

RESOLUTION NO. 997

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF THE
RTA MASTER PLAN AND PHASE I BALLOT
MEASURE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE VOTERS
ON MARCH 14, 1995.

WHEREAS, in June 1988, the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (Metro) adopted Resolution No. 5506 directing Metro staff to propose a rail and bus system for its long range public transportation plan so that a high capacity segment in King County could be built by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, in March 1989, Metro adopted Resolution No. 5566 approving a four-year rail and integrated bus system planning work program to be included as one of the alternatives of METRO's Year 2000 Public Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, in March 1990, HB 1825, High Capacity Transit (HCT) legislation, provided for the establishment of the Joint Regional Policy Committee (JRPC) and a process for the development of a high capacity transit system plan; and

WHEREAS, in March 1992, ESHB 2610, Regional Transit Authority (RTA) legislation, gave authority to the JRPC to adopt a system and financing plan, including the service area definition for a regional transit plan by September 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1992, the Eastside Transportation Program Steering Committee unanimously approved a resolution endorsing rail as an element of one or more alternatives for the Regional Transit Project System Plan and identifying the

conditions upon which the ETP will support a system plan, regardless of technology; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1992 the Redmond City Council adopted Resolution No. 899 which endorsed rail as a critical element of the Regional Transit Project; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1992 the Redmond City Council adopted Resolution No. 901 which emphasized the role of Overlake and the Redmond Downtown as important urban centers and called for consideration of high capacity transit service to these areas during the first phase of Regional Transit Project system development; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1993 the Redmond City Council adopted Resolution No. 950 endorsing the formation of a Regional Transit Authority by the King County Council for the purposes of advancing design and implementation of expanded regional transit services; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 1994 the Redmond City Council adopted Resolution No. 987, outlining the City of Redmond's findings and policy regarding development of a Regional Transit Authority ballot measure and identifying RTA ballot measure elements necessary for continued support by the City of Redmond; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 1994, the RTA Board approved a ballot proposal for a Master Plan and Phase One components to be placed before the voters in spring, 1995, which has been forwarded to the King, Pierce, and Snohomish County Councils.

WHEREAS, the County Councils of King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties have voted to remain in the RTA and send the proposed Master Plan and Phase I System proposals to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the RTA's Phase I proposal provides reasonable equity among RTA subareas and specifically identifies the following facilities and services for the Eastside district:

- A \$620 million investment in light rail transit alignment connecting the Eastside to the regional system via the Seattle Downtown Transit Tunnel, I-90, Bellevue CBD, and Overlake.
- First priority for all-day Regional Trunk Bus service commencing within three years with four routes (Edmonds/Lynnwood/I-405/Bellevue, Woodinville/SR-522/Bothell/Northgate, Bellevue/SR-520/U-District, Issaquah/I-90/Bellevue).
- \$25 million in a separate fund to be allocated for other improvements that enhance the regional system.
- \$50 million to be used to identify an interim solution that meets the needs of the corridor over the next 10 to 15 years, prior to the extension of LRT around the east side of Lake Washington.

WHEREAS, the RTA adopted Phase I Plan transit improvements substantially satisfy the requirements which the City of Redmond City Council established by Resolution No. 987 in order to receive support from the City Council; and

WHEREAS, voters within the RTA boundary will have the opportunity to vote on the Master Plan and Phase I System proposal on the fourteenth day of March, 1995.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redmond City Council supports implementation of the RTA Master Plan and Phase I System and urges Redmond citizens to carefully consider the Plan and to show their support for the proposal by voting yes on March 14, 1995.


RESOLVED this the 14th day of February, 1995.

APPROVED:



ROSEMARIE IVES, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



CITY CLERK, DORIS A. SCHAIBLE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: February 6, 1995
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