



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 27, 2011

Ordinance 17197

Proposed No. 2011-0349.2

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE adding the King County Ferry District
2 and Sound Transit to the list of eligible transportation
3 service providers in the county's employee transportation
4 program; and amending Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as
5 amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188.

6 STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 7 1. The King County council adopted Motion 9679 on October 9, 1995,
8 approving a plan for a transportation and commute trip reduction program
9 for King County worksites.
- 10 2. The employee transportation plan in Attachment A to Motion 9679 was
11 intended to change the commute behavior of county employees and
12 maintain the county's leadership in implementing the state Commute Trip
13 Reduction Act and Growth Management Act.
- 14 3. The King County Ferry District was formed in 2007 and operates
15 cross-sound service from Vashon Island and West Seattle to Pier 50 in
16 downtown Seattle.
- 17 4. The public transportation service offered by the King County Ferry
18 District reduces congestion, lowers emissions and provides vehicular

19 travel alternatives to residents of and visitors to Vashon Island and West
20 Seattle.

21 5. King County is committed to promoting the use of public
22 transportation among its employees and the public.

23 6. Sound Transit for some time has participated in the county's employee
24 transportation program pursuant to an interlocal agreement between Sound
25 Transit and the county, but that has not been reflected in K.C.C. 3.12.188.

26 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

27 SECTION 1. Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188 are
28 each hereby amended to read as follows:

29 A. Employees eligible for leave and insured benefits under this chapter,
30 administrative interns, volunteer interns (~~and~~), work study students and eligible
31 department of transportation retirees as defined in this section shall be issued a transit bus
32 pass entitling the holder to ride without payment of fare on public transportation services
33 operated by or under the authority of the county. In addition, such employees shall be
34 entitled to use the transit bus pass to ride without payment of fare on public transportation
35 services operated by or under the authority of Pierce Transit, Kitsap Transit, the King
36 County Ferry District, Sound Transit and Community Transit, subject to agreements with
37 such agencies as may be entered into by the executive. Use of transit bus passes shall be
38 restricted to such employees, administrative interns, volunteer interns, work study
39 students and department of transportation retirees(~~s~~) and any unauthorized use shall, at a
40 minimum, result in forfeiture of the passes. With the exception of administrative interns,
41 volunteer interns and work study students, employees not eligible for leave and insured

42 benefits under this chapter shall not receive transit bus passes or any transit bus pass
43 subsidy.

44 B. The executive shall cause an appropriate survey to be conducted biennially of
45 the use of public transportation services by county employees and volunteer interns.

46 Based on the results of the survey, the projected usage of public transportation services
47 by county employees, the county's commute trip reduction objectives((;)) and other
48 factors determined appropriate by the executive, the executive shall recommend in the
49 annual budget an amount to be paid to the public transportation operating account for
50 transit bus passes. The amount recommended by the executive shall not include any
51 payment for transit bus passes for commissioned police officers, eligible department of
52 transportation retirees and employees whose positions are determined by the director of
53 the department of transportation to be dedicated exclusively to the public transportation
54 function. The final amount to be transferred to the public transportation operating
55 account for transit bus passes shall be determined by the council as part of the annual
56 budget and appropriation process consistent with the requirements of the King County
57 Charter and applicable state law.

58 C. For purposes of this section, "eligible department of transportation retiree"
59 means an employee eligible for leave and insured benefits under this chapter who:

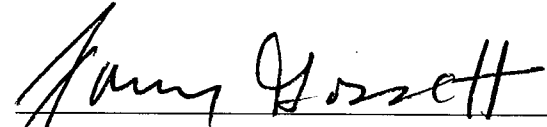
60 1. Separates from employment with the county while holding a position in the
61 department of transportation determined by the director of the department of
62 transportation to be dedicated exclusively to the public transportation function; and

63 2. On the date of the separation is eligible to receive benefits from a retirement
64 system established pursuant to state law.
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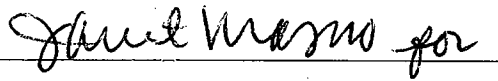
Ordinance 17197 was introduced on 8/15/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/26/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr. McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

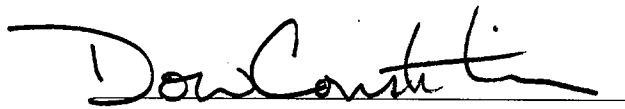
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 6 day of OCTOBER, 2011.


Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None