

RESOLUTION R-5045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING KING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT PROPOSITION NO. 1 WHICH, IF APPROVED, WOULD AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX AND VEHICLE FEE FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2014, voters in the City of Kirkland will decide whether to approve Proposition No. 1, the King County Transportation District transportation funding measure; and

WHEREAS, in the last several years, new transportation challenges have emerged affecting the funding of transportation improvements for King County Metro transit and all King County cities and unincorporated King County, including a prolonged recession, and declining gas tax, property tax, and sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, if approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the King County Transportation District to levy a 0.1 percent sales and use tax and a \$60 vehicle fee, each for up to ten years; and

WHEREAS, if approved, Proposition No. 1 would provide dedicated transportation funding to preserve current Metro transit service levels, including a low-income fare program and the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the Metro transit system; and

WHEREAS, Proposition No. 1 would also establish a low-income vehicle fee rebate of \$20; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of the revenue collected, net of administrative costs, would be used for road improvements and other transportation purposes in the 39 cities in King County, including Kirkland, and in unincorporated King County; and

WHEREAS, King County has estimated that the City of Kirkland may receive as much as \$2 million per year for City transportation improvements if Proposition No. 1 is approved; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Kirkland 2035 visioning process, Kirkland residents have expressed strong support for ensuring that Kirkland is a vibrant, walkable community that is livable, sustainable, and connected through development of a multi-modal Cross Kirkland Corridor, frequent, reliable transit service, safe and well maintained streets, and a comprehensive network of bike lanes, sidewalks and pedestrian safety investments such as crosswalks and flashing beacons; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition No.1 is approved, the City of Kirkland would invest the revenues from Proposition No. 1 on transportation projects throughout the City to achieve the vision of a vibrant, walkable, multi-modal city that is livable, sustainable and connected; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17A.555, the City Council desires to show its support for King County Transportation District Proposition No. 1, which if approved, would authorize a sales and use tax and vehicle fee for transportation improvements;

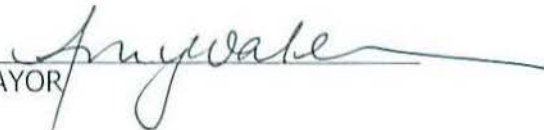
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council supports King County Transportation District Proposition No. 1.

Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to support King County Transportation District Proposition No. 1 to fund, among other things, bus service, road safety, street maintenance, sidewalks, bike paths, Cross Kirkland Corridor development and other transportation improvements in King County cities, including Kirkland, and in unincorporated King County.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 1st day of April, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this 1st day of April, 2014.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk