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## CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 5356

A RESOLUTION regarding acceleration of Metro's rapid transit ballot proposal.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 1989, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 5566 approving a four-year rail and integrated bus system planning work program as one of the alternatives of Metro's Year 2000 Public Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Metro Resolution No. 5566 reflected compromise language requiring an alternatives analysis in accordance with Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) guidelines as part of the four-year program; and

WHEREAS, ESHB 1825, the High Capacity Transportation System Act, requires system and project planning processes for a high capacity transportation system to follow UMTA's alternatives analysis requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council will consider on February 21, 1991 a motion to accelerate Metro's rapid transit ballot proposal, and to request the state legislature to redefine "system plan" to remove the requirement for an alternatives analysis prior to a public vote, and to permit the use of sales tax authority provided under ESHB 1825 for service increases and HOV improvements; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1988 the Bellevue City Council passed Resolution No. 5052 in support of the goals of Metro's long-range planning, including consideration of high capacity transit development in King County; and

WHEREAS, city residents and constituents have expressed frustration over the lack of Eastside service improvements from Metro; and

WHEREAS, current system and project planning for high capacity transit continues to focus on central city transit service rather than on emerging population and employment centers which are currently underserved by public transportation; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Bellevue does not support the proposed motion to accelerate Metro's rapid transit ballot proposal.

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Section 2. The City of Bellevue supports enabling legislation for Metro to use the sales tax authorized by ESHB 1825 to fund service increases and HOV improvements.

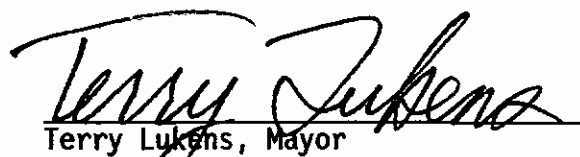
Section 3. The City of Bellevue supports phased implementation of transportation system improvements, beginning with improved county-wide service and development of HOV lanes, and moving to rapid transit (exclusive busways and possibly rail) as system ridership and demand increases.

Section 4. The City of Bellevue recommends that Metro proceed to develop a county-wide "system plan" for public transportation improvements, including rapid transit, that will include the following characteristics:


1. Equitable distribution of resources and service, including dedicated funds for each subregional corridor.
2. A package of short-range, less capital intensive transit and transportation improvements to enhance the existing transit operation prior to the full implementation of a rapid transit system.
3. Performance objectives, including service hours, service frequency, service coverage, geographic distribution and travel times, which recognize subregional markets.
4. Aggressive support for Vision 2020 land use assumptions to ensure an integrated land use and transportation development pattern.
5. Completion of an alternatives analysis or similar evaluation within the context of the System Plan before presenting a financing package for voter approval.

PASSED by the City Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1991, and signed in authentication of its passage this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1991.

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Terry Lukens, Mayor

Attest:

  
Marie K. O'Connell, City Clerk