



Signature Report

October 21, 2009

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2009-0572.1

Sponsors Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;
2 implementing the Regional Fare Collection system; and
3 amending Ordinance 15959, Section 2, as amended, and
4 K.C.C. 28.94.015, Ordinance 13480, Section 3, as
5 amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.165, Ordinance 14096, Section
6 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.175, and Ordinance
7 12643, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.265,
8 Ordinance 15959, Section 8, as amended and K.C.C.
9 28.94.015 and Ordinance 15959, Section 6, as amended,
10 and K.C.C. 28.94.245

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12 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

13 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance changes the age of those eligible for
14 youth and family fares, clarifies the days on which family fares are valid, reestablishes
15 traditional weekend/holiday all-day pass pricing, and provides that institutional
16 agreements will be established within the framework of regional pass agreements.

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17 B. Section 3 of this ordinance authorizes the director to offer for sale electronic
18 stored value products.

19 C. Section 4 of this ordinance removes references to institutional agreements
20 which are to be included in regional pass agreements pursuant to section 2 of this
21 ordinance.

22 D. Section 5 of this ordinance updates a reference with regard to the director's
23 annual reporting requirements.

24 E. Section 7 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fares charged for county
25 public transportation services on the bus system and eliminates the annual pass for
26 seniors and persons with disabilities.

27 F. Section 8 of this ordinance increases the annual limit on the discount provided
28 for Human Services Tickets.

29 SECTION 2. Ordinance 15959, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 are
30 each hereby amended to read as follows:

31 A. Except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance, the following fare
32 categories and rates are established for regularly scheduled county public transportation
33 service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars:

	Off-peak	One-zone Peak	Two-zone Peak
Regular fare	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.75
Child fare	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth fare	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75
Family fare	\$2.00	N/A	N/A

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Seniors and persons with disabilities fare	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75
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34 The fare categories and rates are subject to, and defined by, the following:

- 35 1. The descriptions of transit zones are set forth in K.C.C. 28.94.030;
- 36 2. The time-of-day limitations for peak period trips and off-peak period trips are
37 set forth in K.C.C. 28.92.115 and 28.92.100;
- 38 3. The child fare is available to persons up to six years old when accompanied by
39 a responsible person paying the proper fare as set forth in this chapter. Up to four children
40 may ride with each responsible person;
- 41 4. The youth fare is available to persons from six through ~~((seventeen))~~eighteen
42 years old and persons over ~~((seventeen))~~eighteen years old ~~((who attend regular sessions of~~
43 ~~junior or senior high school))~~ who receive student passes under the provisions of K.C.C
44 28.94.210;
- 45 5. The family fare is available to a group that includes a person at least
46 ~~((eighteen))~~nineteen years old paying a full adult fare and up to four persons
47 ~~((seventeen))~~eighteen years old or younger. The family fare is valid on Sundays and the
48 days on which the following holidays are legally observed (and on Saturdays on which they
49 occur if different than legally observed): New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day;
50 Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and
51 Christmas Day;
- 52 6. The senior and persons with disabilities fare is available to persons who apply
53 for and receive a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to persons at least
54 sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional reduced fare
55 permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255; and

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

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

61 C. The following (~~passes~~) fare media are established for use on regularly
62 scheduled county public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride
63 vehicles and streetcars:

64 1. Weekend/holiday all-day pass(~~(—\$4.00)~~).

65 A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price (~~(indicated)~~)
66 two times the adult off-peak fare plus \$0.50 to persons at least six years old. A
67 weekend/holiday all-day pass may be purchased only on Saturdays, Sundays and the days
68 on which the following holidays are legally observed: New Year's Day; Martin Luther
69 King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day;
70 Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. A weekend/holiday all-day pass entitles persons at
71 least six years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated on the pass;

72 2. Weekday all-day pass – \$6.00.

73 A weekday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons at
74 least six years old. A weekday all-day pass may be purchased only on weekdays. An all-
75 day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated on
76 the pass;

77 3. Monthly pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – \$18.00.

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

83 4. Annual pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – \$99.00.

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

89 5. Regional ((passes)) fare media.

90 Regional and institutional passes, in various single-trip value denominations and for
91 various effective periods, may be issued and sold in accordance with the terms of an
92 agreement approved by the county council and entered into with other public transportation
93 providers in the region. Institutions include employers, groups of employers, educational
94 institutions, transportation management associations and other organizations. The various
95 effective periods, single-trip values and prices for the regional and institutional passes shall
96 be established by the agreement. A valid regional or institutional pass may be presented an
97 unlimited number of times during its effective period as full or partial payment of the
98 applicable fare. To the extent the single trip value of the regional pass is not sufficient to
99 cover the applicable fare, the rider shall pay the difference in cash or from an electronic
100 stored value product (such as e-purse).

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101 For institutions entering into an annual institutional pass agreement, the following
102 schedule of calculations shall determine the cost of the annual agreement for King County
103 Metro's portion of the agreement:

104 First twelve months: Trip Revenue (TR) x baseline trips

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

106 Third twelve months: (TR x baseline trips) + [(TR x added trips) x 2/3]

107 Fourth twelve months (and subsequent 12 month periods): (TR x baseline trips) + (TR x
108 added trips):

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

111 D. The rate of fare for paratransit service shall be \$1.00 per trip and \$27.00 for a
112 monthly pass.

113 E. The rate of fare for customized bus service to residents of Center Park, a facility
114 of the Seattle Housing Authority located at 2121 - 26th Avenue South, Seattle, is equal to
115 the paratransit fares specified in subsection D. of this section.

116 SECTION 3. Ordinance 13480, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.165 are
117 each hereby amended to read as follows:

118 The director is authorized to issue, sell, consign, ~~((or))~~ accept, or any combination
119 thereof, electronic stored value products, tickets, tokens, commodities or certificates at rates
120 equal to the equivalent cash fare or sold and accepted in accordance with the terms of an
121 agreement previously approved by the county council and entered into with other public
122 transportation providers in the region. In order to implement the consignment of fare

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123 media authorized under this chapter, the executive is authorized to enter into retail
124 consignment contracts to pay commissions to outlets which sell the fare media.

125 SECTION 4. Ordinance 14096, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.175 are
126 each hereby amended to read as follows:

127 ~~((The executive is authorized to negotiate and enter into flexpass or regional~~
128 ~~annual pass agreements with employers, groups of employers, educational institutions,~~
129 ~~transportation management associations and other organizations for the purpose of selling~~
130 ~~passes for distribution and use by employees, students and/or others traveling to their~~
131 ~~facilities. The executive is also authorized to negotiate and enter into a multiyear pass~~
132 ~~sale agreement with the owner or developer of a transit oriented development, or the~~
133 ~~owner or developer's successor, under which the transit oriented development purchases~~
134 ~~and distributes transit passes to the residents of its housing units. For the purposes of this~~
135 ~~section, "transit oriented development" means a development that is designated as a~~
136 ~~transit oriented development in an agreement with the county and that includes the~~
137 ~~construction of new housing units at or within one quarter mile of a county transit center~~
138 ~~or park and ride lot. At a minimum, these institutional agreements shall contain the~~
139 ~~following terms:~~

140 ~~A. A description of the type of pass to be sold. The types of passes sold under the~~
141 ~~institutional agreements shall be:~~

- 142 ~~1. Flexpasses;~~
143 ~~2. Transit oriented development resident passes; or~~

144 ~~3. Regional passes if the institutional pass sale agreements are authorized~~
145 ~~under the agreement entered into with other transit providers that established the~~
146 ~~regional passes.~~

147 ~~B. 1. For flexpass agreements: a description of the services and benefits available~~
148 ~~to the flexpass holder, of which there shall be at least two services or benefits provided~~
149 ~~by the other party to the agreement that are in addition to the transit element, the~~
150 ~~designation of a transportation coordinator and the distribution of alternative commuting~~
151 ~~information; the number of passes to be issued and the cost thereof, the cost of issuing~~
152 ~~additional and replacement passes during the term of the agreement, a schedule of~~
153 ~~payments and an agreement term not to exceed three years. Unless otherwise agreed to by~~
154 ~~the council, the price terms for the transit element of a flexpass agreement shall be~~
155 ~~established according to one of two methods described in subsection B.2 of this section.~~
156 ~~Further, the agreement shall require reimbursement of the cost of additional services~~
157 ~~provided by the department and shall include provisions for modification due to changes~~
158 ~~in fares and program fees.~~

159 ~~2. a. For the purpose of establishing flexpass prices by area, the director is~~
160 ~~authorized to identify contiguous geographic areas within the county that are~~
161 ~~characterized throughout by a similar level of transit service and transit mode split. The~~
162 ~~director shall establish flexpass prices according to the following formulae for on-going~~
163 ~~and new flexpass participants located in the pricing areas.~~

164 ~~Flexpass price for on-going area flexpass participants: $TR \times$ estimated~~
165 ~~average annual trips attributable to passes issued under all ongoing area flexpass~~
166 ~~agreements entered into by parties located in the subject pricing area. The estimated~~

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167 ~~average annual trip figure shall include a factor determined by the department to reflect~~
168 ~~the anticipated growth in trips expected for on-going area flexpass participants.~~

169 ~~Flexpass price for party entering into its initial area flexpass agreement: $TR \times$~~
170 ~~estimated average annual transit trips by non-participants located in the subject pricing~~
171 ~~area. The estimated average annual trip figure shall include a factor determined by the~~
172 ~~department to reflect the anticipated growth in trips expected for a new participant in the~~
173 ~~flexpass program.~~

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

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

183 ~~First twelve months: Trip revenue \times baseline trips~~

184 ~~Second twelve months: $(TR \times \text{baseline trips}) + [(TR \times \text{added trips}) \times 1/3]$~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

202 C. For transit-oriented development resident pass agreements: the term of the
203 agreement, the number and type of passes to be provided, the method and frequency of
204 pass distribution, the price of the passes and the timing of the payment or payments. The
205 director shall establish the price at a level that will generate no less than the revenue that
206 the director estimates would otherwise be received if the residents of the transit-oriented
207 development paid cash fares over the term of the agreement. The director shall assume in
208 the price determination: the anticipated rides per pass will be at least eighteen rides per
209 month per pass; and the anticipated fare per trip is at least the weighted average fare per
210 trip as determined generally by the department.

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211 ~~D. For regional annual pass agreements: the price of the regional passes, the cost~~
212 ~~of issuing additional and replacement passes during the term of the agreement, the level~~
213 ~~of subsidy provided by the purchasing entity, a schedule of payments and an agreement~~
214 ~~term not to exceed one year. The price of a regional annual pass sold under an~~
215 ~~institutional pass sale agreement is the regular price as established in the agreement~~
216 ~~entered into with other transit providers as set for the in K.C.C. 28.94.015C.4. Purchasing~~
217 ~~entities are entitled to price discounts only if the discounts are provided under the~~
218 ~~agreement.))~~

219 SECTION 5. Ordinance 12643, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.265
220 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

221 The director shall submit annually to the council, by no later than the date on
222 which the executive transmits the executive proposed budget to the council, a report on
223 the services and fares authorized by ~~((K.C.C. 28.94.050))~~K.C.C. 28.94.035 and
224 ~~((28.94.175 through 28.94.250))~~28.94.180 through 28.94.245 of this chapter.

225 SECTION 6. Sections 2 through 5 of this ordinance take effect January 1, 2010.

226 SECTION 7. Ordinance 15959, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 are
227 each hereby amended to read as follows:

228 A. Except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance, the following fare
229 categories and rates are established for regularly scheduled county public transportation
230 service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars:

	Off-peak	One-zone Peak	Two-zone Peak
Regular fare	(((\$2.00)) <u>\$2.25</u>	(((\$2.25))	(((\$2.75))

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		<u>\$2.50</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>
Child fare	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth fare	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.00</u>	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.00</u>	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.00</u>
Family fare	(\$2.00) <u>\$2.25</u>	N/A	N/A
Seniors and persons with disabilities fare	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.00</u>	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.00</u>	(\$0.75) <u>\$1.00</u>

231 The fare categories and rates are subject to, and defined by, the following:

- 232 1. The descriptions of transit zones are set forth in K.C.C. 28.94.030;
- 233 2. The time-of-day limitations for peak period trips and off-peak period trips are
234 set forth in K.C.C. 28.92.115 and 28.92.100;
- 235 3. The child fare is available to persons up to six years old when accompanied by
236 a responsible person paying the proper fare as set forth in this chapter. Up to four children
237 may ride with each responsible person;
- 238 4. The youth fare is available to persons from six through eighteen years old and
239 persons over eighteen years old who receive student passes under the provisions of K.C.C
240 28.94.210;
- 241 5. The family fare is available to a group that includes a person at least nineteen
242 years old paying a full adult fare and up to four persons eighteen years old or younger. The
243 family fare is valid on Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally
244 observed (and on Saturdays on which they occur if different than legally observed): New
245 Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence
246 Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day;

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

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

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

256 C. The following fare media are established for use on regularly scheduled county
257 public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and
258 streetcars:

259 1. Weekend/holiday all-day pass.

260 A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price two times the
261 adult off-peak fare plus \$0.50 to persons at least six years old. A weekend/holiday all-day
262 pass may be purchased only on Saturdays, Sundays and the days on which the following
263 holidays are legally observed: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents'
264 Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas
265 Day. A weekend/holiday all-day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited
266 rides during the day indicated on the pass;

267 2. Weekday all-day pass – (~~(\$6.00)~~) \$6.50.

268 A weekday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons at
269 least six years old. A weekday all-day pass may be purchased only on weekdays. An all-

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270 day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated on
271 the pass;

272 3. Monthly pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – ~~(((\$18.00))~~ \$24.00.

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

278 ~~((4. Annual pass for seniors and persons with disabilities — \$99.00.~~

279 ~~—— Annual passes may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons who have
280 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to
281 persons sixty-five years of age and older and persons with disabilities as provided in the
282 regional reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The annual pass
283 entitles the purchaser to unlimited rides during the year indicated on the pass;)) and~~

284 ~~((5.))~~ 4. Regional fare media.

285 Regional and institutional passes, in various single-trip value denominations and for
286 various effective periods, may be issued and sold in accordance with the terms of an
287 agreement approved by the county council and entered into with other public transportation
288 providers in the region. Institutions include employers, groups of employers, educational
289 institutions, transportation management associations and other organizations. The various
290 effective periods, single-trip values and prices for the regional and institutional passes shall
291 be established by the agreement. A valid regional or institutional pass may be presented an
292 unlimited number of times during its effective period as full or partial payment of the

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293 applicable fare. To the extent the single trip value of the regional pass is not sufficient to
294 cover the applicable fare, the rider shall pay the difference in cash or from an electronic
295 stored value product (such as e-purse).

296 For institutions entering into an annual institutional pass agreement, the following
297 schedule of calculations shall determine the cost of the annual agreement for King County
298 Metro's portion of the agreement:

299 First twelve months: Trip Revenue (TR) x baseline trips
300 Second twelve months: (TR x baseline trips) + [(TR x added trips) x 1/3]
301 Third twelve months: (TR x baseline trips) + [(TR x added trips) x 2/3]
302 Fourth twelve months (and subsequent 12 month periods): (TR x baseline trips) + (TR x
303 added trips):

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

306 D. The rate of fare for paratransit service shall be (~~(\$1.00)~~) \$1.25 per trip and
307 (~~(\$27.00)~~) \$45.00 for a monthly pass.

308 E. The rate of fare for customized bus service to residents of Center Park, a facility
309 of the Seattle Housing Authority located at 2121 - 26th Avenue South, Seattle, is equal to
310 the paratransit fares specified in subsection D. of this section.

311 SECTION 8. Ordinance 15959, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.245 are
312 each hereby amended to read as follows:

313 The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of
314 tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of their cash value for the purpose of
315 meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total

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316 amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed one
317 million (~~five hundred~~) eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for any one year. The
318 allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be made by the director in
319 conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible
320 for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or
321 departments shall determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations which
322 shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under
323 the program are valid on all public transportation and paratransit service.

324 SECTION 9. Sections 7 and 8 of this ordinance take effect January 1, 2011.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Kurt Triplett, County Executive

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Attachments None