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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7375

A RESOLUTION declaring the City of Bellevue's desire that the Washington State Department of Transportation and other applicable agencies aggressively pursue all noise abatement strategies, traditional and emerging, to mitigate noise generated by the use of major transportation facilities, to levels well below current state policy and federal regulations.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue is a centrally located growth center in the Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, increased traffic and noise are products of being a growth center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue desires to address this increased traffic and noise; and

WHEREAS, in order to address this concern the Bellevue City Council supports regional transportation system improvements, consistent with the transportation vision articulated by the City's Regional Mobility Interest Statement that calls for increased highway, high occupant vehicle, transit, and high capacity transit investments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue strongly supports implementation of the projects funded by the Washington State Legislature to substantially improve highways throughout the state and particularly in King County on I-405, I-90, and SR 520; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue also strongly supports high capacity transit investments that link Bellevue to other major transit markets in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue strives to maintain and enhance the quality of life in its neighborhoods and promote a thriving business community; and

WHEREAS, increased traffic and noise resulting from being a growth center jeopardizes this quality of life; and

WHEREAS, existing State and Federal noise abatement criteria and policies do not adequately address noise concerns that are predominant in many Bellevue neighborhoods; and

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WHEREAS, emerging noise abatement technologies, such as rubberized quiet pavements and other techniques such as reduced speed limits, the elimination of studded snow tires, and others may hold promise to address noise pollution generated by the use of major transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has successfully used rubberized quiet pavement to address noise pollution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue wishes to work cooperatively with regional, state, and federal agencies to address noise abatement policies and to design improvements to ensure that impacts are fully addressed; and

WHEREAS, Governor has received a letter from Eastside legislators expressing their support for additional noise protection; 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 Washington hereby declares its desire for the Washington State Department of Transportation and other applicable agencies to aggressively pursue all noise abatement strategies, traditional and emerging, to mitigate noise generated by the use of major transportation facilities, to levels well below current state and federal guidelines.

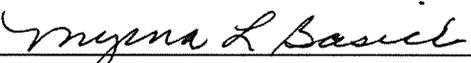
Passed by the City Council this 12th day of June, 2006, and signed in authentication of its passage this 19th day of June, 2006.

(SEAL)



Grant Degginger, Mayor

Attest:



Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk