



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

March 17, 2015

Ordinance 18001

Proposed No. 2014-0446.3

Sponsors

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the management of the
2 department of transportation; and amending Ordinance
3 11955, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.100.

4 PREAMBLE:

5 King County delivers on its metropolitan transportation function, as
6 provided for in RCW 35.58.240, through the department of transportation,
7 transit division. In accordance with Section 230.10.10 of the King County
8 Charter, the transit division is operated as a distinct functional unit
9 delivering the Metro transit system. The transit system delivers more than
10 one hundred ten million rides per year and is funded through biennial
11 appropriations in excess of \$1.6 billion plus more than \$100 million of
12 annual capital expenditures. The system supports growth management,
13 mobility, economic and environmental goals of the county, as well as the
14 cities and people of King County.

15 This ordinance will enhance the accountability and performance of King
16 County's metropolitan transportation function through the direct
17 appointment of the director of the transit division, also referred to as the
18 transit general manager, as a key subordinate unit.

19 The road services division is responsible for maintenance of one thousand
20 five hundred miles of roads and one hundred eighty bridges in the
21 unincorporated area, and faces an annual structural funding deficit
22 estimated at \$240 million, an amount necessary to significantly reduce the
23 backlog of maintenance and preservation needs, improve the condition of
24 the roadway system and most cost-effectively manage the system.

25 This ordinance will enhance the accountability and performance of King
26 County's road services division through the direct appointment of the
27 director of the road services division, as a key subordinate unit.

28 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

29 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11955, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.100 are
30 each hereby amended to read as follows:

31 A. Exemptions from the requirements of the career service personnel system
32 shall be consistent with the provisions of Sections 550, 350.10 and 350.20 of the King
33 County Charter. Key subordinate units, as determined by the county council, and
34 departmental divisions shall be considered to be executive departments. Divisions of
35 administrative offices shall be considered to be administrative offices for the purpose of
36 determining the applicability of the charter provisions.

37 B. The county administrative officer, directors, chief officers and supervisors of
38 departments, administrative offices, divisions, key subordinate units and other units of
39 county government as required by law shall be exempt from the requirements and
40 provisions of the career service personnel system.

41 C.1. The following are determined by the council to be key subordinate units due
42 to the nature of the programs involved and their public policy implications and
43 appointments to these positions shall be subject to confirmation by the council:

44 a. the chief information officer of the administrative office of information
45 resource management;

46 b. the manager of the elections division;

47 c. the superintendent of elections in the elections division; (~~and~~)

48 d. the manager of the records and licensing services division;

49 e. the director of the transit division; and

50 f. the director of the road services division.

51 2. When an ordinance is enacted designating a position as a key subordinate
52 unit, no person then serving in the position shall continue to serve for more than ninety
53 days after such enactment, unless reappointed by the executive and confirmed by the
54 council.

55 D. If an administrative assistant or a confidential secretary, or both, for each
56 director, chief officer of an administrative office and supervisor of a key subordinate unit
57 are authorized, those positions are exempt from the requirements and provisions of the
58 career service personnel system.

59 SECTION 2. The amendments to Ordinance 11955, Section 12, as amended, and
60 K.C.C. 2.16.100 in section 1 of this ordinance do not apply to the directors of divisions of
61 the transportation department serving in those positions as of the effective date of this
62 ordinance.

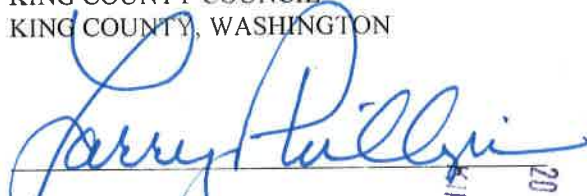
63 SECTION 3. By July 1, 2016, the executive shall file a report detailing the costs,
64 financial and county code changes, operational issues, and a timeline of council decisions
65 necessary to transition the transit division from a subordinate division within the
66 department of transportation to an executive department responsible for the operating and
67 capital investments necessary to deliver King County's metropolitan public transportation
68 function by January 1, 2017. The report shall be filed in the form of an original and
69 electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an

70 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council's chief of staff and policy staff director
71 and the lead staff for the committee of the whole, or its successor.
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Ordinance 18001 was introduced on 11/3/2014 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/16/2015, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 26 day of March, 2015, 2014.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None