



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
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**Signature Report**

**November 19, 2007**

**Ordinance 15972**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0616.2

**Sponsors** Constantine

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing a marine division within  
2 the department of transportation; and amending Ordinance  
3 11955, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.140  
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5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 6 1. In 2006, the Washington State Legislature directed that state funding  
7 for the Vashon Island passenger-only ferry service, currently operated by  
8 Washington State Ferries, end on June 30, 2007, and provided King  
9 County with the opportunity to submit a business plan to the Governor for  
10 possible assumption of this service.
- 11 2. King County submitted a business plan to the Governor in late 2006  
12 and an agreement was reached during the 2007 legislative session to  
13 extend funding for the Vashon Island passenger-only ferry service through  
14 the end of June 30, 2008, along with a mechanism for this service to  
15 become part of a future King County Ferry District.
- 16 3. Title 36 RCW authorizes counties to acquire, construct, operate and  
17 maintain a ferry system.

- 18           4. Title 36 RCW also authorizes counties to create ferry districts.
- 19           5. In accordance with chapter 36.54.110 RCW, the legislative authority of  
20           a county may create a ferry district in all or a portion of the county.
- 21           6. The King County council adopted Ordinance 15739 on April 30, 2007,  
22           creating a countywide ferry district in King County with the intent to  
23           provide passenger-only ferry service to various parts of the county.
- 24           7. The King County Ferry District possesses all the powers as provided  
25           for in RCW 36.54.110, including the authority to hire employees, staff and  
26           services, and to enter into contracts with other entities as appropriate.
- 27           8. The King County Ferry District intends to contract with King County  
28           department of transportation to provide passenger ferry service.
- 29           9. The King County department of transportation is currently responsible  
30           to manage and be fiscally accountable for the road services division,  
31           transit division, fleet administration and airport division. The department  
32           of transportation's duties also include the administration of grants and the  
33           coordination of transportation planning activities with other agencies and  
34           outside entities. The department is not currently organized to manage  
35           passenger ferry operations.
- 36           10. Given the King County council's intent to ensure that passenger ferry  
37           service is available within King County through its creation of a ferry  
38           district, the council now finds it appropriate to formally establish a marine  
39           division within the department of transportation so that the county is

40 prepared to perform services for which the fdferry district may contract  
41 with King County.

42 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

43 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11955, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.140 are  
44 each hereby amended to read as follows:

45 A. The department of transportation is responsible to manage and be fiscally  
46 accountable for the road services division, transit division, fleet administration division  
47 ~~((and))~~, airport division and marine division. The department shall perform the  
48 metropolitan public transportation function as authorized in chapter 35.58 RCW, K.C.C.  
49 Title 28 and other applicable laws, regulations and ordinances; provided, that financial  
50 planning for and administration of the public transportation function shall be conducted  
51 consistent with financial policies as may be adopted by the council. The department shall  
52 administer the county roads function as authorized in applicable sections of Titles 36 and  
53 47 RCW and other laws, regulations and ordinances as may apply. The department's  
54 functions include, but are not limited to, the activities set forth in subsections B<sub>2</sub> through  
55 F. of this section for each division, administration of grants and the coordination of  
56 transportation planning activities with other county agencies and outside entities to  
57 integrate transportation planning and land use planning.

58 B. The road services division is responsible to design, construct, maintain and  
59 operate a comprehensive system of roadways and other transportation facilities and  
60 services to support a variety of transportation modes for the safe and efficient movement  
61 of people and goods and delivery of services. The duties of the division shall include the  
62 following:

- 63           1. Designing, constructing and maintaining county roads, bridges and associated  
64 drainage facilities;
- 65           2. Designing, installing and maintaining county traffic signs, markings and  
66 signals;
- 67           3. Designing, installing and maintaining bicycle and pedestrian facilities;
- 68           4. Managing intergovernmental contracts or agreements for services related to  
69 road maintenance and construction and to other transportation programs supporting the  
70 transportation plan;
- 71           5. Inspecting utilities during construction and upon completion for compliance  
72 with standards and specifications; assuring that public facilities disturbed due to  
73 construction are restored;
- 74           6. Performing detailed project development of roads capital improvement  
75 projects that are consistent with the transportation element of the 'county's  
76 Comprehensive Plan, and coordinating such programming with other county departments  
77 and divisions assigned responsibilities for Comprehensive Plan implementation;
- 78           7. Incorporating into the roads capital improvement program those projects  
79 identified in the transportation needs report, community plans, related functional plans  
80 and elsewhere consistent with the 'county's Comprehensive Plan;
- 81           8. Preparing, maintaining and administering the county road standards;
- 82           9. Preparing and administering multi-year roads maintenance and capital  
83 construction plans and periodic updates;
- 84           10. Administering the transportation concurrency and mitigation payment  
85 programs; and

86           11.a. Performing the duties of the office of the county road engineer, which is  
87 hereby established as an administrative office of the road services division. The office of  
88 the county road engineer shall be an office of record, supervised by the county road  
89 engineer hired in accordance with RCW 36.80.010 and reporting to the division director  
90 of the road services division. The office of the county road engineer shall be located  
91 within the corporate limits of the county seat.

92           b. The county road engineer shall carry out all duties assigned to the county  
93 road engineer as prescribed by state statute, except as modified by the county executive  
94 as authorized in subsection B.11.c. of this section.

95           c. The county executive may assign professional engineering duties of the  
96 county road engineer to someone other than the county road engineer, except as  
97 otherwise assigned by King County Code, and only if the individual assigned those duties  
98 shall be qualified as required under RCW 36.80.020. The executive shall provide to the  
99 county council and the Washington State County Road Administration Board, in writing,  
100 those specific professional engineering duties not assigned to the county road engineer,  
101 the name and position of each person responsible for carrying out those assigned duties,  
102 the specific reporting and working relationships with the county road engineer and the  
103 duration for which those duties have been assigned.

104           C.1 The transit division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of a  
105 comprehensive system of public transportation services in King County. The duties of  
106 the division shall include the following:

107 a. providing all necessary customer services including telephone and other  
108 customer information and support systems; managing sales and distribution of fare  
109 media, research, market strategies and marketing functions;

110 b. implementing programs, policies and strategies for the public transit in King  
111 County; developing and scheduling new products and service and managing contract  
112 services;

113 c. developing and implementing transportation programs under the Americans  
114 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) including preparing policy recommendations and  
115 service models and contracting for the delivery of service;

116 d. delivering and managing transit service in the county including service  
117 quality and service communication functions;

118 e. managing and maintaining the transit system infrastructure, including trolley  
119 power distribution and overhead systems, bases, customer facilities, and the radio  
120 communication and data system;

121 f. maintaining transit rolling stock including all revenue vehicle fleets and  
122 those vehicles required to support the operation of the transit system, except such  
123 vehicles as may be included in the motor pool; managing a central stores function, unit  
124 repair facilities and all purchasing activities relative to the procurement of the revenue  
125 vehicle fleet;

126 g. managing the design, engineering and construction management functions  
127 related to the transit capital program including new facilities development and  
128 maintenance of existing infrastructure; providing support services such as project

129 management, environmental review, permit and right-of-way acquisitions, schedule and  
130 project control functions;

131 h. managing rideshare operations functions including vanpool, carpool, and  
132 regional ride matching programs; and

133 i. preparing and administering public transportation service and supporting  
134 capital facility plans and periodic updates.

135 2. The council may assign responsibility for services ancillary to and in support  
136 of the operation and maintenance of the metropolitan public transportation system under  
137 chapter 35.58 RCW, including, but not limited to, human resources, accounting,  
138 budgeting, finance, engineering, fleet administration, maintenance, laboratory,  
139 monitoring, inspection and planning, as it determines appropriate.

140 D. The duties of the fleet administration division shall include the following:

141 1. Acquiring, maintaining and managing the motor pool and equipment  
142 revolving fund for fleet vehicles and equipment including, but not limited to, vehicles for  
143 the department of natural resources and parks, facilities management division, and  
144 transportation nonrevenue vehicles. Transportation department vehicles determined by  
145 the director to be intricately involved in or related to providing public transportation  
146 services shall not be part of the motor pool;

147 2. Establishing rates for the rental of equipment and vehicles;

148 3. Establishing terms and charges for the sale of any material or supplies which  
149 have been purchased, maintained or manufactured with money from the equipment  
150 revolving fund;

151 4. Managing training programs, stores function and vehicle repair facilities;

152           5. Administering the county alternative fuel program and take-home assignment  
153 of county vehicles policy; and

154           6. Inventorying, monitoring losses and disposing of county personal property in  
155 accordance with K.C.C. chapter 4.56.

156           E. The airport division is responsible for managing the maintenance and  
157 operations of the King County international airport. The duties of the division shall  
158 include the following:

159           1. Developing and implementing airport programs under state and federal law  
160 including preparing policy recommendations and service models;

161           2. Managing and maintaining the airport system infrastructure;

162           3. Managing, or securing services from other divisions, departments or entities  
163 to perform, the design, engineering and construction management functions related to the  
164 airport capital program including new facilities development and maintenance of existing  
165 infrastructure; providing support services such as project management, environmental  
166 review, permit and right-of-way acquisitions, schedule and project control functions; and

167           4. Preparing and administering airport service and supporting capital facility  
168 plans and periodic updates.

169           F. The marine division is responsible for the administration, maintenance and  
170 operation of passenger ferry service on a contract basis for the King County Ferry  
171 District. The duties of the division shall include the following:

172           1. Managing, acquiring, constructing and maintaining the ferry district's marine  
173 transportation system infrastructure;



174           2. Managing, or securing services from other divisions, departments or entities,  
175           to perform the design, engineering and construction management functions related to the  
176           passenger ferry capital program including vessel procurement, new facilities development  
177           and maintenance of existing infrastructure;

178           3. Providing support services to the ferry district such as project management,  
179           grants management, procurement, labor negotiations, environmental review, permit and  
180           real property acquisitions; and

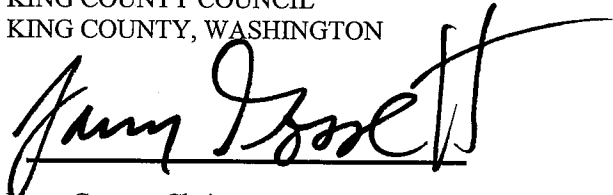
181 4. Planning, administering and operating passenger ferry service in accordance  
182 with agreements between the county and the King County Ferry District.

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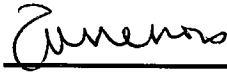
Ordinance 15972 was introduced on 11/13/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/19/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair


ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 30 day of NOVEMBER, 2007.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None