

RESOLUTION NO. 6641

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF METROPOLITAN SEATTLE adopting a Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.58.240, the Municipality is required to prepare, adopt and carry out a general Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation (hereinafter the "Comprehensive Plan") that will best serve the residents of the Seattle-King County metropolitan area and to amend said plan from time to time to meet changed conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality's existing Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation, as adopted by Resolution No. 3647 on March 19, 1981, and amended from time to time thereafter, was prepared during a period of rapid growth in transit ridership, which has slowed substantially, giving rise to changed conditions; and

WHEREAS, the existing Comprehensive Plan was prepared prior to adoption of the Regional Transit System Plan, which was adopted by the Joint Regional Policy Committee on May 28, 1993, and prior to the establishment of the Regional Transit Authority (hereinafter the "RTA") on September 17, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the High Capacity Transit Act (Chapter 81.104 RCW) requires that local transit agencies such as the Municipality work with the RTA to develop a cooperative process for the planning, development, operations and funding of feeder transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, as part of the planning for the Regional Transit System Plan, the Municipality developed local transit agency service networks for each alternative reviewed in the environmental impact statement for the Regional Transit System Plan, and these networks were evaluated as part of the environmental analysis for each alternative; and

WHEREAS, an extensive public involvement program was completed prior to adoption of the Regional Transit System Plan, and public comments received addressed the local transit component of each alternative of the Regional Transit System Plan; and

WHEREAS, additional information on local transit needs was obtained from elected officials and local jurisdictions, from comments received during local jurisdiction public involvement efforts conducted as part of their comprehensive planning efforts, from customer satisfaction surveys and from productivity data; and

WHEREAS, a proposed revision to the Comprehensive Plan, substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, has been

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developed; said revised Comprehensive Plan incorporates the Service Policies approved by the Planning Subcommittee of the Metropolitan Council in August 1991, and is consistent with the Regional Transit System Plan and supportive of the Puget Sound Regional Council's land use and transportation plan, Vision 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has also prepared a report entitled Long Range Policy Framework for Public Transportation (hereinafter the "Report"), which describes general service concepts for the Municipality's service area and identifies possible strategies for implementing the proposed Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Appendix I of the Report contains conceptual examples of future local transit service networks and supporting facilities, assuming successful implementation of the Regional Transit System Plan; including the funding levels for local transit included in said System Plan; and

WHEREAS, specific service and facility improvements will be identified through the six-year planning process, to be commenced following adoption of the proposed Comprehensive Plan and updated every year, which will reflect current needs, priorities and funding levels, as well as regional coordination requirements; and

WHEREAS, the six-year planning process will involve a high level of coordination with elected officials and local jurisdictions, and a comprehensive public involvement program, within each of three subareas in the Municipality's service area; and

WHEREAS, the annual service change and capital program update process, through which specific service and facility changes will be approved and funded, will continue to provide for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with state environmental laws and regulations, the Municipality issued a Determination of Significance and Notice of Adoption on September 10, 1993, which adopts the Final Environmental Impact Statement of the Regional Transit System Plan as the environmental review for the proposed Comprehensive Plan attached as Exhibit A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle as follows:


Section 1. After due consideration, the Council of the Municipality finds that it is in the best interests of, and will best serve, the citizens of the Seattle-King County metropolitan area to revise its Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation

and that the adopted environmental review, along with other supporting documentation, is adequate for the purposes of this action.


Section 2. The Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted. All prior Comprehensive Plans and amendments to those plans, including those adopted by Resolution No. 1717 (passed October 5, 1972), Resolution No. 1901 (passed July 5, 1973), Resolution No. 1989 (passed November 5, 1973), Resolution No. 3156 (passed May 5, 1979), Resolution No. 3647 (passed March 19, 1981), Resolution No. 3795 (passed November 5, 1981) and Resolution No. 3858 (passed April 1, 1982), are hereby superseded by the Comprehensive Plan attached as Exhibit A.

Section 3. It is understood that the Regional Transit Committee, as established under Section 270 of the King County Charter, will make recommendations to the Metropolitan King County Council to implement the Comprehensive Plan, subject to further amendments as may, from time to time, be necessary to meet changed conditions and requirements, through the six-year planning process; said regional committee will be responsible for reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and developing any future amendments necessary to respond to changed conditions.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of October, 1993.

  
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Tom Kraft  
Chair of the Council

ATTEST:

  
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Bonnie Mattson  
Clerk of the Council