

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 9150

A RESOLUTION supporting Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1 concerning Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion.

WHEREAS, Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1 has been certified for the November 8, 2016 election ballot with the following official Ballot Title:

The Sound Transit Board passed Resolution No. R2016-17 concerning expansion of mass transit in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. This measure would expand light-rail, commuter-rail, and bus rapid transit service to connect population and growth centers, and authorize Sound Transit to levy or impose: an additional 0.5% sales and use tax; a property tax of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and additional 0.8% motor-vehicle excise tax; and use existing taxes to fund the local share of the \$53.8 billion estimated cost (including inflation), with continuing independent audits, as described in the Mass Transit Guide and Resolution No. R2016-17. Should this measure be:

Approved

Rejected

WHEREAS, our region adds 230 people every day, and transportation solutions are needed to address this rapid growth; and

WHEREAS, one light rail line can carry 16,000 people per hour, while a general-purpose freeway lane moves just 2,000 cars per hour; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit Proposition 1 helps working families, students, seniors, and people with disabilities get to jobs, school and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit Proposition 1 proposes to expand public transit throughout the region in the following manners:

- Adding 37 new light rail stations connecting employment, growth, and population centers, with trains serving Everett via the industrial center near Paine Field, Ballard, South Lake Union, Seattle Center, West Seattle, South Kirkland, Bellevue, Issaquah, Federal Way, Fife, Tacoma, and Tacoma Community College.

- Adding longer trains to commuter rail service; new Tillicum (Joint Base Lewis-McChord) and DuPont stations; and more bus, pedestrian, bicycle, and parking facilities at stations.
- Bus rapid transit runs every 15 minutes all day (every 10 minutes during peak commute hours), with new freeway stations along I-405/SR 518 (Lynwood—Bellevue—Burien) and SR 522/NE 145th (UW-Bothell—Kenmore—Lake Forest Park—Shoreline light-rail station).
- Early investments improve bus service (1) on certain Rapid-Ride routes in Seattle; (2) along Pacific Avenue/SR 7 to the Tacoma Dome; (3) on routes serving Sumner and Lakewood stations; and (4) by operating on freeway shoulders where permitted.

WHEREAS, having complied with the requirements of RCW 42.17A.555 regarding notice and an equal opportunity for testimony in support of and in opposition to Sound Transit Proposition 1; now, therefore;

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Bellevue declares its support of Sound Transit Proposition 1 and urges voters to vote “yes” on Sound Transit Proposition 1.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2016, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2016.

(SEAL)

John Stokes, Mayor

Attest:

Kyle Stannert, City Clerk