MOTION NO. <u>(3143</u>

A MOTION of the King County Council proposing a joint Seattle/King County study to determine the feasibility of a "West Seattle Bridge" east waterway alternative, outlining certain design criteria and requesting the County Executive to prepare an appropriate agreement.

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WHEREAS, the Spokane Street corridor is the primary traffic link between the City of Seattle, its surrounding areas, and the West Seattle resident community; and

WHEREAS, the travel volume along this corridor is approximately 90,000 people daily; and

WHEREAS, an improved corridor will assist the economic interest of state, regional, and local governments by enhancing economic development on the Duwamish Waterway; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Washington in 1975 recognized the importance of this corridor to the State by commissioning a study conducted under the supervision of the Washington State Highway Commission which purpose was to further study the development of an improved high level crossing including the analysis of five alternative configurations; and

WHEREAS, King County, pursuant to Motion 2754, entered into a "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Washington State Highway Commission, City of Seattle, Port of Seattle, and the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle for the purpose of developing a recommendation to the 45th Legislature; and

WHEREAS, to date these studies and discussions have failed to provide a bridge design which meets the needs of all while meeting the test of financial feasibility; and

WHEREAS, an alternative has been offered involving a high bridge over the east waterway and said alternative, while seeming to offer major advantages, has not yet been thoroughly evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that such an evaluation would be in the public interest,

Following Seattle acceptance, the County Executive is hereby requested to draw up the appropriate agreement and to negotiate same with the Mayor of Seattle subject to County Council approval of a finalized interlocal agreement. PASSED this /st day of augus KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON the Council .16