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RESOLUTION NO. 273

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, PROMOTING A SINGLE, INTEGRATED, CONTINUOUS BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM ALONG THE AURORA AVENUE/STATE ROUTE (SR) 99 CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Shoreline patronize businesses all along the Aurora Avenue/SR 99 corridor, including businesses in King and Snohomish Counties and in the cities of Shoreline, Seattle, Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood; and

WHEREAS, businesses in the City of Shoreline serve customers in King and Snohomish Counties and in the cities of Shoreline, Seattle, Edmonds, Lake Forest Park, Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, and Woodway; and

WHEREAS, high density residential developments are within walking distance of Aurora Avenue/SR 99 along the entire corridor from Seattle to Everett, including in the City of Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, shops, restaurants and other businesses line the entire Aurora Avenue/SR 99 corridor from Seattle to Everett, including the City of Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, large numbers of people cross the King-Snohomish County line on Aurora Avenue/SR 99 every day in both directions; and

WHEREAS, making transit along the entire Aurora Avenue/SR 99 corridor faster and more convenient will increase transit ridership and decrease single occupant vehicle trips, thereby decreasing traffic congestion, decreasing pollution, and decreasing the region's emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming; and

WHEREAS, Bus Rapid Transit is a relatively new type of transit system in the region that offers the promise of faster and more frequent service on busy corridors; and

WHEREAS, all residents and businesses located near Aurora Avenue/SR 99 can benefit from a single, integrated, continuous Bus Rapid Transit line along the Aurora Avenue/SR 99 corridor; and

WHEREAS, Community Transit has funding for and is planning a "Swift" Bus Rapid Transit line along the Aurora Avenue/SR 99 corridor between the City of Shoreline and the City of Everett, with a terminus at the Aurora Village Transit Center; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit has funding for and is planning a "RapidRide" Bus Rapid Transit line between the City of Shoreline and the City of Seattle with a terminus at the Aurora Village Transit Center; and

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WHEREAS, Sound Transit is also charged with providing express bus service in King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties; and

WHEREAS, the current plans for Community Transit and Metro Transit would require all passengers traveling past the Aurora Village Transit Center to transfer buses between the two different systems, creating a significant delay and inconvenience that will decrease ridership; and

WHEREAS, Community Transit and Metro Transit currently plan to use different types of buses and different types of bus stops/bus stations with different curb heights, which would make future integration of the two independent systems difficult; and

WHEREAS, Community Transit has generally focused on service within Snohomish County and Metro Transit has generally focused on service within King County, and this lack of integration across the county line leaves a gap in serving the residents and businesses in communities near the county line; and

WHEREAS, it should be possible for Community Transit, Metro Transit, and Sound Transit to work together to create a single integrated system that allows passengers to make continuous trips on bus rapid transit between any two points along the Aurora Avenue/SR 99 corridor between the cities of Everett and Seattle by resolving differences in system design, funding, and administration. We explicitly ask that this be a single ride system; and

WHEREAS, such an integrated system would offer significantly greater benefits to the residents and businesses in the region than would be offered by two independent systems, giving the City of Shoreline a significant interest in an integrated system; and

WHEREAS, substantial funding for transit comes from taxpayers in the City of Shoreline, giving the City a financial interest in the efficiency of transit systems; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2007, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that this resolution be transmitted to the City Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2008, the Planning Commission heard presentations from Community Transit, King County Metro Transit and Sound Transit regarding Bus Rapid Transit and coordination among the three transit agencies but did not choose to alter the language in this resolution.

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

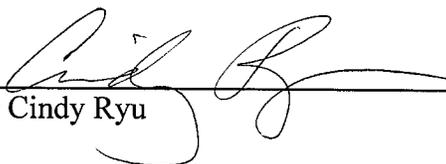
Section 1. The City of Shoreline City Council recommends that Community Transit, Metro Transit, and Sound Transit work together to create a single, integrated, continuous Bus Rapid Transit system along the Aurora Avenue/SR 99 corridor from Seattle to Everett.

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These transit agencies are asked to provide service that would allow customers to ride on a single bus along the corridor.

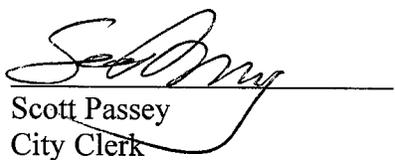
Section 2. The Shoreline City Council also directs staff to contact adjacent communities along the corridor to engage them on this matter and any other measures to promote fast and convenient transit service for the benefit for both residents and businesses. This resolution shall be distributed to the transit agencies, neighboring city councils and planning commissions, and state legislators whose districts include the SR 99 corridor.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 25, 2008



Mayor Cindy Ryu

ATTEST:



Scott Passey
City Clerk

