

RESOLUTION NO. 1742

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION NO. 1, RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF MASS TRANSIT IN KING, PIERCE AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES, SUBMITTED BY THE SOUND TRANSIT BOARD FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016, GENERAL ELECTION; AND URGING FIFE VOTERS TO VOTE “APPROVE” ON PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2016, the City Council authorized the Mayor to forward a letter to the Sound Transit Board expressing the City of Fife’s recommendation on the Sound Transit 3 draft proposal, and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the expansion of public transportation options in the South Sound Region in anticipation of a growing population, as well as promoting the use of public transit as an environmentally responsible mode of transportation, and

WHEREAS, light rail and the Fife station can be a catalyst for Transit oriented development further promoting needed 54th Ave E interchange revisions and strengthening Fife’s City Center vision.

WHEREAS, light rail and the Fife station is the Fife Comprehensive Plan that states: *“Link Light Rail Extension – Sound Transit plans to extend light rail between the City of SeaTac and the City of Tacoma. A light rail station is planned in Fife and Sound Transit is evaluating several possible alignments through the City”*; and

WHEREAS, light rail and the Fife station is consistent with Fife City Council Goals City Council Goals to:

- Proactively promote the future of the City through completion of the City Center vision process and supporting documentation.
- Design and implement with key stakeholders, a transportation system that brings people together, encourages people oriented development while assuring the smooth flow of commerce by
 - Assuring that transportation solutions consider long-term impacts on quality of life in a comprehensive manner
 - Focusing capital expenditures on community connectivity, putting a priority on those projects which serve to fill the gaps in the network
- Foster a style of government that proactively engages the public; is transparent and easily accessible
- Promote Intergovernmental Cooperation in Regional Planning and other areas of common interest.

WHEREAS, The City of Fife has prepared for the project and taken steps to allow light rail as a permitted use through the Regional Commercial zoned areas near Pacific Highway (SR-99).

WHEREAS the Sound Transit Board approved Resolution No. 2016-17, relating to the expansion of mass transit in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties, for placement on the November 8, 2016, General Election, and

WHEREAS, if passed, this ballot measure would advance several of the City's top priorities, including congestion-free light rail service connectivity to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; expanded Sounder commuter rail service hours; enhanced Sounder service, linking Joint Base Lewis-McCord ("JBLM") communities with Fife; and expanded bus rapid transit service, in partnership with Pierce Transit, and

WHEREAS, this ballot measure addresses the City's overall plan to provide high quality public transportation options to connect Fife to each other and to the broader region, and to ensure that public transportation is available to all City residents for both commuting and daily needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE

Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support for the passage of Proposition No. 1, submitted by Sound Transit for the November 8, 2016, General Election, for the purposes hereinabove enumerated.

Section 2. That the Fife City Council urges Fife voters to vote "Approved" on Proposition No. 1 on the November 8, 2016, General Election ballot, substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:

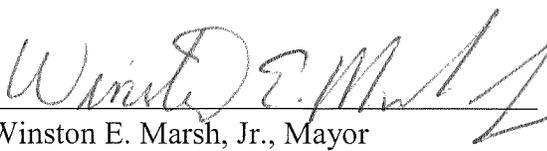
**Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority)
Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion**

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; an 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:

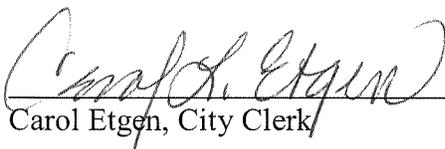
- Approved
 - Rejected
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Section 3. That a copy of this Endorsement be immediately transmitted to Sound Transit Board.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 18th day of October, 2016.


Winston E. Marsh, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Carol Etgen, City Clerk