

RESOLUTION R-4454

A RESOLUTION SEEKING STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, Kirkland shares with other Washington cities the converging challenges of maintaining an aging transportation infrastructure while also attempting to expand mobility resources for neighborhoods, business investment, economic vitality and future development; and

WHEREAS, these challenges are compounded by the erosion of viable funding resources for transportation even as the needs for funding intensify. For example, Kirkland has lost approximately \$450,000 annually as a result of the revocation of the Vehicle License Fee. In addition, fuel tax revenues have declined at an average rate of almost 4% per year (in inflation adjusted dollars) due to the structuring of that revenue source; and

WHEREAS, cities' options for transportation revenues are limited at this time, while the demand for transportation infrastructure maintenance and improvement is growing; and

WHEREAS, Washington's municipalities do not have sufficient viable funding mechanisms to implement adequate and appropriate user fees for transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the last comprehensive action by the Legislature to provide local options for transportation funding was in 1990; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the Legislature, recognizing the need for local transportation funding, authorized four mechanisms: (1) local option fuel tax, (2) commercial parking tax, (3) street utility fee, and (4) vehicle license fee; and

WHEREAS, fourteen years later, none of these sources has become a viable mainstay for local transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, as the condition of the transportation infrastructure deteriorates, the cost becomes significantly more expensive for repair or replacement, effectively doubling in every 10 to 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the public extends beyond these direct costs in the form of impacts on the quality of life, on the business investment climate, and on the ability to travel without facing delays, detours and congestion; and

WHEREAS, many other cities face similar problems;

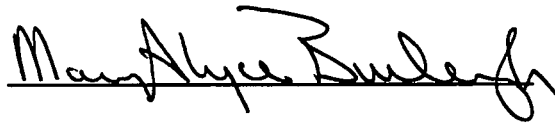
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Kirkland calls upon the Governor and the Legislature to provide new and appropriate funding tools that may be administered at the municipal level to pay for transportation infrastructure.

Section 2. The City of Kirkland calls upon the Governor and the Legislature to provide additional direct funding, generated by the State, for municipal transportation infrastructure.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland the 7th day of September, 2004,

City of Kirkland

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Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk