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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, relating to regional transit, expressing support for the adopted Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan, to be submitted to the voters on November 5, 1996

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Council completely and wholeheartedly supports the vision of developing a balanced, comprehensive and equitable regional transit plan which provides citizens with travel alternatives in the face of growing traffic congestion and gridlock that is overwhelming the Puget Sound region; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 81.104 authorizes high capacity transportation (HCT) planning, and RCW 81.112 authorized the formation of regional transit authorities to develop and operate HCT systems; and,

WHEREAS, the three-county central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (RTA) for King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties was formed in August 1993; and,

WHEREAS, the RTA Board designated a Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan and local tax proposal on May 31, 1996 to submit to the voters in November 5, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, the process of developing the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan has included extensive policy analysis, technical analysis and community input through public forums, surveys and public hearings; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed network of regional transit services can have a large beneficial impact on the City of Lakewood and the people who live, work and play in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood now desires to present City support for the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan that will be submitted to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. The City of Lakewood supports efforts to expand regional transit services. After many years of planning, it is time for the region to move forward and begin construction and implementation of the regional transit system.

Section 2. Commuter Rail service that links Lakewood with Tacoma and Seattle will support the economic development goals and transportation needs of the City and its residents. By offering services that provide timely and cost-effective alternatives to the use of private automobiles, commuter rail services will integrate the City of Lakewood into the Puget Sound regional economy.

Section 3. Street and transit facility improvements between the Lakewood Commuter Rail Station and the City's business districts will improve access for Lakewood-area residents, shoppers and employees. Improved passenger waiting areas, sidewalks, signal improvements, priority treatments for transit vehicles and security improvements will all benefit both transit users and the surrounding community.

Section 4. Express Bus Service linking the City of Lakewood with other parts of Pierce County will supplement commuter rail services, expanding the number of destinations that Lakewood residents will be able to access using public transit.

Section 5. Local services, linking neighborhoods with the Lakewood Commuter Rail Station, as well as area express bus hubs, are needed to ensure access to the regional system. The City of Lakewood supports efforts to ensure that local bus services offered by Pierce Transit are coordinate with the regional network and supports measures that will permit the expansion of local bus routes that serve Lakewood residents.

Section 6. The City of Lakewood supports the construction of Electric Light Rail along corridors where existing and future land use patterns and densities will support such services. A Phase 1 light rail line, operating Downtown Tacoma and ultimately extending to King County and other portions of Pierce County, is an appropriate and needed transportation improvement.

Section 7. New and expanded park and ride facilities are needed to allow people who are unserved by local bus routes access to the regional system. Commuter rail and express bus services that operate in Lakewood should include adequate park and ride facilities.

Section 8. Imposition of a retail sales tax of 0.4 percent and a motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) of 0.3 percent to support the capital and operating programs of the RTA is an appropriate public investment. In addition, the RTA should seek maximum federal and state contributions for planning and constructing the regional transit system.

Section 9. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 17th day of June, 1996.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

