

RESOLUTION NO. 4020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S "SOUND MOVE," THE TEN-YEAR REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN.

WHEREAS, the region's population is projected to increase from 2.7 million residents in 1990 to 4.1 million in 2020, and the region's employment is projected to grow from 1.4 million jobs in 1990 to 2.2 million jobs in 2020; and

WHEREAS, annual vehicle miles traveled in the region over the last two decades have grown at a faster rate than population and employment; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion results in increased pollution, lost productivity due to delay, higher insurance costs due to accidents, economic inefficiency, and a lowering of the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan promotes increased use of alternatives to the single-occupancy vehicle and a balance among the various modes of travel; and

WHEREAS, the concept of the Transportation Element of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan is to seek to develop and maintain a balanced multimodal transportation system that supports the City's land use plan and integrates with the regional transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Policy T-3.2 of the City's Comprehensive Plan supports the development of regional high-capacity transit serving Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has actively participated in the Eastside Transportation Program (ETP) which provided comments to the Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the ETP Recommendations Report adopted by the Steering Committee supports the development of a high-capacity system; and

WHEREAS, the ETP Steering Committee unanimously agreed to request the RTA Board to retain each ETP city within the RTA boundary; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Board adopted the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan "Sound Move" on May 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan contains improvements and benefits for the Eastside and the City of Kirkland including regional bus service, direct access improvements, and transit center improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland will not be able to achieve and implement its adopted Comprehensive Plan without a regional transit system plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan has been found by the Puget Sound Regional Council to be consistent with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

- (1) That the Kirkland City Council supports the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan, "Sound Move," adopted by the Regional Transit Authority Board on May 31, 1996.
- (2) That the City of Kirkland recommends the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan be presented to the voters within the RTA District on the November 5, 1996, general election.

PASSED by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council on the 16th day of July, 1996.

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION THEREOF on the 16th day of July, 1996.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk