

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7273

A RESOLUTION opposing Initiative 912 Concerning Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes in the November 8, 2005 General Election.

WHEREAS, the State of Washington Initiative Measure 912 (I-912) has been certified for the November 8, 2005 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would repeal a motor vehicle fuel tax of 3 cents in 2005 and 2006, 2 cents in 2007, and 1.5 cents per gallon in 2008, which was enacted by the 2005 session of the Legislature for state-wide transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the increases in the motor vehicle fuel tax enacted by the Legislature provide over \$5.5 billion dollars for transportation improvements across the state; and

WHEREAS, 62 safety and congestion projects in King County totaling over \$4 billion will be funded through the motor vehicle fuel tax increase; and

WHEREAS, significant transportation projects providing improvements on I-405, SR 520 and I-90, and which directly benefit Bellevue and the east King County area, are funded in the 2005 transportation package, and

Whereas, over \$900 million is programmed in the 2005 transportation package for I-405 projects, and

WHEREAS, Bellevue would receive approximately \$470,000 per year beginning in 2007 from the motor vehicle fuel tax increase for local transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, Bellevue citizens have consistently indicated that transportation issues and the need for transportation improvements are high priorities; and

WHEREAS, without improvements to the regional transportation system, neighborhood traffic impacts caused by diversion of freeway traffic onto local streets into Bellevue neighborhoods is likely to significantly worsen, and

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would repeal increases in the motor vehicle fuel tax, jeopardizing completion of the proposed projects approved by the Legislature in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system is essential to ensuring our economic health and quality of life; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Bellevue hereby declares its opposition to State of Washington Initiative Measure No. 912, which will be presented to the voters on the November 8, 2005 State General Election Ballot.

Passed by the City Council this 17th day of October, 2005, and signed in authentication of its passage this 17th day of October, 2005.

(SEAL)

Connie B. Marshall
Connie B. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich
Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk