

CITY OF FIFE RESOLUTION NO. 1552
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CITY OF EDGEWOOD RESOLUTION NO. 13-0300

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF FIFE, MILTON AND EDGEWOOD, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON OPPOSING PIERCE TRANSIT'S SERVICE REDUCTION PLAN FOR ROUTES 501 AND 402, AND PROPOSING AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR CONSIDERATION BY PIERCE TRANSIT

WHEREAS, due to the Great Recession, Pierce Transit's sales tax revenue, which accounts for 70% of its total revenue, has been sharply reduced; and

WHEREAS, sales tax increase ballot measures proposed by Pierce Transit on February 8, 2011 and November 6, 2012 both failed; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the revenue shortfall, Pierce Transit eliminated 20 percent of fixed route services on June 12, 2011, and an additional 15 percent on October 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the reduced service area has also resulted in further decreases in sales tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, to address its continued revenue shortfall, Pierce Transit has proposed further bus service reductions effective September 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the changes proposed would eliminate approximately 34 percent of the fixed route service level of 417,000 annual service hours to approximately 300,000 annual service hours; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes include a severe service reduction to Routes 501 and 402 serving the needs of Fife, Milton, and Edgewood; and

WHEREAS, Route 501 currently starts at the Tacoma Dome Station, goes through Fife and Milton, to Federal Way, with 30 trips per day on weekdays, 12 on Saturdays, and 10 on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the portion of Route 501 from Milton to Federal Way will be eliminated, along with all weekend service, which will severely reduce

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shuttle services to the City of Fife on weekends, and weekday trips will be reduced to 16 per day; and

WHEREAS, Route 402 currently starts at 171st Street and Meridian in unincorporated Pierce County, goes through the South Hill Mall Transit Center, Puyallup, Edgewood, and Milton to Federal Way, with 29 trips per day on weekdays, 22 on Saturdays, and 18 on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the portion of Route 402 from Milton to Federal Way will be reduced to every two hours during the weekdays and eliminated during the weekends; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Fife, Milton and Edgewood contribute approximately \$4 million annually to Pierce Transit in sales tax revenue, but currently receive only about \$2.75 million in combined value of services; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Fife, Milton and Edgewood understand the need to reduce costs in order to meet revenue reductions, but believe services provided to participating jurisdictions should be proportionate to the revenue generated from those jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Fife, Milton and Edgewood recommend that Pierce Transit implement a Circulator Route Concept as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto to serve and connect our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Circulator Route Concept would provide the cities of Fife, Milton and Edgewood with much needed circulation and connectivity to key commercial, employment and civic services, and provide access to a residential population of approximately 4200 residents south of Union Pacific railroad tracks in Fife that is currently not being serviced, along with maintaining healthy and livable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Circulator Route Concept would support Pierce Transit's mission, reduce system service duplications, while providing service more commensurate to the revenue generated by the three cities, but still result in an estimated reduced cost compared to the current Route 501; and

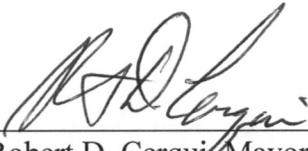
BE IT RESOLVED that the City Councils of Fife, Milton and Edgewood hereby oppose the proposed reductions to Routes 501 and 402 and urge the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners to implement the Circulator Route Concept, attached hereto as Exhibit A, prior to any reductions in Route 501 and Route 402.

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ADOPTED by the Fife City Council at an open public meeting held on the 28th day of May, 2013.



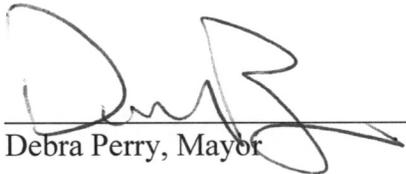
Robert D. Cerqui, Mayor

Attest:

for 

Carol Etgen, City Clerk

ADOPTED by the Milton City Council at an open public meeting held on the 3rd day of ~~May~~, 2013.
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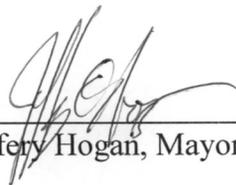
Debra Perry, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk

ADOPTED by the Edgewood City Council at an open public meeting held on the 28th day of May, 2013.



Jeffery Hogan, Mayor

Attest:

for 

Debbie Zabell, City Clerk



EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED EXPANDED TRANSPORTATION ROUTE (With 0.75 mile buffer)



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