



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 3, 2007

Ordinance 15976

Proposed No. 2007-0609.1

Sponsors Dunn

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation, and
2 authorizing the executive to execute an amendment to the
3 Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation Program
4 Agreement.

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6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Findings:

8 A. King County and other transit agencies in the Central Puget Sound region
9 have determined that regional fare coordination will, due to increased ease and
10 convenience, promote the use of public transportation throughout the region.

11 B. K.C.C. 28.94.235 authorizes the executive, subject to approval by the council,
12 to execute inter-jurisdictional trip agreements with other transit agencies to establish a
13 system of fare payment for passengers transferring between systems or crossing
14 jurisdictional boundaries.

15 C. To further the goal of increasing ridership by making it more convenient and
16 less expensive for riders to use public transit systems in the region, King County and four
17 other central Puget Sound transit agencies, including Sound Transit, Pierce Transit,

18 Community Transit (Snohomish county), and Everett Transit (city of Everett), entered
19 into an inter-jurisdictional trip agreement, the Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation
20 Program Agreement (the "Regional Fare Agreement," also known as the "Puget Pass
21 Agreement"), dated January 1, 2002, that provides for a program of coordinated fares, a
22 shared set of regional passes, and an associated fare reconciliation arrangement. The
23 Regional Fare Agreement expires on December 31, 2007.

24 D. Also in furtherance of their shared goal of promoting the use of public transit
25 by making it easier and more convenient for riders to use such services, King County and
26 the other parties to the Regional Fare Agreement, together with the Washington State
27 Department of Transportation, Washington State Ferries Division (Washington State
28 Ferries) and the Kitsap County Public Transportation Benefit Area (Kitsap Transit),
29 entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Design, Implementation, Operation
30 and Maintenance of the Regional Fare Coordination System, to develop and implement a
31 regional "smart card" pass and electronic fare collection system. The new "ORCA" (One
32 Regional Card for All) system is progressing but will not be fully operational for at least
33 another year.

34 E. King County and the other participating transit agencies will be developing a
35 new regional fare agreement to supersede the current Puget Pass Agreement that will
36 apply to smart card media and that will govern fare revenue allocation among the
37 agencies once the ORCA system becomes operational.

38 F. Extending the term of the current Regional Fare Agreement for up to three
39 more years will allow for a new smart-card based regional fare agreement to be

40 developed and will also allow for an orderly transition to the new ORCA electronic fare
41 collection system.

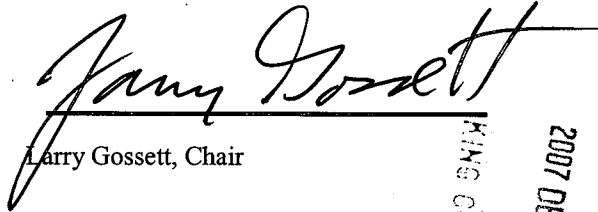
42 SECTION 2. The executive is authorized to execute an amendment to the
43 Regional Fare Agreement in substantially the same form as that provided for in
44 Attachment A to this ordinance.

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Ordinance 15976 was introduced on 11/19/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 12/3/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Hague
No: 0
Excused: 4 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Mr.
Constantine

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

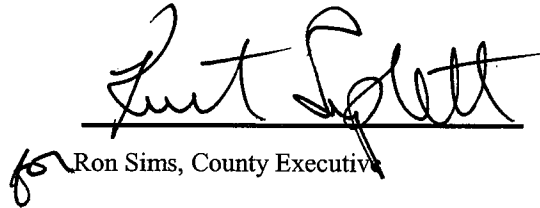
ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2007.


for Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments A. Amendment #1 to the Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation Program Agreement

AMENDMENT #1

to the

REGIONAL PASS AND FARE RECONCILIATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

by and among

CENTRAL PUGET SOUND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ("Sound Transit"); CITY OF EVERETT ("Everett Transit"); KING COUNTY ("King County Metro"); PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA CORPORATION ("Pierce Transit"); and SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA CORPORATION ("Community Transit")

This First Amendment to the Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation Program Agreement (the "First Amendment") is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2007, by and among the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority ("Sound Transit"), the City of Everett ("Everett Transit"); King County ("King County Metro"); Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation ("Pierce Transit"); and Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation ("Community Transit"), any of which entities may be referred to hereinafter individually as "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, the Parties are public transit agencies that support regional fare integration and share a goal of promoting the use of public transportation throughout the central Puget Sound region by developing and implementing a uniform, integrated fare collection and revenue distribution system that will allow public transit users to transfer seamlessly from system to system, making it more convenient and less expensive for riders to use public transit for traveling and commuting throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, to further the Parties' shared regional fare integration goals the Parties entered into a Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation Program Agreement (the "Regional Fare Agreement", also known as the "PugetPass Agreement") dated January 1, 2002 that provides for a program of coordinated regional fares, including a shared set of regional passes (known as "PugetPass"), and an associated fare reconciliation arrangement; and

WHEREAS, to further realize their shared goal of developing and implementing a regional fare coordination system, and thereby increasing the simplicity and convenience of public transportation services within their respective service areas and throughout the

region, the Parties, together with the Kitsap County Public Transportation Benefit Area ("Kitsap Transit") and the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Ferries Division ("Washington State Ferries"), entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Design, Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of the Regional Fare Coordination System (the "Smart Card System Development Agreement") dated April 23, 2003, that establishes the operational and financial relationships among the participating transit agencies for purposes of developing and implementing a regional "smart card" pass and electronic fare collection and distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of the smart card system, entitled "ORCA" (One Regional Card for All), is progressing but is not yet fully operational; and

WHEREAS, the Parties intend to develop a new regional fare agreement that will apply to smart card media and that will govern fare revenue allocation among the Parties once the ORCA system becomes operational and that will eventually supersede the current Regional Fare Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the ORCA system is currently projected to start being phased in by the end of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the current Regional Fare Agreement, pursuant to Section 2(a), expires at the end of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire the current Regional Fare Agreement to be extended for up to three more years to allow for a new smart card-based regional fare agreement to be developed and to allow for an orderly transition to the new ORCA system by, among other things, providing for the natural expiration of any outstanding PugetPasses; and

WHEREAS, the Parties also desire to update the inter-agency reimbursement principles provided for in the current Regional Fare Agreement to reflect the ongoing phase-out of Sound Transit's Fare Integration Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing the Parties hereto hereby agree, subject to obtaining any necessary approvals of their legislative or governing bodies, to amend the Regional Fare Agreement as provided for below.

1. Section 2(a) (TERM OF AGREEMENT/EFFECTIVE DATE). Section 2(a) of the Regional Fare Agreement is amended by revising the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

This Agreement may be extended for ~~threesix~~ (36) additional one-year periods with the prior written consent of the General Managers of the Parties.

2. **New Section 2(b) (SCOPE).** Section 2 of the Regional Fare Agreement is further amended by adding a new section, to be designated Section 2(b) (Scope), as follows:

This Agreement shall not apply to the allocation of revenue from riders using smart card media, including ORCA passes, e-purse and stored ride products.

3. **Section Heading Revised.** The heading for Section 2 of the Regional Fare Agreement is also amended to reflect the inclusion of the foregoing new Section 2(b) as follows:

Section 2. TERM AND SCOPE OF AGREEMENT.

4. **Section 11 (REIMBURSEMENT PRINCIPLES).** Section 11 of the Regional Fare Agreement is amended to reflect the phase-out of Sound Transit's Fare Integration Budget by revising the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Until such time as it is fully phased-out, pursuant to the current projected schedule set forth in Exhibit G as amended, Sound Transit's Fare Integration Budget shall be used to make up any shortfall between revenues collected and revenue to be reimbursed according to these principles.

5. **Exhibit G.** Subsection 5(a) of Exhibit G of the Regional Fare Agreement is amended to set forth the specific schedule referred to in amended Section 11 as follows:

a. "Local-Sound Transit Total Boardings" are all fare-paid transfer boardings between Sound Transit Souder commuter rail service, and LINK light rail service, and another Party, regardless of whether or not the fare medium used is subject to regional reconciliation of revenue received, pursuant to the following schedule:

- Souder – January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008,
- LINK – the first date of fare paid operations and for twenty-four (24) months thereafter

6. **Remaining Terms in Effect.** Except as specifically modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the Regional Fare Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

7. **Effective Date of Amendment.** This First Amendment to the Regional Fare Agreement shall take effect upon execution by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have hereby executed this First Amendment to the Regional Fare Agreement as of the date set forth below their signatures.

CENTRAL PUGET SOUND REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CITY OF EVERETT

By _____
Joni Earl
Chief Executive Officer

By _____
Ray Stephenson
Mayor, City of Everett

Date _____

Approved as to Form:

By _____
Elmer E. "Ned" Johnston
City Attorney

KING COUNTY

By _____
Kevin Desmond
General Manager, Transit Division

Attest: _____
Sharon Marks, City Clerk

Date _____

PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA
CORPORATION

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT
BENEFIT AREA CORPORATION

By _____
Lynne M. Griffith
Chief Executive Officer

By _____
Joyce Eleanor, Executive Director

By _____
Wayne Fanshier
Vice President, Finance & Administration

Date _____

ATTEST:

By _____
Sandy Byers, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Date _____