RESOLUTION NO. 393

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, STATING THE CITY COUNCIL’S SUPPORT FOR SOUND TRANSIT’S ST3 BALLOT PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 TO PROVIDE THE EXPANSION OF LIGHT RAIL, COMMUTER RAIL AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE REGION

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) is the regional authority for King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties and is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a high-capacity transit system; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held on November 5, 1996 and November 4, 2008, voters approved local funding to implement plans for a regional high-capacity transportation system serving the central Puget Sound region, known as Sound Move (1996) and Sound Transit 2 (2008); and

WHEREAS, the local funding approved to implement the Sound Move and ST2 regional transportation plans has been used to plan, build, and operate Link light rail, Tacoma Link light rail, Sounder commuter rail, ST Express buses, and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) access lanes in Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties; and

WHEREAS, although Sound Move and ST2 address current and future regional mobility needs by implementing effective transportation alternatives, local planning agencies predict continued significant population and employment growth for the Central Puget Sound region in the next several decades; and

WHEREAS, after a comprehensive outreach process, the Sound Transit Board passed Resolution No. R2016-17 (June 23, 2016), adopting "Sound Transit 3: The Regional Transit System Plan for Central Puget Sound" (ST3 Plan), and including expanded transportation projects and services to be implemented over an estimated 25-year time frame, along with revised financial and other policies to guide Plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the five-city coalition of the Cities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Bothell, Woodinville and Kenmore worked together in a community-driven effort to encourage South Transit to include in the ST3 Plan projects that address the HCT needs of the North King County area; and

WHEREAS, the ST3 Plan includes projects requested by the five-city partnership, which are described in the Plan as "Bus Rapid Transit, SR 522 and NE 145th Street BRT: 145th Street Link station (from Lake Forest Park)" and "New stations/added parking in Lake Forest Park Town Center, Kenmore and Bothell"; and
WHEREAS, to implement the ST3 Plan, the Sound Transit Board passed Resolution No. R2016-17 (June 23, 2016), declaring its intent to implement the ST3 Plan, to continue to develop regional HCT corridors and services by expanding Link light rail, Sounder commuter rail, and bus rapid transit, and to continue interim ST Express bus service; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R2016-17 declared the approximate cost of the ST3 Plan to be $53.8 billion and stated that voter approval of the Resolution and the ST3 Plan incorporated by reference in the Resolution will authorize the imposition, levy, and collection of certain taxes to fund the planning, design, construction, and ongoing operations and maintenance of the transportation projects and services that are part of the ST3 Plan, ST2 and Sound Move; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. R2016-17, the Sound Transit Board designated Resolution No. R2016-17 to be the Proposition that will be submitted to the voters at the general election on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in Section 12 of Resolution No. R2016-17, the Sound Transit Board directed the Chief Executive Officer of Sound Transit to certify to the Pierce County and Snohomish County Auditors and to the King County Elections Director, a copy of the ballot title for Resolution No. R2016-17, which will be in substantially the following form:

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

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, employment 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 continue existing taxes to fund the local share of the $53.8 billion estimated cost (including inflation), with independent audits, as described in the Mass Transit Guide and Resolution R2016-17. Should this measure be:

Approved ................
Rejected ................

and;

WHEREAS, in compliance with RCW 42.17.130, the public meeting notice included the title and number of the King County Sound Transit 3 measure and members of the public were given equal opportunity to give testimony on the measure;
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City Council supports the ballot proposition stated in Section 12 of Sound Transit Resolution No. R2016-17, relating to the expansion of light-rail, commuter rail, and bus rapid transit with Sound Transit’s boundaries known as the Sound Transit 3 plan to be placed on the November 8th, 2016 ballot.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 8, 2016.

[Signature]
Mayor Christopher Roberts

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Jessica Simulcik Smith
City Clerk