

1 A MOTION relating to the proposed 1982  
2 Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle Budget.

3 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle Council is  
4 scheduled to adopt the 1982 METRO Budget Resolutions for the water  
5 quality and transit programs on June 4, 1981, and

6 WHEREAS, the METRO Council has not yet evaluated or set pri-  
7 orities for the 1990 Transit Plan as required by METRO Resolution  
8 3647, adopted by the METRO Council on March 19, 1981, nor adopted  
9 productivity standards for increasing the number of passengers per  
10 hour, nor studied alternative fare structures, and

11 WHEREAS, the proposed water quality budget is based upon a  
12 \$531 million scaled down water quality capital program and is a  
13 de facto adoption of the Renton 201 Plan and may violate environ-  
14 mental and public review standards, and

15 WHEREAS, the METRO Council is scheduled to complete a  
16 long-range study on water quality in September 1981, and

17 WHEREAS, a base budget with no increase in the fees, fares or  
18 sales taxes would provide adequate revenue to fund the transit and  
19 water quality operating and capital budgets in 1982, and

20 WHEREAS, the METRO staff has proposed a 10% increase in the  
21 average bus fare, an increase in the current sales tax rate in  
22 King County from 5.4% to 5.6%, and a minimum 45 cent increase in  
23 the sewer rate, and

24 WHEREAS, the present uncertain future of both federal and  
25 state funds for METRO capital and operating programs heightens  
26 the need for careful attention by local officials to the transit  
27 and water capital improvement and operating programs.

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

29 The METRO Council delay decisions to increase the revenue  
30 until the long-range capital plans and priorities for transit and  
31 water quality have been adopted by the Metro Council, including  
32 uniform water quality rate structure. It is the Council's policy  
33 and intent that prior to METRO incurring future financial and

1 program obligations, the following major policy issues should be  
2 studied and resolved by action of the METRO Council.

3 1. TRANSIT

4 a. The 1990 Transit Plan, adopted March 19, 1981, will be  
5 prioritized by October 1, 1981, and a 6-year Capital Program will  
6 be prepared for adoption by the METRO Council and updated annually  
7 thereafter.

8 b. The METRO staff is directed to present to the METRO  
9 Council by October 15, 1981 alternative methods of increasing the  
10 productivity of transit service to 30 passengers per hour, such  
11 methods to include revised services standards and reallocation of  
12 unproductive routes.

13 c. The METRO Council will study the revision of transit  
14 fares to include alternatives to the current two-zone system and  
15 the percentage of operating expenses to be covered by fare box  
16 revenues.

17 d. The scope of work of the Downtown Transit Project  
18 improvements will include the financial and operational impact of  
19 this project upon the other transit corridors and planned  
20 system-wide investments.

21 e. The PSCOG Light Rail Transit Feasibility study findings  
22 will be integrated into the scope of work for the Downtown Tran-  
23 sit Project during the next phase of the technical, environmental  
24 and economic analysis and the review of the Downtown Transit  
25 alternatives.

26 f. The Policy Management Committee and the Downtown Citi-  
27 zen's Advisory Committee memberships will be expanded to include  
28 membership from the government of King County and other METRO  
29 Councilmembers from outside Seattle, and that the Policy Manage-  
30 ment Committee will report regularly to the METRO's Transit  
31 Committee.

32 2. WATER QUALITY

33 a. The METRO Council shall adopt the Renton 201 Plan by

1 September 1981 and determine the level of sewer rate increase and  
2 alternative water quality capital projects that are appropriate  
3 for the adopted METRO long-range Water Quality Plan.

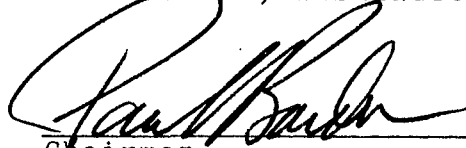
4 3. REVISION OF THE 1982 METRO BUDGET

5 a. Before October 15, 1981 the METRO Council will have  
6 completed the required studies and will determine if additional  
7 revenues are needed from an increase in the sewer rate, and/or  
8 increase in the fares and/or increase in the sales tax, and if a  
9 revision of the 1982 METRO Budget is necessary.


10 b. The METRO Finance/Personnel Committee should develop  
11 a capital budgeting process which will allow the METRO Council to  
12 consider and adopt a six-year capital improvement program for both  
13 Transit and Water Quality Programs before June 15, 1982, and that  
14 the METRO Council direct METRO staff to prepare proposed transit  
15 and water quality program objectives and a six-year capital  
16 improvement program for both Transit and Water Quality prior to  
17 the review and adotion of the 1983 METRO Budget.

18 PASSED this 26th day of May, 1981.

19 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
20 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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23 Chairman

23 ATTEST:

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25 \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy  
26 Acting Clerk of the Council