

Harold S. Taniguchi – 2017 biography

Harold Taniguchi is Director of the King County Department of Transportation, leading the organization that works to keep communities connected by providing mobility for the region, protecting the environment, managing growth, and easing traffic congestion.

Mr. Taniguchi oversees five lines of transportation services, including:

- Metro Transit, one of the ten largest bus systems in the nation, providing 121-million rides every year.
- The King County Water Taxi, serving West Seattle and Vashon Island with 600,000 rides a year.
- King County Road Services, which maintains 1,500 miles of road and 181 bridges, carrying more than one-million vehicle trips every day.
- King County International Airport, one of the nation's busiest general-aviation airports, with 170,000 annual takeoffs and landings.
- Fleet Administration, a leader in the use of hybrid-electric cars and trucks for county vehicles, which provides support to more than 13,000 employees of King County.

Taniguchi has served three King County executives since 2002. Under his management, King County DOT is advancing Executive Constantine's goals of confronting climate change, becoming a best-run government, and ensuring equity and social justice for our employees and our customers.

Mr. Taniguchi became the department director in 2002 and has worked in King County government since 1983. He has served on many community boards. He is a graduate of Franklin High School and Pomona College, and earned a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the University of Washington.

Located on Puget Sound in Washington State, and covering 2,134 square miles, King County is nearly twice as large as the average county in the U.S. With more than 2 million residents, it is the 13th most populous county in the nation and growing daily.

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