions and single occupancy vehicle use, including a coordinated approach to Washington State's Volkswagen settlement funding opportunity.
- Support regional electric vehicle growth through policy, infrastructure, and vehicle procurement coordination.
- Engage K4C partners in fleet manager meetings to enhance information sharing and to support development of best practices for vehicle use and fleet investments across partners.

## 4. Green Building and Energy Efficiency

- Partner to develop and coordinate Living Building Challenge policies that support super-efficient building strategies.
- Partner through the Regional Code Collaboration on development of and implementation of ambitious energy and green building policies and codes.
- Collaborate to support development of, and advocate for, strong 2018 Washington state energy codes for commercial and multifamily buildings.

## 5. Collaboration

- **Green Building Task Force and Regional Code Collaboration:** The K4C partners with the "Green Building Task Force" (GBTF), a group led by King County's Solid Waste Division that collaborates with King County cities on research, tools and policies related to green building. The K4C also partners with a second green building collaborative effort called the

“Regional Code Collaboration”, which includes partners outside of King County, and is focused on code development for local governments to further sustainable development. The K4C will continue to partner with these groups on green building strategies, for example as it did in the April 2016 by jointly hosting a green building focused elected official summit.

- **Sustainable Cities Roundtables:** A key area of collaboration between the K4C and the GBTF is the Sustainable Cities Roundtable series. This is a monthly series of training sessions, discussions and workshops dedicated to green building and climate change policy and programming for the county and cities in King County. The K4C helps design and host roughly half of these events on topics that align with the K4C’s Joint Commitments.

#### **2018 Work Plan: Additional Priorities:**

**K4C Shared Climate and Energy Policy Interests:** Engage in time-sensitive climate policy discussions at the state level as they relate to the K4C’s Joint Commitments.

**2018 K4C Elected Official Summits.** K4C staff committed to host at least one K4C elected official event each year. As of the end of 2017, one elected official event is scheduled at for 2018 to be held on February 7. Additional elected official events later in the year are possible. The February 2018 summit will include a session sharing infographics about climate impacts and actions in King County, and provide K4C partners an opportunity to learn more about the Million Trees initiative and new K4C tools for reporting on our sustainability and climate change progress. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to review shared progress towards K4C climate and energy commitments, discuss the results from Clean Electricity Pathways consulting work that K4C elected officials helped to scope, and to map next steps in shaping policies and actions that accelerate the transition to renewable energy.

## 2018 K4C Budget

The K4C Interlocal Agreement (ILA) includes a stipulation that 75 percent of parties must approve of budget expenditures. The K4C steering committee held a budget decision making meeting on December 7, 2017 through which twelve of fourteen (86 percent) of K4C partners formally adopted a set of initial 2018 budget expenditures. These expenditures do not spend all of the K4C's shared resources and the group has agreed to consider additional spending priorities during the spring of 2018.

<b>2018 K4C Revenues</b>	
ILA Defined Partner Contributions	\$34,200
Related King County Contribution	\$20,000
2017 Unspent Funds	\$43,540
<b>Total Resources Available for 2018</b>	<b>\$97,740</b>
<b>2018 K4C Approved Expenditures</b>	
2018 Sustainable Cities Roundtable Series - Event Production Support	\$10,000
2018 Sustainable Cities Roundtable Series- To support stipends, honorariums or other financial support for local events, especially for topics and speakers related to environmental justice, climate justice and broader equity and social justice topics, themes or Roundtable participants	\$5,000
2018 Sustainable Cities Roundtable Series - to support audio/video recording or transmitting (e.g. webinars) of roundtables or trainings	\$2,000
2018 K4C Event Catering	\$1,000
K4C and K4C Partner - Climate Action Infographics	\$10,000
Scope 5 – Greenhouse Gas Measurement and Tracking Program	\$12,625
High Performance Green Building Code - City Implementation Tools	\$16,000
<b>Total Approved 2018 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$56,625</b>

## Conclusion and Next Steps

The 2018 work plan and budget builds on the K4C's Joint Commitments, elected official input and engagement, and interests and direction of all K4C partners. The 2018 K4C budget was adopted by partners at the December 2017 staff budget decision making meeting. As this process moves forward, the Executive commits to continue to coordinate with the staff of the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor, in developing this and future annual work plans and expenditures for the K4C.