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RESOLUTION NO. 252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON SUPPORTING PROPOSITION NO. 2, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS SALES AND USE TAX, INCREASING THE SALES AND USE TAX BY 0.1 PERCENT TO MAKE ENHANCEMENTS TO METRO TRANSIT'S CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS THAT WILL ALLOW EXPANSION OF METRO BUS SERVICE THROUGHOUT KING COUNTY

WHEREAS, King County Metro Transit's public transportation services and facilities provide mobility to residents, workers and visitors, carrying over three hundred fifty thousand weekday riders with more than 5,000 of the riders in the City of Shoreline;

WHEREAS, these services and facilities are not adequate to meet current transit demand, but are essential to the functioning of key transportation corridors in the region;

WHEREAS, Metro Transit needs to carry a growing proportion of trips to support the county's mobility, economy and quality of life to achieve the county's land use and environmental goals consistent with growth targets;

WHEREAS, sales tax revenues have not been sufficient to grow the transit system to keep up with existing demand or anticipated growth in population and employment;

WHEREAS, one-tenth of one percent authority is available to King County under RCW 82.14.045 for public transportation system purposes, subject to voter approval;

WHEREAS, the Transit Now program has been proposed to increase King County Metro Transit service, which will provide new travel options to commuters who will be affected by construction of highways and other transportation projects, and reduce damaging greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, to accomplish this program and meet the county's public transportation system needs, Proposition No 2 has been submitted to the voters requesting authorization to fix and impose an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the King County Metro transit system; and

WHEREAS, if approved by voters, Proposition No 2 will most likely provide benefits to Shoreline residents through increased transit service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

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The City Council of City of Shoreline supports Proposition No 2 imposing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the King County Metro transit system and urges voters to support the proposition on the November general election ballot.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 16, 2006

Mayor Robert L/Ransom

ATTEST:

Scott Passey, CMC City Clerk