

September 19, 2016

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution (supporting/opposing) Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1: Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

RCW 42.17A.555 Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns – Prohibition – Exceptions:

- (1) Action taken at an open public meeting by members of an elected legislative body or by an elected board, council, or commission ...to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

 X Action

BACKGROUND

At Extended Study Session on September 12, Council directed staff to add two resolutions (one expressing support and one expressing opposition) to Sound Transit Proposition No 1 under Agenda Item 11, *Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions*. In order to meet the requirements of RCW 42.17A.555, representatives of the pro and con campaigns have been invited to each make a 10 minute presentation. Presentations will be followed by additional time for public comment consisting of 15 minutes time per side. Time will be allocated for up to five speakers, three minutes per speaker, on each side of the issue. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside of Council Chambers for members of the public to sign in for public comment.

RCW Chapter 42.17 generally prohibits the use of public resources in support or in opposition of a ballot measure. However, RCW 42.17A.555 provides that local legislative bodies may take an official position on a ballot measure if the following requirements are met:

- The action must be taken in an open public meeting, and the intention to take action must be listed on the meeting agenda. The agenda must also list the title and ballot number of the ballot measure.
- Prior to taking action, “members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.”

Once pro and con presentations and public comment is complete, Council may take an action on one of the attached resolutions.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Resolution supporting Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1: Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion.
2. Resolution opposing Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1: Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion.
3. Do not adopt either Resolution.

MOTION

- Move to adopt Resolution No. 9150 (supporting / opposing) Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1: Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion.

ATTACHMENTS

- Official ballot title language contained in Sound Transit Board Resolution No. R2016-17
- Voters Pamphlet extract on Sound Transit Proposition 1
- Resolution No. 9150 supporting Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1: Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion.
- Resolution No. 9150 opposing Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1: Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion.

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