

**CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. 1457**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING
PROPOSITION NO. 1 CONCERNING SOUND TRANSIT
LIGHT RAIL, COMMUTER RAIL, AND BUS SERVICE
EXPANSION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS ST3

WHEREAS, Proposition No. 1 proposes an expansion of the Sound Transit mass transit system and will be presented to the voters on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit's plan, commonly known as ST3, is a 25-year plan for the expansion of mass transit in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties that builds on Sound Move and ST2 approved by voters in 1996 and 2008, respectively; and

WHEREAS, ridership on Sound Transit services has nearly doubled to 35 million since 2008; and

WHEREAS, ridership on Link light rail has increased nearly 70 percent with the extension of service from downtown Seattle to Capitol Hill and the University of Washington earlier this year under ST2; and

WHEREAS, light rail service is currently being constructed from Seattle to Redmond (Overlake), Lynnwood, and Kent/Des Moines under ST2, with service to all three destinations scheduled to begin in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the region is expected to grow by 800,000 people by 2040, and Puget Sound residents will need fast and reliable transit that operates independent of congested roadways; and

WHEREAS, Redmond's vision of a community of connected neighborhoods with vibrant urban centers relies on fast and frequent transit service that connects Redmond neighborhoods and connects Redmond to the region; and

WHEREAS, the City's top priorities in mass transit expansion are extending light rail from Overlake to Downtown Redmond, maintaining and enhancing regional express bus service, and implementing bus rapid transit in the I-405 corridor; and

WHEREAS, ST3 includes an extension of light rail service to Southeast Redmond and Downtown Redmond, with service beginning in 2024 and parking at the Southeast Redmond station; and

WHEREAS, ST3 provides for the construction of a park & ride in north Sammamish that will improve access to high capacity transit for Sammamish residents and reduce demand for transit parking in Southeast Redmond and Downtown Redmond; and

WHEREAS, bus rapid transit will be implemented in the I-405 corridor from Lynnwood to Burien with connections to Redmond at Totem Lake and NE 85th Street in Kirkland, with service beginning in 2024 under ST3; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 additional regional express bus service hours will be provided under ST3, for a total of 600,000 service hours in 2024; and

WHEREAS, a high capacity transit study will be conducted under ST3 to evaluate light rail across the northern part of Lake Washington, including an option parallel to SR 520; and

WHEREAS, under ST3 important regional connections will implement the land use and transportation vision of the region; these connections include completing the light rail spine to Everett, Tacoma, Issaquah, and Kirkland, and extending commuter rail to DuPont; and

WHEREAS, investments in light rail, commuter rail, and express bus service will improve mobility for the 2.8 million people in the Sound Transit district; and

WHEREAS, ST3 will be funded with a 0.5 percent sales tax, 0.8 percent motor vehicle excise tax, 25 cents per thousand dollars assessed valuation property tax, and other sources such as federal funds, bonds, existing taxes, and fare revenue; and

WHEREAS, the 25-year ST3 plan will cost \$53.8 billion in year-of-expenditure dollars including capital costs, operations and maintenance costs, reserves and debt service, and taxes will be rolled back upon the completion of plan projects; and

WHEREAS, ST3 is consistent with and supportive of the City's future vision and goals and advances city interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The Redmond City Council takes an official position supporting Proposition No. 1 concerning Sound Transit light rail, commuter rail, and bus service expansion, commonly known as ST3.

Section 2. The Redmond City Council encourages voters to support Proposition No. 1 concerning Sound Transit light rail, commuter rail, and bus service expansion, commonly known as ST3, due to the transportation and mobility benefits provided to Redmond residents.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 20th day of September, 2016.

CITY OF REDMOND


JOHN MARCHIONE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MICHELLE M. HART, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: September 6, 2016
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: September 20, 2016
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YES: ALLEN, BIRNEY, MARGESON, SHUTZ, STILIN
NO: CARSON, MYERS