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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: David Godfrey, P.E., Transportation Engineering Manager
Pam Bissonnette, Interim Public Works Director

Date: July 25, 2013

Subject: Sound Transit 3 Resolution

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council receives a presentation from Sound Transit staff regarding Sound Transit 3 planning, after which the Council may review and discuss supporting the attached draft resolution concerning Sound Transit 3.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

On May 21, Sound Transit presented their planning for the next phase of development, known as Sound Transit 3 (ST 3) to the City Council. On June 4 Council directed staff to develop a resolution outlining Kirkland's interests in ST 3 and offered some points to include in the resolution or accompanying statement.

At their June 26, 2013 meeting the Transportation Commission reviewed and commented on a draft interest statement. The attached interest statement reflects the edits of the Commission and the points from City Council.

This meeting will allow the City Council to get a current update on development of Sound Transit initiatives and an opportunity for City Councilmembers to ask questions of Sound Transit staff as they consider the draft resolution and interest statement. Based on Council input, and if Council so directs, the staff will bring back a final ST3 resolution for adoption at a November Council meeting.

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SOUND TRANSIT 3 INTEREST STATEMENT
August 6, 2013

Both Sound Move and Sound Transit 2 were actively supported by the Kirkland City Council. Both of those previous measures met the interests of Kirkland and of the region. We look forward to supporting ST3, and have developed a set of interests that, when met, would garner Kirkland's full support of the upcoming measure.

ST3 must support Urban Centers. The City's primary interest is connecting the Totem Lake regional center to the rest of the region with LINK light rail. Based on the increases in population and employment anticipated over the next 20 years, a high quality frequent route such as that delivered by LINK light rail must be made. Along with other routing choices such as I-405, Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) or others, a connection between Redmond and Totem Lake via Willows Road should be examined.

Sound Transit 3 should also take advantage of Express Toll Lanes to serve Totem Lake. Transit service that is quick, frequent and reliable is important to Kirkland. This should include consideration of reconstructing freeway interchanges to allow direct service to other parts of Kirkland.

Investment in the CKC is a long standing Kirkland interest. Because some East Link investments are currently being made on the Eastside Rail Corridor, the CKC is a logical starting point for an alignment. Service could come in the form of Bus Rapid Transit in advance of Light Rail. There are cost saving advantages to coupling construction of a trail and transit facility. Kirkland and Sound Transit should participate in a partnership to realize these advantages.

People in Kirkland need to be able to bike and walk safely and conveniently to transit facilities. Sound Transit should invest in pedestrian and bicycle friendly transit facilities, but should also invest in connections outside the narrow boundaries of their facilities. This will integrate transit options into the existing bicycle and pedestrian networks and fill in missing links.

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RESOLUTION R-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND CALLING UPON THE SOUND TRANSIT BOARD TO ACTIVELY INVOLVE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN THE PLANNING OF SOUND TRANSIT 3 AND TO INCLUDE CONNECTIONS TO THE TOTEM LAKE URBAN CENTER IN SOUND TRANSIT 3.

WHEREAS, the Sound Transit Board has begun planning the next set of capital and service investments known as Sound Transit 3, which includes planning for transit expansion throughout the region and specifically on the east side of Lake Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Goals and Policies of City of Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan call for high capacity transit service in Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, City Council's goal for balanced transportation includes a reduction in reliance on single occupancy vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is updating its Comprehensive Plan and developing a new Transportation Master Plan, with a planning horizon to 2035, which will call for increased employment and population in the Totem Lake Urban Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland recognizes the linkage between land use and transportation and therefore the need to connect the Totem Lake Urban Center to the regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland purchased and is planning for transit on the Cross Kirkland Corridor which connects both the Totem Lake Urban Center and the South Kirkland Park & Ride among other destinations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has supported previous phases of Sound Transit planning and development including Sound Move in 1996, the Transit and Roads package in 2007 and ST2 in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates support of future Sound Transit phases should they contain components that adequately meet the need of Kirkland's citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The Kirkland City Council calls upon the Sound Transit Board to actively involve local jurisdictions in the planning of Sound Transit 3.

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Section 2. The Kirkland City Council further calls upon the Sound Transit Board to include connections to the Totem Lake Urban Center in Sound Transit 3 and to address the other interests of the City of Kirkland included in the attached Interest Statement and incorporated by this reference.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2013.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk