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Introduced by: Kellunts Clerk

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MOTION NO. 2435

A MOTION authorizing the County Executive to exercise King County's option to buy the railroad property, known as the Snoqualmie to Monroe Project, Project No. 007242.

WHEREAS, the Council passed Ordinance No. 2436 on July 14, 1975 which authorized the King County Executive to enter into an option agreement to purchase certain railroad property known as the Milwaukee Road, Snoqualmie to Monroe Project (No. 007242), and

WHEREAS, King County requested an extension of the February 16, 1976 expiration of the option to buy agreement to June 1, 1976 in order to allow the County Parks Division additional time to explore funding opportunities, including reallocation of Forward Thrust funds, and

WHEREAS, the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company in a February 17, 1976 letter to King County proposed,
in the alternative, that the County immediately exercise its
option to buy said property and instead request a change in
payment dates as a solution to County budget problems, and

WHEREAS, substantial concerns have been raised by Snoqualmie Valley residents that the proposed trail would adversely affect the rural, agricultural character of the Valley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The King County Executive is hereby authorized to exercise

King County's option to buy a portion of the railroad's abandoned

right of way from Snoqualmie Falls to the King/Snohomish County

line (known as the Snoqualmie to Monroe Project No. 007242)

PROVIDED THAT:

1. Such option may be exercised; however, no significant expenditure of funds for development shall be made prior to Council approval of a Master Plan for the trail that addresses short term actions necessary to minimize the trail's impact on the agricultural and other affected segments of the Snoqualmie Valley community as well as long range scheme for the development of the

trail and until the Sammamish River Trail from Marymoor Park to Blyth Park has been developed.

- 2. Such option may be exercised only after the payment dates specified in the option agreement have been modified to both reflect the above condition and also coincide with the availability of required revenues.
- 3. If the railroad consents to extending the time for payment beyond the two-year option period, the Executive is hereby authorized to negotiate for payment of interest by the County to the railroad.
- 4. Such option may be exercised only if the total purchase price remains as stated in the option agreement.
- 5. The railroad shall convey to King County subject lands by Special Warranty Deed, setting forth in said deed those specific exceptions against which the railroad will not warrant. King County must be furnished a copy of the proposed deed of conveyance showing such exceptions which shall be approved by the Council prior to the exercise of the option. The Special Warranty Deed must convey to King County a good and marketable title.

PASSED this 26 th day of Opril, 1976

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council