

Date Created:	June 18, 2019
Drafted by:	Sahar Fathi
Sponsors:	Dunn
Attachments:	

1 ..Title

2 A MOTION requesting the executive to develop,
3 implement and report on a pilot program to deploy at least
4 one multidisciplinary homeless outreach team that is
5 dedicated exclusively to Metro transit department public
6 transportation services and report to the council with a full
7 evaluation on the pilot program and any further
8 recommendations to improve the pilot program.

9 ..Body

10 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD")
11 defines homeless as including individuals and families who: (1) are living in a
12 supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living
13 arrangements; or (2) have a primary residence that is a public or private place not
14 designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings,
15 including a vehicle, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport or camping
16 ground, and

17 WHEREAS, HUD requires all Continuums of Care, which is "All Home" in
18 Seattle and King County, to conduct a Point-in-Time Count of their unsheltered
19 population on a biennial basis and Seattle and King County is among several
20 communities that conducts an annual count, and

21 WHEREAS, in 2019 and in prior years, as part of the Point-in-Time Count, All
22 Home implemented special outreach efforts to count the homeless on late-night bus
23 routes; in particular utilizing volunteers to tally individuals observed sleeping on the
24 buses during a single round-trip journey, and

25 WHEREAS, aggregate results of individuals experiencing homelessness in Seattle
26 and King County tallied during the 2019 Count Us In Survey showed that forty-six
27 percent of those queried on the night of the One Night Count on January 25, 2019, had
28 been living for the past twelve months in either an emergency shelter or on the streets, or
29 both, with on the streets including bus stations, underpasses, encampments and
30 abandoned buildings, and

31 WHEREAS, a total of 11,199 individuals were experiencing homelessness in
32 Seattle and King County on January 25, 2019, and

33 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation
34 Authority announced that it had created a new Metro Homeless Action Plan that included
35 two "County-City-Community" teams, also known as "C3" teams, which are composed
36 of nurses, substance abuse counselors, mental health clinicians, former homeless
37 individuals and other outreach workers, to engage homeless individuals using Los
38 Angeles County public transportation to ultimately get them into services;

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

40 A. The council requests that the executive develop and implement a pilot
41 program to deploy a multidisciplinary homeless outreach team that is dedicated
42 exclusively to the Metro transit department public transportation services. The pilot
43 program should include public health professionals, especially as many medical

44 professionals as possible, formerly homeless individuals and outreach workers who are
45 skilled in navigating both the homeless community and Metro transit department public
46 transportation services bus routes. The pilot should also be a collaboration between
47 public health – Seattle & King County, the department of Community and Human
48 Services and the Metro transit department.

49 B. The council requests that the executive report to the council on the results of
50 the pilot program and that the report:

51 1. Identify the pilot period during which the Metro transit department outreach
52 program was implemented;

53 2. Describe the processes used for outreach to homeless individuals using Metro
54 transit department public transportation services;

55 3. Identify the number of homeless individuals who were engaged and
56 ultimately able to access new services as a result of the pilot program;

57 4. Describe any feedback from community organizations that work with the
58 homeless community extensively and have expertise in this field; and

59 5. Make recommendations for long-term implementation of a Metro transit
60 department outreach program for the homeless, including recommendations regarding
61 conducting stakeholder outreach and evaluating the impact of such a program.

62 C. The council requests that the executive transmit the report on the pilot
63 program no later than one year from the date of passage of this motion. The report
64 should be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the
65 council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all

66 councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff to the health, housing and
67 human services committee, or its successor.