

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 9150

A RESOLUTION opposing 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, Sound Transit Proposition 1 proposes to expend approximately \$54 billion to expand public transit throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, despite the expenditure of approximately \$54 billion, Sound Transit Proposition 1 increases transit share only 1% and does not reduce traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, funding for Sound Transit Proposition 1 comes from several sources, including existing taxes, fares, and grants; a 0.5% sales/use tax increase; a property tax of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and a 0.8% motor-vehicle excise tax increase; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit Proposition 1 will cost an average King County household approximately \$740 per year, and (adjusted for inflation) approximately \$20,000 over the 25-year span of the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, under Sound Transit Proposition 1, property taxes will be diverted away from schools to fund Sound Transit, rather than other needs like education, homelessness, public safety, and parks; and

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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 opposition to Sound Transit Proposition 1 and urges voters to vote “no” 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.

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John Stokes, Mayor

Attest:

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Kyle Stannert, City Clerk