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Title VI Program Update


Equity and Social Justice:
- Initiative began in 2008 under Executive Sims. Outgrowth of grant to Public Health “Place Matters.” Based on evidence that zip code can predict health/wellness. Different opportunities based on race, ethnicity and other “protected classes.”
- Adopted by ordinance October 2010 and tied to Guiding Principle of County Strategic Plan: Fair and Just. Applies to all branches of government: Executive, legislative and courts (Superior and District)
- Training: using film “Unnatural Causes.”
- Stream: importance of prevention-solving problems “upstream”
- Translation policy July 2010
  Appreciations to Seattle Office for Civil Rights and Seattle Race and Social Justice Initiative

South Park Bridge:
- Area served by bridge connecting South Park and Georgetown includes residents of both City of Seattle and Unincorporated King County. Bridge owned by King County, unsafe and replacement needed. If bridge closed, South Park community would be cut-off from most direct route to Seattle. South Park community includes many persons with LEP, with primary language Spanish or Vietnamese.
- The South Park Bridge Project EIS was formally initiated in 2002. WSDOT assisted. Technical reports on social, economic and environmental issues completed in 2004. Draft EIS versions were reviewed by WSDOT and FHWA. Draft EIS approved in September 2005. Interpretation and translation needed during EIS process. In January 2006 movable-span bascule bridge selected as preferred alternative. Final EIS issued in December 2009.
- Bridge closed June 2010. In March 2011, funding was secured from partners: the federal government (including $34 million in TIGER II grant funds), King County, the city of Seattle, Port of Seattle, the Puget Sound Regional Council and Washington State.
• Groundbreaking held May 5, 2011.
• Community engagement LEP, EJ:
  o Commitment to translating signs/notices to Spanish and Vietnamese.
  Interpretation at all meetings.
  o Community Relations worked with Food Bank and Sea Mar Community
  Health Center. Information displays used.
  o Trust building: at meetings, provided food and beverages purchased
  locally.
  o Use “trusted advocate” model. Lead person from City/County.
  Coordination between City and County critical.
  o Examples of activities:
    ▪ “Wake” for bridge with piñatas, mariachi band, activities (idea from
      community).
    ▪ Dog Park on land not yet needed for construction to bring folks into
      community center (idea from community).
    ▪ Info booths at Cinco de Mayo and Duwamish River Festival.
    ▪ Monitor list serves as barometer of community rumors.

Procurement Reform
• Goal: Making it easier to do business with King County
  o Efficiency: reduce cycle time and lower processing costs.
  o Equity: increase contracting opportunities for small business
• Community outreach and public partnerships
  o Work order contracts: threshold increasing to 2 million.
  o New contracting option/job order contracts
  o Streamlined SCS certification: partnership with Port and soon South
    transit.
• Results:
  o 72% increase in the number of contracts awarded to small contractors and
    suppliers in 2010
  o 40% increase in the dollar value of contracts awarded to small contractors
    and suppliers in 2010
  o 33% increase in the number of certified SCS firms in 2010
• Continued outreach to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

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Fair and Just. These principles, stated in our county's strategic plan, are incorporated into all of our work at King County. We recognize that our economy and quality of life depends on the ability of everyone to contribute. We will work to remove barriers that limit the ability of some to fulfill their potential. It is troubling that race, income, neighborhood are each major predictors of whether we graduate from high school, become incarcerated, how healthy we are, and even how long we will live. We are committed to implementing our equity and social justice agenda, to work toward fairness and opportunity for all.

Vision (http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/visibility.aspx)

Access to the determinants of equity -- social, economic, physical and political environments - are necessary so all people have the opportunity to thrive and can achieve their full potential regardless of race, income or language spoken. Learn more...
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/visibility.aspx)

Tools & resources (http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/toolsandresources.aspx)

The Equity Impact Review Tool, the Community Engagement Guide and the Translation Executive Order are some of the tools to identify equity impacts of programs, policies and decision and to improve fairness. Learn more...
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/toolsandresources.aspx)

Team (http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/team.aspx)

The Inter-Branch Team, with representation from all branches, departments, agencies and offices of county government, facilitates accountability and collaboration in order to advance the "fair and just" principle within the county. Learn more...
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/team.aspx)

Our work in action
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/workinaction.aspx)

For the past several years, ESJ has helped to shape and change policy, outreach, communications and planning in King County government. Learn more...
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/workinaction.aspx)

Video

Executive Dow Constantine speaking on equity and social justice

On the web

Unnatural causes (http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/about_the_series.php)

Place matters (http://www.jointcenter.org/hpi/pages/place-matters)

Health disparities (http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/library/topics/H.aspx)

Newsletters

Equity and social justice going strong

Update of commitments
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/workinaction/newsletters/2010/Fall/03_update.aspx)

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Dr. Camara Jones on race, equity and opportunity
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/workinaction/newsletters/2011/Spring/03_DrCamaraJones.aspx)

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(http://visitor.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001Vzv-UqW3G56t2f_Wj69GFg%3D%3D)
Vision

Working Together for One King County, we will integrate equality and social justice efforts into all that we do. We adopted an Ordinance to establish definitions and approaches necessary to achieve our “fair and just” principle from the countywide strategic plan. We will increase focus on identifying and eliminating inequity. We will foster an organizational culture to promote opportunity, collaborate across agencies, and engage residents in ways that build trust to develop solutions across all geographic, class racial and gender lines.

Strategic Plan

Download the 2011 strategic plan (~media/exec/equity/documents/IBT_WorkPlan_15_11.ashx) for increasing equity and social justice in King County.

Ordinance

Read the summary (~media/exec/equity/documents/ESJ_Ordinance_overview_Oct2010.ashx) of the ordinance or download the full document. (~media/exec/equity/documents/ESJOrdinance2010.ashx)

Department commitments

Browse the list of strategies each department has committed to for 2011 and 2010.

- 2011 (#) (pdf)
- 2010 (~media/exec/equity/documents/2010EquityCommitments.ashx) (pdf)

Presentations

- Martin Luther King Celebration presentation (http://king.granicus.com/ASX.php?publish_id=355&sn=king.granicus.com)

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The "Stream"

The “Stream” is a concept that illustrates the interconnectedness of societal, community, and individual levels in addressing equity. It highlights the importance of pro-equity policies and practices, equitable law and justice systems, and the need to address structural racism and privilege. At the societal level, policies such as affordable housing, healthy food systems, and economic development are crucial. At the community level, factors like living wage jobs, safe and supportive neighborhoods, and quality education and early learning play a significant role. At the individual and family level, issues such as incarceration, obesity, homelessness, untreated mental illness, and poor health status are discussed.

Political structures and institutional practices that assure fairness and opportunity for all are essential. Social, economic, and physical conditions that allow people to reach their full potential are also critical. Services for individuals and families to treat problems are necessary as well.

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www.kingcounty.gov/equity
July 1, 2010

Translation manual and policy:

New resources to reach populations with limited English proficiency

As part of the King County Equity & Social Justice Initiative, Public Health - Seattle & King County has created a translation policy and system to make the translation process more efficient, facilitate a greater number of translations, and produce translations that are of consistent high quality.

Why the need for a translation policy and system?

About one in five people in the King County speaks a language other than English at home, and a significant number of these residents has limited proficiency in English. Quality translation of English materials into different languages is essential in order to provide equal access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health information.

Translations are an equity issue. Limited-English proficient populations are often underserved, more vulnerable and disproportionately impacted by everyday diseases and during emergencies.

Standard 7 of the nationally-recognized standards for culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) states, "Health care organizations must make available easily understood patient-related materials and post signage in the languages of the commonly encountered groups and/or groups represented in the service area."

Visit: www.kingcounty.gov/health/translation (http://j20.rs5.net/tr.jsp?br=7znXnewc9be5f11933232359153&s=0se=061ama590MS3mm2aSbPa9T0IFe-gya9T04wXiH3_XbK1xqXODxVhL5I5IuYczQzYv9G3aeez7peC0zXGy5UsPkbhhtu7J5YeF718YeTq7hoKNMNbkN5Qp_W0r6a-kGZ0b).

The Translation Policy includes translation requirements and processes for creating translations of consistent high quality, and the Public Health Translation Manual has innovative translation guidelines, resources and best practices. Included are language maps for the county, priority language tiers with 20 languages, quality translation vendors chosen in a competitive process, and a translation worksheet to guide the translation process.


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Updates
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/ProjectUpdates.aspx)

Contacts
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/Contacts.aspx)

FAQs
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/FAQs.aspx)

Project details
(http://your.kingcounty.gov/kcdot/corridorprojects/SouthParkBridgeProjectDetail.aspx?Id=108197)

En Español
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/EnEspanol.aspx)

Tiếng Việt
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/TiengViet.aspx)

- Updates (announcements)
- Video (multimedia)
- In the news (news)
- Sept. 7 noise variance update (http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/ProjectUpdates.aspx)
- Sept. 7 construction update (http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/ProjectUpdates.aspx)
- Construction management team moves in (http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/ProjectUpdates.aspx)
- Groundbreaking ceremony (http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/news/2011/5/16/maynt-60511-

- $34 million TIGER II grant secured (http://www.kingcounty.gov/press/2011/9/30/larchmontbridgebid.aspx)
- First phase of South Park Bridge demolition to begin (http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/news/2010/10/1/southpark.aspx)
- Communityicine in 1,000 signatures in support of County's application for federal Park Bridge (http://www.kingcounty.gov/press/2010/8/17/southparkbridge.aspx)
- Constantinides,Duggan and Patterson thank Puget Sound Regional Council for $15 million replacement of South Park Bridge (http://www.kingcounty.gov/press/2010/7/28/southparkbridge.asp)
- ...more news (http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/Media.aspx)

- More video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1o99fJ7x&feature=player_embedded)

- More video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Zf1W039R8&feature=player_embedded)

http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge.aspx?print=1
• South Park, The neighborhood, not the animated sitcom
• Seattle’s South Park residents share a passion for place
• Seattle to gain $28M for transportation from land sale
  [http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/locanews/2016531817_transpomoney16m.html]
• King County Road Services offers South Park Bridge construction updates
  [http://www.wssjstittlererald.com/2011/05/19/news/king-county-road-services-offers-south-
  park-bridge-construction-updates.html]
• State ferries might have a shot at federal money
  [http://blog.seattletimes.com/transportation-ferries-might-have-a-shot-at-federal-money/]
• Sen. Murray wants more stimulus money for roads, bridges and transit
  [http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/pacificnorthwest/2016017365_more_stimulus_sen_n
  murray.html]
• Kids break pilita, officials break ground to celebrate future bridge (Sen. Murray: "we're %20stimulus%20money","%20for%20more%20bridges%20and%20transit"
• South Park celebrates groundbreaking on new bridge
  [http://www.seattletimes.com/localse
county-groundbreaking-on-new-bridge-1168334.ph]
• South Park feasts bridge groundbreaking, Cinco de Mayo
  [https://seattletimes.nwsource.com/trafficsources/201495574_southpark06ph.html]
• Video: South Park Bridge construction start celebration
  [http://whitenten.com/20
park-bridge-construction-start-celebration/]
• [more](http://kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridgeMedia.aspx)

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Also see
• South Park Bridge Replacement Project
  [http://your.kingcounty.gov/ceo/roads/bridge/2013/0902/0301010/]
• King County Road Services Division
  [http://www.kingcounty.gov/roads]

South Park Bridge info line: 206-263-9979
En Español: 206-263-9889
Tiếng Việt: 206-263-9888
El Puente de South Park - en Español

De Últimas Noticias de la Construcción del Puente de South Park

Boletín #1 y #2
(http://www.kingcounty.gov/southparkbridge/)
(51KB .pdf)

Puente de South Park - Preguntas frecuentes

Construcción (#Construccion) | Puente nuevo (#Puentenuevo) | Vecindario (#Vecindario) | Preguntas generales (#Preguntasgenerales)

Construcción

1. ¿Cuándo empezará y acabará la construcción?
   Se ha programado comenzar la construcción para mayo de 2011 y terminarla para finales de 2013. Estas fechas están sujetas a cambio debido a variables tales como cuestiones de diseño, dificultades de construcción y tiempo inclemente.

2. ¿Cuándo se abrirá al tráfico el nuevo puente?
   Pensamos abrir el puente a todo el tráfico en agosto de 2013. Después de que se abra el puente, continuará habiendo actividades de construcción hasta fin de año.

3. ¿Se ha anunciado la construcción del puente nuevo?
   Sí, el proyecto del puente se anunció el 11 de enero de 2011. El 8 de marzo de 2011, se designó a Kiewit-Massman como el evidente mejor postor para construir el puente nuevo.

4. ¿Durante qué horas se realizarán las actividades de construcción?
   Los días normales de construcción empiezan alrededor de las 6 o las 7 a.m. y acaban a media tarde. Durante ciertas fases del trabajo, puede que las cuadrillas elijan trabajar más tiempo para alcanzar las metas programadas o para aprovechar el tiempo favorable o la luz del día.

   No sabremos los detalles de las horas de construcción de este proyecto hasta que se elija el contratista y éste le presente el horario al Condado King.

   Lo ideal será que no haya construcción nocturna, o que no haya en absoluto, pero es posible que el contratista decida trabajar horas extra en ciertas fases del proyecto, lo que podría incluir horas nocturnas. Si esto ocurriera, el contratista tendría que cumplir con la ordenanza.

http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/SouthParkBridge/EnEspanol.aspx?print=1

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Look what's coming your way
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206-263-9979
Construction Information Line
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Línea de Información de Construcción

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March 30, 2011

Making it easier to do business with King County through procurement reform

Executive Dow Constantine highlights reform measures at ninth annual Regional Contracting Forum

Reforming King County's procurement process is a key goal for King County Executive Dow Constantine. The Executive highlighted his administration's success in changing the way King County does business today at the ninth annual Regional Contracting Forum in Seattle, where more than 1,500 attendees at the Washington State Convention Center learned how to participate in the county's procurement process.

"One year ago, I launched an intensive effort to reform King County's procurement process," said Executive Constantine. "I am happy to say those efforts are bearing fruit. This year, we continue to streamline our standard contract language with the goal of eliminating barriers, reducing time spent jumping redundant hurdles, and cutting costs."

In 2010, the Executive led the elimination of 15 pages of forms from standard contracts that provided little or no public value. Technology was used to engage the online vendor registration system, and the County has gone online to promote contracting opportunities.

Under the Executive's direction, cycle time on design contracts for architecture and engineering services, as well as on construction contracts, that took anywhere from eight to 10 months will be cut by an average of 50 percent.

The reforms are also speeding up contracting on small construction projects. In January, the Executive sent a proposal to the Metropolitan King County Council that would allow contractors to join a small works roster. "By combining this strategy with a new, simplified contract, we could slash the time spent in contracting on small construction projects by 75 percent," Constantine said.

The Executive is also working with other agencies in the region to increase opportunities for small and historically disadvantaged businesses. "This week, I will sign an agreement with the Port of Seattle to share standards to certify small contractors and suppliers," Constantine said. "We will invite other jurisdictions to join us in this effort and further our vision of creating 'One King County.'"

The Executive expects to have his two-year procurement reform initiative fully implemented by March 2012.
"We have made progress, but we won't stop," Constantine added. "King County will continue to look for ways to deliver excellent customer service, build a vibrant local economy, and be good stewards of taxpayer dollars."


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