

ORIGINAL

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7600-A

A RESOLUTION supporting the 2007 joint roads and transit ballot Proposition # _____.

WHEREAS, regional traffic congestion costs Puget Sound residents over \$2 billion annually (Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation) with significant impacts to individuals, the environment and the economy; and

WHEREAS, traffic conditions in the Central Puget Sound region and the need for mobility solutions in East King County and City of Bellevue are at a critical crossroads; and

WHEREAS, the economy and quality of life in Bellevue are dependent upon clearly articulated land use and transportation plans consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act of 1990, Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan, the City's Regional Mobility Interest Statement and Bellevue's longstanding commitment to preserve and protect Bellevue neighborhoods, especially during an era of significant growth; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature created the Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) in 1992 and the Regional Transportation Investment District in 2002 and related regional taxing authority to allow the Region to plan for and raise sufficient revenues for key regional transportation projects, as evidenced by the passage of ESHB 1396 in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Sound Transit Phase 2 Plan in combination with the Regional Transportation Investment District's Roads Plan provides a comprehensive, regional transportation investment plan that includes timely multimodal transportation solutions; and

WHEREAS said regional plan includes projects to expand I-405 through downtown Bellevue, replace the structurally frail SR 520 floating bridge, build new high-occupancy vehicles lanes on the outer bridges of I-90 and light rail on I-90's center lanes to connect downtown Bellevue and Redmond to downtown Seattle, with all improvements being consistent with the Bellevue City Council's Regional Mobility Interest Statement that will directly benefit Bellevue and East King County residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue is strongly committed to supporting such improvements that provide regional transportation capacity to address existing and future growth in population, jobs and travel demand; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council approved Ordinance #2007-0357 on June 25, 2007 placing the Regional Roads and Transit System proposition on the November 6, 2007 ballot; 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 support of Ballot Proposition # _____, the Regional Roads and Transit System proposition which will be presented to the voters at the November 6, 2007 General Election.

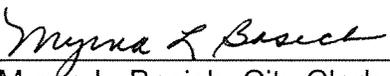
Passed by the City Council this 23rd day of July, 2007,
and signed in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of July,
2007.

(SEAL)



Grant S. Degginger, Mayor

Attest:



Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk