



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 26, 2004**

**Motion 11862**

**Proposed No.** 2004-0034.2

**Sponsors** Edmonds and Lambert

1           A MOTION establishing the 2005 Federal Agenda for King  
2           County.

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WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County  
6 executive have worked through the joint King County legislative steering committee to  
7 develop a federal agenda and desire to bring their positions on issues to the attention of  
8 the United States Congress, and

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WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local  
10 governments and other organizations to achieve its 2005 federal legislative goals, and

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WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the  
12 federal government. If King County is going to be able to continue delivering basic  
13 government services to our residents, it needs a preservation, if not an expansion, of  
14 federal support, and

15 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will  
16 continue to review congressional developments for possible revisions of King County's  
17 2004 federal legislative program;

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

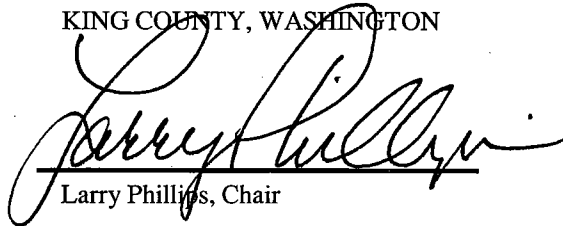
19 The King County council adopts the attached "2005 Federal Agenda for King  
20 County" as King County's highest priorities for federal action in the 2005 congressional  
21 appropriations cycle.

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Motion 11862 was introduced on 1/20/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/26/2004, by the following vote:

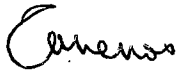
Yes: 11 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Ms. Edmonds and Mr. McKenna

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



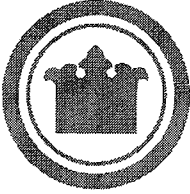
Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments** A. Revised King County, Washington 2004 (FY 2005) Federal Agenda dated 1-26-04,  
B. Revised King County, Washington Statements of Federal Policy dated 1-26-04



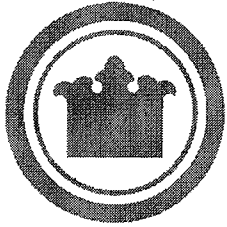
**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
2004 (FY 2005) FEDERAL AGENDA  
AND ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES**

	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
1a	Transportation	<p><b>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$15 million to purchase <b>42 Hybrid Clean Air Buses</b>;</li> <li>2. \$3 million for <b>County-wide Signal Program</b>;</li> <li>3. \$5 million to replace the <b>South Park Bridge</b>;</li> <li>4. \$3.2 million for <b>Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry</b>; and,</li> <li>5. \$2 million for <b>Transit Oriented Development</b>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Secure the following in the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$60 million in New Starts Program for an arterial and corridor <b>Bus Rapid Transit System</b>.</li> </ol>
1b	Transportation	<p><b>FAST Corridor II:</b> Secure continued funding (\$10 million) for the program in the Transportation Appropriations bill.</p>
2	Workforce Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increase Workforce Investment Act (WIA) formula allocation.</b> King County WorkSource Centers had 138,531 customer visits from 7/1/03 to 9/30/03, a 41% increase over the same period in 2002. The demand for re-training and job placement services continues to skyrocket. King County has obligated 100% of its WIA allocation on employment services for 3,160 currently enrolled customers. (Current funding does not allow for any more enrollees at this time.) The WIA funding streams are currently at risk of significant budget cuts that would have severe impacts on the capacity of WorkSource Centers to provide these essential services to dislocated and low-income workers. In addition, the region's major employers, such as the Boeing Corporation, Washington Mutual and</li> </ul>

		<p>Airborne Express, are expected to make additional layoffs in the near future. Without any additional funding King County will not be able to serve these customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Self-Sufficiency Initiative:</b> Secure \$1 million in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations Bill to integrate workforce training services into other social services currently offered to ex-offenders transitioning back into the community. The requested funding will concentrate on providing jobs skills, training and job placement.</li> </ul>
3a	<b>Salmon Recovery</b>	<p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill (Corps of Engineers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$4.5 million for the <b>Green/Duwamish Ecosystem Restoration Program.</b></li> <li>• Funding for <b>Salmon Habitat Restoration Studies</b>, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$955,000 for the Lake Washington/Ship Canal Ecosystem Study;</li> <li>○ \$1.9 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Marine Habitat Study; and</li> <li>○ \$580,000 for the Puyallup River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Study.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$3 million for the <b>Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters Initiative.</b></li> </ul>
3b	<b>Salmon Recovery</b>	<p>Maintain funding for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program. Continued federal funding is crucial at a time when the WRIA plans are underway and projects are being identified. Continued support for the <b>Salmon Recovery Funding Board</b> at \$34 million level through the Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations Bill.</p>
4a	<b>Growth Management/ Smart Growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maury Island Conservation Initiative:</b> Secure \$2 million in the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill. The Initiative brings together a unique array of partners in an effort to preserve the significant ecological values of the Marine Island Aquatic Conservancy and associated uplands. The partners include the State of Washington, King</li> </ul>

		<p>County, the Cascade Land Conservancy and the Vashon/Maury Island Land Trust. The Conservancy protects critical nearshore salmon habitat, which has been identified as a top priority for preservation by the WRIA 9 watershed planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Juanita Drive Woodlands Open Space Project:</b> Secure \$1 million through the competitive grants process to assist the partnership of King County, Cascade Land Conservancy, the State of Washington, the City of Kirkland, the Denny Creek Neighborhood Alliance and, possibly, the Lake Washington School District for the purpose of ensuring long-term conservation and environmental stewardship of approximately 40 acres of forested land located in unincorporated King County in the Holmes Point area.</li> </ul>
4b	<b>Growth Management/ Smart Growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cedar Green Partnership</b> (formerly known as Rock Creek Vision) -- Secure \$5 million to leverage private and local funds to ensure long term forestry in the rapidly growing Eastern King and Pierce County Forest zones.</li> <li>• <b>Forest Legacy:</b> Support funding for the forest legacy projects proposed by the State of Washington for the acquisition of development rights on forest parcels. The State proposal includes projects in King County worth \$3 million.</li> </ul>
5	<b>Homeland Security/ Bioterrorism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support legislation to streamline funding to local first responders and equip them with greater control over how grant resources would be expended at the local level.</li> <li>• Support increased funding for local governments to conduct security assessments for water treatment plants, drinking water distribution facilities, and transportation infrastructure, along with funding to support the implementation of security projects for such facilities.</li> <li>• Support grant funds to develop and implement pre-incident emergency management planning to provide preparation for domestic terrorism and other issues where interagency coordination, cooperation and execution are critical to public safety.</li> <li>• Support increased funding for city and county</li> </ul>

		<p>organizations to target major population centers providing regional services in response to weapons of mass destruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support funding to enhance the basic infrastructure of the public health system and its ability to prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism, especially bioterrorism.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Regional Interagency Wireless Communications and Data Sharing Pilot Project</b>	Secure \$500,000 million in Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill (COPS) for the King County Sheriff's Office to fund the startup of a Wireless System at the patrol level.
7	<b>Molten Fuel Cell Demonstration Project</b>	Secure \$2.5 million in the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill, (EPA-EPM). This project has received \$8.3 million in federal funding from FY 1998 to FY 2002. A total of \$5 million in federal funding is needed in to complete this project.
8	<b>Medicaid</b>	King County supports legislation to increase the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP). King County Regional Support Network (mental health), drug and alcohol services and developmental disabilities services rely on Medicaid funding.
9	<b>Magnuson Act Amendment</b>	Secure legislative language that would allow NOAA the discretionary authority to access and employ local law enforcement resources to fulfill certain duties mandated by the Magnuson Act. This authority would allow NOAA to contract with King County for Magnuson Act enforcement.



## KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

### STATEMENTS OF FEDERAL POLICY

*These legislative interests are advocated for in partnership with national organizations or issue-specific coalitions.*

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
Statewide Salmon Funding Coalition	Support the efforts of the statewide coalition comprised of government, tribal, environmental, and business interests to increase funding for salmon recovery and water quality protection.
Replacing Transit Communication Equipment	Support County Department of Transportation grant requests to replace Radio and Automated Vehicle Location Communication Equipment due to new rules being imposed by the Federal Communications Commission.
Methamphetamines Enforcement Funding	Support the ongoing request for Washington State Methamphetamine (Meth) Initiative in Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations, under the COPS Methamphetamine/Drug "Hot Spots" Program for cleanup mitigation, health/treatment, child protective services, community mobilization and prevention.
Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements	Support the Vashon Sewer District and City of Carnation's STAG requests for waste water infrastructure improvements.
Energy	Support the inclusion of Section 29 Tax Credits, for landfill gas-to-energy facilities, in the energy bill.
Urban and Community Forestry	Diversify sources of federal funding by seeking funds through USDA Forest Service to leverage local support for improving tree cover in open spaces and critical habitats. Priorities are improving wildlife habitats and quality of life in inner city areas and encouraging preservation of tree resources in emerging suburban developments. King County supports increased funding for the USDA Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program.
Duwamish Corridor Ecosystem Restoration	Support effort to secure funding for the cleanup of the Duwamish Corridor through Superfund and Brownfields programs.
Salmon Bay Shoreline Restoration	Assist in efforts with the Corps of Engineers to secure funding to initiate a shoreline restoration study.

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG)	Support continued funding for the LLEBG program, especially those programs that support drug education, treatment and prevention.
Secure Emergency Communications Bandwidth	Support legislative policies and FCC actions that would assure full, interference-free utilization of all spectrum currently allocated for public safety and local government use, and seek additional spectrum to meet growing needs.
Flood Hazard Reduction	Support funding for the Snoqualmie flood hazard reduction project.
Shelter Plus Care	Maintain a separate budget line item for Shelter Plus Care renewals. These funds subsidize the cost of rental housing for homeless people with disabilities.
Domestic Violence	Support funding for the Title IV, the Violence Against Women Act of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (the Crime Act). The money made available through this program should be made available to develop Domestic Violence prevention programming in jails.
CDBG and HOME Formula Funds, McKinney Act Programs	Advocate for increases or at least maintain HUD appropriations for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs, homeless assistance (McKinney Act programs), and public housing operating subsidies, rental certificates/vouchers, and Section 8 contract renewals. These funds benefit low/moderate income residents of King County. It is also important to advocate for maintaining local discretion and flexibility over the use of these funds
Worker Training	Continue to seek additional resources for programs serving the worker training needs of low income residents in neighborhoods in unincorporated King County -- including White Center, Boulevard Park and West Hill.
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	Increase Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C funding for early intervention services. Support the Senate's legislation to reauthorize IDEA.
Reinvesting in Youth	The City of Seattle and King County have launched this initiative to be used as a model for reforming the juvenile justice system. The goal is to implement "front end" or intervention measures that build strengths in children and families especially for youth at risk
Mental Health	Support funding to improve local jail and law enforcement's ability to address the issues related to the contact between the criminal justice system and the mentally ill. This would include officer training, screening and evaluation, housing, treatment, and discharge planning.
Community Access Program	Support reauthorization and appropriations funding at no less than 2001 level of \$125 million.



Infrastructure	Support a comprehensive federal investment into infrastructure needs, particularly drinking water and wastewater. Also support legislation to provide funding for communities needing new capital facilities to meet the new arsenic standard under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
State Criminal Alien Apprehension Program (SCAAP)	Support continued funding for the SCAAP. These funds reimburse local jails and state prisons for providing detention services to criminal aliens. King County has been a recipient for the last five years, including receiving \$700,000 in reimbursement funds in 2003.
Juvenile Detention	Support funding for juvenile detention-based programs that focus on drug education, crisis intervention, prevention, and treatment.
State Enhancement Program (SEP)	Support federal participation in the establishment of a SEP for the State of Washington, which will enable the State to overcome the barriers to greater participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the nation's largest conservation program administered by the federal government. In addition, establishment of a SEP will allow the State to tailor the CRP so that it will more effectively address the State's unique conservation challenges, particularly as they relate to salmon habitat protection and restoration.
Safe Drinking Water Act	Support legislation to provide funding for communities needing new capital facilities to meet the new arsenic standard under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)	Support federal funding for guidance and full TMDL implementation for the new TMDL rules that will be proposed in 2002 and adopted in 2003.
Low Flow Fixtures	Oppose legislation that attempts to eliminate national plumbing code standards that mandate low-flow fixtures.
Wet Weather Water Quality	Support legislation that provides regulatory clarity and federal funding for combined sewer overflow (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) control.
School Resource Officer	Support ongoing funding for COPS Office's COPS in Schools Program.
FEMA	Seek modifications to FEMA's interim policy barring reimbursement of the cost of replanting trees and shrubs as part of repairs made to river facilities, detention/retention areas, water quality sites and stream and river bank stabilization areas.
FEMA	Seek variance for Pacific Northwest to Corps of Engineers and FEMA disaster assistance eligibility criteria. Currently, levees and other flood works that contain vegetation are ineligible for assistance from the Corps under P.L. 84-99 and FEMA funding for repairs under the Stafford Act.

FEMA	Seek federal funds from FEMA and other agencies with flood hazard mitigation programs to support the removal of structures within the flood plain and the restoration of important habitat.
Seismic Infrastructure	Federal funding to improve the seismic reliability of public facilities in most threatened regions of King County.
Housing	Support revisions to the tax code to support homeownership for households earning 120 percent of median income or less.
Housing	Seek appropriations and tax code revisions to support a King County House Land Trust to purchase land to construct owner-occupied housing for moderate- and median-income households.
Homeless	Reauthorization of the Consolidated Health Centers program, which includes health care for the homeless.
Homeless	Support “hold harmless” provision in legislation to block grant federal homeless assistance funding for the Seattle-King County area to maintain current funding levels and support maximum flexibility for local jurisdictions in the use of the funds.

## LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS

King County lobbyists will monitor federal legislation and regulations continuously and report to King County when participation in the process is beneficial to the county. They will also coordinate efforts on these issues with national associations.

King County has expressed a particular interest in the following issues:

- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
- Privacy
- Affirmative Action
- Clean Water Act / Endangered Species Act Integration
- HIV/AIDS
- Private Activity Bond Cap and Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Mental Health Block Grant
- Property Rights and "Takings" legislation
- EPA's Sustainable Development Challenge Grant Program
- Welfare to Work (Workforce Investment Act)
- CARA
- Internet Tax
- EPA, Waterbody Monitoring and Assessment Rule
- Child Care
- Education
- Individuals w/Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Housing (CDBG, HOME, homeless assistance, public housing, first time buyers, Section 8, etc.)
- Pediatric Cancer Research funding
- Telecommunications
- Federal Highway Administration's Grant Program (Section 1221 of TEA 21)

## **GRANTS**

The Ferguson Group will conduct a grants workshop with King County departments to further help the County improve its grant application process. In addition, The Ferguson Group will research federal grant opportunities at the County's request. When the County is interested in applying for a grant it will notify The Ferguson Group so that any additional information may be sent. After the County has applied for the grant and notified The Ferguson Group, The Ferguson Group will work with the County, congressional delegation, and agencies to garner support for the application. Active participation in the process will continue to determine the approximate time of grant announcement and the status of the County's application, as well as to ensure the County's application receives the best possible consideration. If the County's application is successful, The Ferguson Group will work with the federal agency to expedite allocation of the grant award. If the County's application is unsuccessful, The Ferguson Group will follow-up with the federal agency's grant reviewers to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the application and then work with the County to prepare for the next funding opportunity.

## **E-CIVIS**

Through an agreement between The Ferguson Group and eCivis, King County will also receive access to *Grants Locator* within The Ferguson Group's existing annual contract. The value of this provision to King County is \$25,000.

*Grants Locator*, a complete grants research system, is a web-based tool tailored for the needs of local governments, providing comprehensive research on Federal and Foundation grants information along with customization and efficiency tools. This system, which is updated daily, customizable for each user, instantly searchable, and complete with downloadable files for each funding opportunity, is a sole source product adding effectiveness and efficiency to the grants process. Management features are built in, allowing for communication and accountability throughout departments. Full training, customer service, and technical support are included with access for an unlimited number of users within the County.

## **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITIONS**

The Ferguson Group will build partnerships and coalitions with national associations in which King County is an active member. These associations include, but are not limited to, the National Association of Counties, and its subgroups the Large Urban County Caucus, the American Public Transit Association and other groups which the Legislative Steering Committee deems of particular interest.