



King County

KING COUNTY

Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

April 17, 2009

Resolution

Proposed No. 09-05.2

1 A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the
2 King County Board of Health injury prevention committee.

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4 WHEREAS, chronic disease places a burden on King County residents in the
5 form of fewer healthy years lived, but can be prevented or improved with physical
6 activity, and

7 WHEREAS, walking is a highly functional form of transportation and source of
8 physical activity, and though there have been design improvements and retrofitting for
9 roads to increase pedestrian use and safety, serious challenges remain, and

10 WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes pose a serious threat to pedestrians and
11 throughout the United States a pedestrian is killed every one hundred thirteen minutes or
12 injured every eight minutes by a motor vehicle, and in King County an average of
13 twenty-five pedestrians are killed and one hundred seventy are hospitalized as a result of
14 motor vehicle crashes every year, and

15 WHEREAS, certain populations of pedestrians, including young people, elderly
16 people and people of color, are disproportionately affected by motor vehicle crashes, and

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17 WHEREAS, a comprehensive pedestrian injury data monitoring system that can
18 be used throughout King County and by local jurisdictions does not exist, and

19 WHEREAS, through Resolutions 08-01 and 08-02, and consistent with the
20 principles established in the Public Health Operational Master Plan, the King County
21 Board of Health created an injury prevention committee to focus on pedestrian safety and
22 promote pedestrian master plans for all King County jurisdictions, and

23 WHEREAS, the injury prevention committee has accomplished its scope of work
24 and provided recommendations for Board of Health action, which is Attachment A to this
25 resolution;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
27 County:

28 A. The board urges King County, the city of Seattle, and the suburban cities to:

29 1. Develop or update pedestrian master plans that incorporate engineering,
30 education, enforcement and encouragement methods known to improve pedestrian safety
31 and promote walking;

32 2. Collect and analyze currently available local pedestrian crash data;

33 3. Implement educational outreach programs targeting those drivers and
34 pedestrians in most at-risk groups by age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, language and
35 gender; and

36 4. Incorporate "complete street" designs in planning and rebuilds to create
37 streets that are comfortable and safe for all users.

38 B. The board requests that the injury prevention committee:

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- 39 1. Propose a feasibility study for a comprehensive and adequately resourced
40 ongoing monitoring system for all local pedestrian injury data;
- 41 2. Identify a regional group to coordinate and promote pedestrian safety efforts;
- 42 3. Distribute and promote the Pedestrian Safety Packet to all King County
43 jurisdictions and educate the public on pedestrian safety, as outlined in Attachment A to
44 this resolution; and
- 45 4. Improve the existing Public Health Seattle-King County Injury & Violence
46 Prevention Pedestrian Safety website, which is at
47 <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/injury/pedestriansafety.aspx> on the
48 effective date of this resolution, to assist government leaders with the development of
49 engineering, education, enforcement and encouragement methods known to improve
50 pedestrian safety.
- 51 C. The board requests that the health department conduct a follow-up survey in
52 2010 to determine if King County, the city of Seattle and suburban cities have developed
53 pedestrian master plans, collected and analyzed currently available pedestrian crash data
54 or initiated other methods of pedestrian safety improvements.

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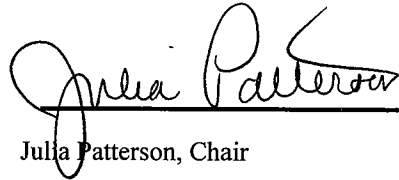
57 D. The injury prevention committee's proposed recommendations and activities,
58 Attachment A to this resolution, are hereby adopted.

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Resolution was introduced on and passed as amended by the Board of Health on 4/16/2009, by the following vote:

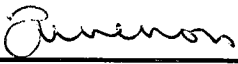
Yes: 13 - Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Clark, Mr. Rasmussen, Dr. Sherman, Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Nicola, Dr. Counts, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Licata
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Ms. Frisinger and Ms. Manning

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments None