

# **King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) 2017 Work Plan and Budget**

**Prepared per Motion 14449**

This report has been developed to provide information about the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C)<sup>1</sup> 2017 Work Plan and Budget, as required by Motion 14449 which states:

B. Consistent with Ordinance 17285, which authorized the Interlocal Agreement for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, the executive is requested to coordinate with staff of the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor, in developing the annual work plans and budget for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration under the interlocal agreement. The executive is requested to submit by January 31, and every year thereafter, the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration annual work plan and budget to the council for acceptance by motion.

### **Background: Elected Official and K4C Partner Guidance on K4C Priorities**

K4C partners have collaboratively developed a Letter of Commitment, Principles for Collaboration, and Joint County-City Climate Commitments<sup>2</sup> ( K4C's Joint Commitments) - that will help get the region on track towards shared and ambitious countywide, community scale climate change and greenhouse gas reduction targets formally adopted by King County and 39 King County Cities through the Growth Management Planning Council. By the end of 2016, the K4C's Joint Commitments were formally endorsed by the chief elected official of 13 of 14 K4C partners that together represent three quarters of the County's population, including by former King County Council Chair Larry Phillips and Executive Dow Constantine. The Joint Commitments serve as the anchor and guiding document informing the work plan and activities of the K4C.

Recognizing that K4C partners cannot implement all of the K4C's Joint Commitments at once, partners are currently focusing on areas that: maximize greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction potential; recognize an appropriate and strategic role for K4C; pursue untapped potential or opportunity; and/or represent an opportunity for political action or partnership among K4C partners, Washington State agencies, energy utilities, and others.

Based on alignment with the K4C's Joint Commitments, a series of five elected official summits between 2014 and 2016, and decisions at the Fall 2016 K4C staff retreat, below is a summary of 2017 K4C work plan priorities. Beyond these priority focus areas, the K4C will continue to collaborate on other K4C Joint Commitment areas, for example through hosting 2017 Sustainable Cities Roundtable topics on related topics.

### **2017 Work Plan: K4C Joint Commitment Priorities**

2017 Work Plan commitments focused on the following areas, organized by relevant section of the K4C's Joint Commitments:

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<sup>1</sup> To learn more about the K4C: [www.kingcounty.gov/climate/pledge](http://www.kingcounty.gov/climate/pledge)

<sup>2</sup> The K4C's Joint Commitments: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/dnrp-directors-office/climate/2014-K4C-LetterOfCommitments.pdf>

## **1. Shared Goals**

- Partner to share data on countywide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions sources and trends, including through a project led by the City of Bellevue to better assess the drivers and trends in local sources of GHG emissions.
- Partner to fund and use Scope 5, a web-based GHG emissions and sustainability metric measurement platform for K4C partners that is transparent, current, and provides consistency across agencies.

## **2. Energy Supply**

- Continue engagement between elected officials, Puget Sound Energy, and state utility regulators to collaborate on a renewable energy-powered future, with accelerated coal phase-out, limitation of new natural gas-based electricity. Use K4C expertise to support a technical analysis of local efficiency and renewable energy potential, as part of a Clean Electricity RFP, including what K4C partners can do to achieve that potential.
- Use K4C expertise to support analysis of pathways, including efficiency and renewable energy, to achieve clean electricity supply.
- Collaborate to extend King County's Fund to Reduce Energy Demand (FRED) program to K4C partner cities.

## **3. Transportation and Land Use**

- Support increased use of alternative fuels and clean technologies in K4C partner fleet.
- Explore more possibilities for people throughout the county to access the frequent transit network, expanding opportunities for travel and decreasing reliance on single occupant vehicles, including opportunities to expand ridesharing.
- Pursue funding opportunities for electric vehicles and related technologies, transportation-oriented developments, and other strategies that reduce transportation emissions and single occupancy vehicle use, including a coordinated approach to Washington State's Volkswagen settlement funding opportunity.
- Support regional electric vehicle growth through policy, infrastructure, and vehicle procurement coordination.
- Establish regular K4C fleet manager meetings and email communications to enhance information sharing and to support development of best practices for vehicle use and fleet investments across member cities.

## **4. Green Building and Energy Efficiency**

- Partner to develop and coordinate Living Building Challenge policies that support super-efficient building strategies.
- Partner through the Regional Code Collaboration on implementation of and development of ambitious energy and green building policies and codes.
- Partner with the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Smart Buildings Center to develop opportunities to benchmark the energy usage of commercial and government buildings and supporting policies.
- Research existing residential and commercial efficiency retrofit programs; determine viability in King County and develop partnerships to advance.

## 5. Collaboration

- **Green Building Task Force and Regional Code Collaboration:** The K4C partners with the “Green Building Task Force” (GBTF), a group led by King County’s Solid Waste Division that collaborates with King County cities on research, tools and policies related to green building. The K4C also partners with a second green building collaborative effort called the “Regional Code Collaboration”, which includes partners outside of King County, and is focused on code development for local governments to further sustainable development. The K4C will continue to partner with these groups on green building strategies, for example as it did in the Spring of 2016 by jointly hosting a green building focused elected official summit.
- **Sustainable Cities Roundtables:** A key area of collaboration between the K4C and the GBTF is the Sustainable Cities Roundtable series. This is a monthly series of training sessions, discussions and workshops dedicated to green building and climate change policy and programming for the county and cities in King County. The K4C helps design and host about half of these events on topics that align with the K4C Joint Commitments.

### **2017 Work Plan: Additional Priorities:**

**K4C Shared Climate and Energy Policy Interests:** Engage in time-sensitive climate policy discussions at the state level as they relate to the K4C’s Joint Commitments.

**Engage new partners in the K4C and update the K4C Interlocal Agreement (ILA):** At the December 2016 K4C Staff Meeting, K4C partners developed plans to engage new cities and potentially new types of partners in the K4C group. Furthermore, representatives from King County, Snoqualmie, Redmond and Shoreline volunteered to participate in a subcommittee to work on an update to the K4C ILA, including to revisit K4C financial contributions, develop an approach and recommendation for how to include non-city partners in the K4C, and update the ILA so that it addresses drafting issues identified during the King County Council’s initial review of the agreement.

**2017 K4C Elected Official Summits.** As part of 2017 work plan development, K4C staff have agreed to help plan two K4C elected official events in the coming year, a first focused on Transportation and Land Use in the Spring of 2017 and a second on Clean Energy planned for the Fall of 2017.

### **2017 K4C Budget**

The K4C ILA includes a stipulation that 75 percent of parties must approve of budget expenditures. The K4C steering committee held a staff retreat on November 22, 2016 where ten of fourteen (79 percent) of K4C partners were represented and unanimously and formally adopted initial 2017 budget expenditures. At a follow up K4C Retreat held on December 8, 2016, thirteen of fourteen K4C partners (93 percent) reviewed and informally reconfirmed the decisions of the K4C November Retreat.

Initial 2017 K4C budget expenditures were adopted by K4C partners in November 2016. These expenditures do not spend all of the K4C’s shared funding and resources and the group has agreed to consider additional spending priorities in the Spring of 2017.

<b>2017 K4C Revenues</b>	
ILA Defined Partner Contributions	\$34,200
Related King County Contribution	\$20,000
Total	\$54,200
<b>2017 K4C Expenditures</b>	
2017 Sustainable Cities Roundtable Series	\$17,000
Scope 5 – GHG measurement and tracking program	\$7,500
Salmon Safe - Green Building Certification Training	\$8,000
2017 K4C Staff Retreat Costs	\$750
Total	\$33,250

### **Conclusion and Next Steps**

The 2017 work plan and budget builds on the K4C's Joint Commitments, elected official input and engagement, and interests and direction of all K4C partners. The 2017 budget was unanimously adopted by K4C partners represented at the November 2016 staff retreat. As this process moves forward, the Executive commits to continue to coordinate with the staff of the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor, in developing this and future annual work plans and expenditures for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration and related updates to the K4C interlocal agreement.