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INTRODUCED BY GARY GRANT

PROPOSED NO. 80-1144

MOTION 5109

1 A MOTION requesting that the Director of METRO  
2 Transit conduct a study of the feasibility,  
3 benefits, and costs of using existing facilities  
4 to provide fixed-rail commuter service in King  
5 County in cooperation with AMTRAK or private  
6 rail carriers.

7 PREAMBLE: Existing rail facilities are currently  
8 managed by private carriers, it may be more cost-  
9 effective for government to support rail service  
10 under private management than to construct new  
11 public rail facilities or provide publicly-managed  
12 transit service on existing private lines. Previous  
13 studies of the feasibility of rail transit service  
14 in King County have not fully addressed the possible  
15 use of existing rail facilities under management  
16 of private carriers or AMTRAK.

17 WHEREAS, from 1902 to 1928 the Interurban Line provided  
18 passenger and freight rail service between Seattle and Tacoma  
19 via Renton, Kent and Auburn, and;

20 WHEREAS, Burlington Northern and the Union Pacific  
21 Railroads own right-of-way throughout King County, and;

22 WHEREAS, AMTRAK currently operates passenger and freight  
23 service on Burlington Northern right-of-way, and;

24 WHEREAS, passenger rail service utilizing existing right-  
25 of-way may be a more cost-effective alternative to the con-  
26 struction of an all new fixed guideway transportation system;

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

28 The Director of METRO Transit is requested to undertake  
29 a study of the technical feasibility, benefits, and costs of  
30 a commuter rail service in King County using existing rail  
31 facilities and operating under the management of AMTRAK or  
32 private rail carriers.

33 PASSED this 15th day of December, 1980.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Bill Reams  
Chairman

ATTEST:

Gerald W. Peterson Deputy  
Clerk of the Council