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MOTION NO. 7138

A MOTION providing Policy Direction to the Puget Sound Council of Governments with regard to the proposed Regional Airport System Plan.

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Council of Governments has prepared a draft Regional Airport System Plan, and

WHEREAS, the RASP calls for consideration of a number of alternatives for providing additional capacity for air carriers in the Puget Sound region, and

WHEREAS, one of the alternatives which the RASP proposes to consider is the addition of a third runway at SEA-TAC International Airport, and

WHEREAS, a third runway at SEA-TAC would require the acquisition of an estimated 1700 acres of land that could include properties extending from the existing airport south to South 216th Street, west to First Avenue South and north to South 128th Street, an area that includes 9 public school facilities, over 5,000 homes and is the residence or workplace of more than 20,000 people, and

WHEREAS, expansion of SEA-TAC International Airport is not compatible with land use policies in the Highline and Sea-Tac Community Plans, and

WHEREAS, the "third runway alternative" is estimated to be the most costly alternative at 2.75 Billion dollars, will have severe community, physical and environmental impacts, and is least likely to serve adequately the growing north and south Puget Sound areas, and

WHEREAS, continuing growth in demands for ground transportation through the region will severely stress access to SEA-TAC airport, and

1 WHEREAS, the region's public transportation system (whether
2 rail or bus) can be designed and constructed to serve satellite
3 airport locations, to the benefit of the region as a whole and
4 the users of air carriers, and

5 WHEREAS, the RASP planning process and the discussion of a
6 third runway has disrupted the lives of SEA-TAC and Highline
7 residents, threatened to depress property values and has created
8 uncertainty as to the future of those communities,

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

10 A. King County opposes any further consideration of the
11 "third runway alternative" by the Puget Sound Council of
12 Governments in its regional airport planning process and requests
13 that this alternative be deleted from the final Regional Airport
14 Systems Plan report.

15 B. Any consideration of major capital improvements or
16 increased capacity at SEA-TAC must not be based on a "worst case"
17 analysis, but must instead be planned with severe constraints
18 that limit airport size to existing physical boundaries and
19 without disruption to the people and property of the surrounding
20 communities, and

21 C. Serious consideration, as an alternative, must be given
22 to co-ordination of operations and system management improvements
23 at SEA-TAC and Boeing Field / King County International which
24 could eliminate the need to provide additional runway capacity.
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1 D. Satellite airports should be analysed as possible
2 locations for additional runway space, since they are best
3 located to provide for the growing Puget Sound region's
4 population, while dispersing the impact of airports in the region.

5 PASSED this 21st day of March, 1988.

6 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
7 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

8 Gary Grant
9 Chairman

10 ATTEST:

11 Gerald A. Poston
12 Deputy Clerk of the Council

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