



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

May 1, 2001

Ordinance 14096

Proposed No. 2001-0222.2

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; revising rates
2 of fare; and amending Ordinance 13480, Section 2, as amended,
3 and K.C.C. 28.94.015, Ordinance 12643, Section 6, as amended,
4 and K.C.C. 28.94.175, Ordinance 12643, Section 12, as amended,
5 and K.C.C. 28.94.210 and Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as
6 amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.245.

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9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fares
11 currently charged for county public transportation services.

12 B. Section 3 of this ordinance proposes changes in flexpass pricing.

13 C. These fees are assessed under K.C.C. 2.99.030.

14 SECTION 2. Ordinance 13480, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 are
15 each hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **Rates of fare for transit program.** A. Except as may otherwise be provided by
17 ordinance, the following fare categories and rates are established for regularly scheduled

18 county public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles
 19 and streetcars:

	((One-zone e)) Off-peak	One-zone peak	((Two-zone e)) off-peak	Two-zone Peak
Regular fare	(((\$1.00)) <u>\$1.25</u>	(((\$1.25)) <u>\$1.50</u>	\$1.00	(((\$1.75)) <u>\$2.00</u>
Child fare	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth fare	((\$.75)) <u>\$.50</u>	((\$.75)) <u>\$.50</u>	\$.75	((\$.75)) <u>\$.50</u>
Family fare	\$1.00	N/A	\$1.00	N/A
Seniors and persons with disabilities fare	\$.25	((\$.25)) <u>\$.50</u>	\$.25))	((\$.25)) <u>\$.50</u>

- 20 The fare categories and rates are subject to, and defined by, the following:
- 21 1. The descriptions of transit zones are set forth in K.C.C. 28.94.030.
 - 22 2. The time-of-day limitations for peak period trips and off-peak period trips are
 23 set forth in K.C.C. 28.92.115 and 28.92.100.
 - 24 3. The child fare is available to persons up to five years old when accompanied by
 25 a responsible person paying the proper fare as set forth in this chapter. Up to four children
 26 may ride with each responsible person.
 - 27 4. The youth fare is available to persons from five through seventeen years old
 28 and persons over seventeen years old who attend regular sessions of junior or senior high
 29 school.
 - 30 5. The family fare is available to a group that includes a person at least eighteen
 31 years old and up to four persons seventeen years old or younger. The family fare is valid

32 on Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed: New
33 Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence
34 Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

35 6. The senior and persons with disabilities fare is available to persons who apply
36 for and receive a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to persons at least
37 sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional reduced fare
38 permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255.

39 7. A person with a disability who has been issued an "attendant ride free" permit
40 by the department may be accompanied by an attendant, who is not required to pay a fare.

41 B. A fare in subsection A of this section is paid when a person pays the appropriate
42 amount in cash or presents an appropriate pass, transfer or other fare payment media
43 established under, and used in accordance with, this chapter.

44 C. The following passes are established for use on regularly scheduled county
45 public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and
46 streetcars:

47 1. Weekend/holiday all-day pass – (~~(\$2.00)~~) \$2.50

48 A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to
49 persons at least five years old. A(~~(n)~~) weekend/holiday all-day pass may be purchased only
50 on Saturdays, Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed:
51 New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day;
52 Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. An all-day pass
53 entitles persons at least five years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated on the
54 pass.

55 2. Weekday all-day pass – \$5.00

56 A weekday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons at
57 least five years old. A weekday all-day pass may be purchased only on weekdays. An all-
58 day pass entitles persons at least five years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated
59 on the pass.

60 ((2)) 3. Monthly pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – ((~~\$3.75~~)) \$5.50

61 Monthly passes may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons who have
62 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to
63 persons at least sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional
64 reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The monthly pass
65 entitles the purchaser to unlimited rides during the month indicated on the pass.

66 ((3)) 4. Annual pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – ((~~\$45.00~~)) \$66.00

67 Annual passes may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons who have
68 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to
69 persons sixty-five years of age and older and persons with disabilities as provided in the
70 regional reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The annual pass
71 entitles the purchaser to unlimited rides during the year indicated on the pass.

72 ((4)) 5. Regional passes

73 Regional passes, in various single-trip value denominations and for various
74 effective periods, may be issued and sold in accordance with the terms of an agreement
75 approved by the county council and entered into with other public transportation providers
76 in the region. The various effective periods, single-trip values and prices for the regional
77 passes shall be established by the agreement. A valid regional pass may be presented an

78 unlimited number of times during its effective period as full or partial payment of the
79 applicable fare. To the extent the single trip value of the regional pass is not sufficient to
80 cover the applicable fare, the rider shall pay the difference in cash.

81 D. The rate of fare for paratransit service shall be ~~((50))~~ 75 cents per trip and
82 ~~((8.75))~~ \$13.50 for a monthly pass.

83 E. The rate of fare for customized bus service to residents of Center Park, a facility
84 of the Seattle Housing Authority located at 2121 - 26th Avenue South, Seattle, is equal to
85 the paratransit fares specified in K.C.C. 28.94.015D.

86 SECTION 3. Ordinance 12643, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.175 are
87 each hereby amended to read as follows:

88 **Pass agreements.** The executive is authorized to negotiate and enter into flexpass
89 or regional annual pass agreements with employers, groups of employers, educational
90 institutions, transportation management associations and other organizations for the
91 purpose of selling passes for distribution and use by employees, students and/or others
92 traveling to their facilities. The executive is also authorized to negotiate and enter into a
93 multiyear pass sale agreement with the owner or developer of a transit-oriented
94 development, or the owner or developer's successor, under which the transit-oriented
95 development purchases and distributes transit passes to the residents of its housing units.
96 For the purposes of this section, "transit-oriented development" means a development
97 that is designated as a transit-oriented development in an agreement with the county and
98 that includes the construction of new housing units at or within one quarter mile of a
99 county transit center or park and ride lot. At a minimum, these institutional agreements
100 shall contain the following terms:

101 A. A description of the type of pass to be sold. The types of passes sold under the
102 institutional agreements shall be:

- 103 1. Flexpasses;
- 104 2. Transit-oriented development resident passes; or
- 105 3. Regional passes if the institutional pass sale agreements are authorized
106 under the agreement entered into with other transit providers that established the regional
107 passes.

108 B. 1. For flexpass agreements: a description of the services and benefits available
109 to the flexpass holder, of which there shall be at least two services or benefits provided
110 by the other party to the agreement that are in addition to the transit element, the
111 designation of a transportation coordinator and the distribution of alternative commuting
112 information; the number of passes to be issued and the cost thereof, the cost of issuing
113 additional and replacement passes during the term of the agreement, a schedule of
114 payments and an agreement term not to exceed three years. Unless otherwise agreed to
115 by the council, the price terms of the transit elements of a flexpass agreement shall be
116 established according to(~~the following schedule of annual calculations~~) one of two
117 methods described in subsection B.2 of this section. Further, the agreement shall require
118 reimbursement of the cost of additional services provided by the department and shall
119 include provisions for modification due to changes in fares and program fees.

120 2.a For the purpose of establishing flexpass prices by area, the director is
121 authorized to identify contiguous geographic areas within the county that are
122 characterized throughout by a similar level of transit service and transit mode-split. The

123 director shall establish flexpass prices according to the following formulae for on-going
124 and new flexpass participants located in the pricing areas.

125 Flexpass price for on-going area flexpass participants: TR x estimated average
126 annual trips attributable to passes issued under all ongoing area flexpass agreements
127 entered into by parties located in the subject pricing area. The estimated average annual
128 trip figure shall include a factor determined by the department to reflect the anticipated
129 growth in trips expected for on-going area flexpass participants.

130 Flexpass price for party entering into its initial area flexpass agreement: TR x
131 estimated average annual transit trips by non-participants located in the subject pricing
132 area. The estimated average annual trip figure shall include a factor determined by the
133 department to reflect the anticipated growth in trips expected for a new participant in the
134 flexpass program.

135 For purposes of this formula, "TR" means the weighted average fare per trip
136 determined by the department. The area flexpass prices shall be established at least every
137 two years and upon the adoption of any applicable fare increase. Except for flexpass
138 agreements covering at least five hundred employees or multiple worksites throughout
139 the county, area prices shall apply to all flexpass agreements entered into with a party that
140 is located in a pricing area.

141 b. For employers and other parties that have at least five hundred employees,
142 multiple worksites throughout the county or are located outside a pricing area, the
143 following schedule of annual calculations shall determine the flexpass price term.

144 First twelve months: Trip revenue x baseline trips

145 Second twelve months: (TR x baseline trips) + [(TR x added trips) x 1/3]

146 Third twelve months: $(TR \times \text{baseline trips}) + [(TR \times \text{added trips}) \times 2/3]$

147 Fourth twelve months $(TR \times \text{baseline trips}) + (TR \times \text{added trips})$ and thereafter:

148 For purposes of this formula, "trip revenue" or "TR" means the weighted average
149 fare per trip determined by the department.

150 For purposes of this formula, "baseline trips" means the estimated number of transit
151 trips taken by the contracting party's covered population of students, employees or others,
152 or any combination thereof, in the twelve months preceding execution of the flexpass
153 agreement. Baseline trips may be adjusted on an annual basis to account for changes in
154 the number of eligible employees.

155 For purposes of this formula, "added trips" means those trips taken during the prior
156 twelve months, determined either from surveys or electronic counting of actual flexpass
157 use, which exceed the number of baseline trips established at the execution of the
158 flexpass agreement. Electronic counts of one month or more will be annualized and used
159 in lieu of survey results if available.

160 For purposes of this formula, ((F))in the event a party terminates or does not renew a
161 flexpass agreement, any subsequent flexpass agreement entered into with that party shall
162 be priced as if in the "fourth twelve months and thereafter" category.

163 C. For transit-oriented development resident pass agreements: the term of the
164 agreement, the number and type of passes to be provided, the method and frequency of
165 pass distribution, the price of the passes and the timing of the payment or payments. The
166 director shall establish the price at a level that will generate no less than the revenue that
167 the director estimates would otherwise be received if the residents of the transit-oriented
168 development paid cash fares over the term of the agreement. The director shall assume in

169 the price determination: the anticipated rides per pass will be at least eighteen rides per
170 month per pass; and the anticipated fare per trip is at least the weighted average fare per
171 trip as determined generally by the department.

172 D. For regional annual pass agreements: the price of the regional passes, the cost of
173 issuing additional and replacement passes during the term of the agreement, the level of
174 subsidy provided by the purchasing entity, a schedule of payments and an agreement term
175 not to exceed one year. The price of a regional annual pass sold under an institutional
176 pass sale agreement is the regular price as established in the agreement entered into with
177 other transit providers as set forth in K.C.C. 28.94.015C.4. Purchasing entities are
178 entitled to price discounts only if the discounts are provided under the agreement.

179 SECTION 4. Ordinance 12643, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.210
180 are each hereby amended as follows:

181 **Public school district agreements.** The executive is authorized to execute
182 agreements with public school districts to supply students with passes in connection with
183 special school programs, but the price for passes under the agreements shall be
184 established at a rate of (~~twenty-four~~) thirty-six times the youth fare set forth in this
185 chapter for each month in which these passes are valid, and the passes shall be valid only
186 for rides on regularly scheduled county public transportation service on buses, trolleys,
187 transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars.

188 SECTION 5. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.245
189 are each hereby amended as follows:

190 **Provisions of tickets to human services agencies.** The director is authorized to
191 establish a program for the sale and distribution of tickets to human service agencies at

192 twenty(~~five~~) percent of their cash value for the purpose of meeting the transportation
193 needs of low income and homeless populations. The total amount of the (~~seventy five~~)
194 eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed (~~six hundred fifty~~
195 ~~thousand~~) one million dollars for any one year. The allocation of discount tickets under
196 the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the
197 county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local
198 jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall determine the number of
199 tickets from their respective allocations which shall be sold to the human service agencies
200 eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are valid on all public
201 transportation and paratransit service.

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SECTION 6. Sections 2 and 4 of this ordinance take effect July 1, 2001.

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Ordinance 14096 was introduced on 4/9/01 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/30/01, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. Phillips and Mr. Nickels

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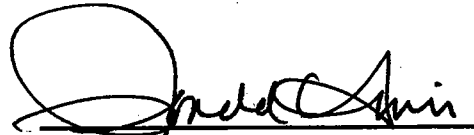
Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 9 day of May, 2001.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None