

RESOLUTION NO. 4032

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S "SOUND MOVE," THE TEN-YEAR REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN, AND URGING THE VOTERS OF THE CITY TO VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSITION NO. 1.

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, in 1995, the citizens of the central Puget Sound region spent over \$21 billion on surface transportation – more than 25 percent of the region's total personal income; 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 will not be able to achieve and implement its adopted Comprehensive Plan without a regional transit system plan; 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 Eastside Transportation Program Steering Committee adopted a resolution on July 26, 1996, endorsing the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region adopted Resolution No. 75 calling an election to approve local taxes to implement the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan; 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 Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan has been found by the Puget Sound Regional Council to be consistent with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council adopted Resolution No. 4020 supporting the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan and recommended that the plan be presented to the voters within the RTA District on the November 5, 1996, general election; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council held a public hearing on October 15, 1996;


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 adopted by the Regional Transit Authority Board on May 31, 1996.

(2) That the Kirkland City Council urges the voters of the City to vote "Yes" on Proposition No. 1 regarding "Sound Move: The Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan."

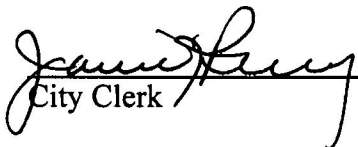
PASSED by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council on the 15th day of October, 1996.

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION THEREOF on the 15th day of October, 1996.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk