



King County

Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	8	Name:	Lise Kaye
Proposed No.:	2018-B0015	Date:	February 13, 2018

SUBJECT

Briefing on the Executive's proposed Department of Local Services.

SUMMARY

On January 22, 2018, Executive Constantine announced a proposal to create a new Department of Local Services, effective January 1, 2019.¹ His proposal would combine the Department of Permitting and Environmental Review with various other County functions to create a new department focused on the needs of the unincorporated areas, including Redmond Ridge, East Federal Way, Fairwood and East Renton, North Highline, Skyway, White Center, and West Hill. His announcement described the new department as potentially including:

- the Department of Permitting and Environmental Review
- the Road Services and Airport Divisions of the Department of Transportation
- the Community Service Area program of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks; and
- the On-site Septic System and Plumbing & Gas Piping programs from the Environmental Health Division of Public Health -- Seattle & King County

The Executive named Harold Taniguchi, Director of the King County Department of Transportation, to manage the transition to the new organization pending the appointment of a Cabinet-level leader reporting directly to the Executive. At today's meeting, Director Taniguchi will brief the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee on the Executive's proposal.

INVITED

1. Harold Taniguchi, Director, Department of Transportation

¹ <https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/news/release/2018/January/16-department-local-services.aspx>