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INTRODUCED BY: Ron Sims

PROPOSED NO.: 86 - 219

MOTION NO. 6545

A MOTION relating to the impact of the  
Downtown Seattle Transit Project on the King  
County Courthouse.

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve transit service through  
downtown Seattle by construction and operation of a transit  
tunnel under Third Avenue, and

WHEREAS, an underground station, Third Avenue South, is  
planned to be located at the courthouse, with entry from Third  
Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the station placement is anticipated to impact the  
courthouse and county agencies by displacing certain county  
facilities and functions, increasing pedestrian traffic through  
the courthouse and administration buildings, altering the  
historic design of the Third Avenue entryway, closing the  
Jefferson Street alley to through traffic, and creating  
disruptive noise during construction and operation, and

WHEREAS, a task force of affected county agencies has been  
formed to coordinate information and address impacts;

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

A. The county is willing to proceed to work with METRO on  
the basis of plans to locate a transit tunnel station at the  
courthouse and to make space available in accordance with the  
provisions of this motion and any subsequent memorandum of  
agreement.

B. The county has identified the following impacts and  
desires to arrive at mutually agreeable compensation and/or  
mitigation for these impacts and others which may be  
subsequently identified.

1           1. Permanent loss of approximately 1,800 square feet from  
2 the first floor of the courthouse, affecting the department of  
3 public safety, and the temporary loss of 2,315 square feet of  
4 adjacent space (contractor staging area) which may necessitate  
5 relocation of the department.

6           2. Permanent loss of approximately 4,300 square feet from  
7 the courthouse basement affecting the facilities management  
8 division and the temporary loss of approximately 1,705 square  
9 feet of adjacent space (contractor staging area).

10          3. The potential for an additional 800 persons per hour  
11 during peak usage through the courthouse entry to gain access to  
12 the Third Avenue station.

13          4. The potential for a substantial increase in pedestrian  
14 traffic through the courthouse tunnel to use the administration  
15 building's elevators to reach Fourth and Fifth Avenue.

16          5. The closure of the Jefferson Street alley to through  
17 traffic and affecting loading dock activity and temporary  
18 parking.

19          6. Modifications to the Third Avenue entrance of the  
20 courthouse to accomodate the tunnel.

21          7. The potential for excessive noise levels during  
22 construction and subsequent operation of the facility which  
23 would disrupt Superior Court, Seattle District Court, council  
24 and other county agency activity.

25          8. The potential for disruption of essential public  
26 services such as department of public safety and emergency  
27 medical services dispatch/communication and systems services  
28 computer operations in the event of a power outage or other  
29 utility disruption.  
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1 C. The county anticipates that a memorandum of agreement  
2 between METRO and King County will be developed which specifies:

3 1. Financial compensation and/or mitigating measures to  
4 address the above impacts and those subsequently identified.  
5 Compensation and/or mitigating measures may include but are not  
6 limited to:

7 Financial compensation for costs associated with the  
8 loss of space in the courthouse, for additional insurance costs  
9 associated with greater pedestrian activity, and for other  
10 identified impacts;

11 2. A process by which issues are to be resolved and  
12 decisions made subsequent to those spelled out in the memorandum;

13 3. A provision for extension of the agreement to include  
14 additional items as required;

15 4. Provisions for termination of the agreement;

16 5. A process for changing or adding to the scope of  
17 services, or terms of performance or payment;

18 6. Provisions for county review, inspections and other  
19 approvals.

20 PASSED this 19th day of May, 1986.

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

23 Audrey Guger  
24 Chair

25 ATTEST:

26 Dorothy M. Owens  
27 Clerk of the Council