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A MOTION stating King County's policy regarding multicounty land use planning requirements under the Growth Management Act.

WHEREAS, King County has vigorously supported the requirements of SHB 2929 and ReESHB 1025 regarding local, countywide and multicounty comprehensive planning and policy development, and

WHEREAS, King County elected officials are active participants in the King County Growth Management Planning Council, the organization established by interlocal agreements between the county and its constituent cities to satisfy ReESHB 1025 county-wide policy plan requirements, and

WHEREAS, King County elected officials are also active participants on the Executive Board and committees of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), which was established on October 1, 1991, through an interlocal agreement among King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties and the majority of their constituent cities, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to clarify how all of these independent efforts interrelate, and

WHEREAS, Article VII.A. of the PSRC interlocal agreement provided that the agency would carry out Metropolitan Planning Organization functions as prescribed under federal law and Regional Transportation Planning Organization functions under state law, and

WHEREAS, Article VII.B. of the interlocal agreement provided further:

Growth Management. The agency shall maintain VISION 2020 as the adopted regional growth management strategy. The regional growth

1 management strategy shall be based on and  
2 developed from local comprehensive planning...,  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Article VII.C. of the interlocal agreement  
5 provided further:

6 Countywide Comprehensive Plans. One year after  
7 adoption of this Agreement, a process for the  
8 regional review of countywide plans (which  
9 reflect city and county comprehensive plans)  
10 for consistency with the adopted regional  
11 growth strategy and/or the regional  
12 transportation plan shall be considered by the  
13 governing Board of the new Regional Council,

14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Regional Organizing Committee that developed  
16 the interlocal agreement adopted clarifying language as to the  
17 PSRC's role in growth management, and

18 WHEREAS, the following clarifying language accompanied the  
19 proposed interlocal agreement when it was circulated to all  
20 jurisdictions for approval:

21 The Organizing Committee developed the original  
22 Interlocal Agreement with the intent that the  
23 new regional planning agency would restrict its  
24 role in growth management, for the present  
25 time, to maintaining Vision 2020. One year  
26 after the adoption of the Interlocal Agreement  
27 a process will be considered for regional  
28 review of countywide plans for consistency with  
29 the adopted regional growth strategy. However,  
30 no new efforts in growth management can be  
31 implemented without action of the Executive  
32 Board and General Assembly,

33 and

34 WHEREAS, Section 2.(7) of ReESHB 1025 provided:

1 Multicounty planning policies shall be adopted  
2 by two or more counties, each with a population  
3 of four hundred fifty thousand or more, with  
4 contiguous urban areas and may be adopted by  
5 other counties, according to the process  
6 established under this section or other  
7 processes agreed to among the counties and  
8 cities within the affected counties throughout  
9 the multicounty region,

10 and

11 WHEREAS, the PSRC interlocal agreement does not establish  
12 a process for preparation of multi-county planning policies and  
13 their adoption by counties, and

14 WHEREAS, the PSRC could serve as an appropriate forum to  
15 discuss the process, and

16 WHEREAS, the counties and cities could decide to utilize  
17 the PSRC as the vehicle for implementing such a process but to  
18 date have not done so;

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

20 A. While the language of Section 2.(7) of ReESHB 1025  
21 states no clear deadline for initiating the multicounty  
22 planning policy process, the member counties and cities of the  
23 PSRC have agreed to consider a process for regional review of  
24 countywide plans for consistency with the regional growth  
25 strategy after October 1, 1992.

26 B. The planning process envisioned by both the Growth  
27 Management Act as amended and the PSRC interlocal agreement is  
28 an interactive one that relies heavily upon the development of  
29 local and countywide plans and policies. Countywide planning  
30 policies, which are the basic building blocks for the  
31 multicounty policies, are being developed now by the cities and  
32 counties in order to meet the statutory deadline of July 1,  
33 1992.

34 C. The agreement to consider PSRC's role in multicounty  
35 planning one year after the adoption of the interlocal is

1 consistent with both the ReESHB 1025 requirement that affected  
2 cities and counties agree to a multicounty process and the  
3 practical realities of an interactive planning process.

4 D. King County and other jurisdictions that approved the  
5 PSRC interlocal agreement did so with the understanding that  
6 the agency's priority mission for the present is developing  
7 policies, procedures, work programs and staffing arrangements  
8 that will enable it to function as the Regional Transportation  
9 Planning Organization/Metropolitan Planning Organization for  
10 transportation in this four-county region.

11 PASSED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1992.

12 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
13 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

14 Audrey Stuger  
15 Chair

16 ATTEST:

17 Gerald A. Peterson  
18 Clerk of the Council