MOTION NO **9527**

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3   A MOTION requesting the Washington State
4   Legislature, the Governor, and the
5   Secretary of Transportation to take
6   specific actions regarding public/private
7   initiatives within King County,
8   consistent with RCW 47.46, in
9   consideration of actions related to RCW
10   47.46.

11   WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of

12   Transportation is proceeding in the negotiations of

13   public/private partnerships for transportation improvement,

14   via the creation of toll roads, and

15   WHEREAS, RCW 47.46 requires that "The public-private

16   initiatives program should be implemented in cooperation and

17   consultation with affected local jurisdictions," and

18   WHEREAS, the King County Council has become aware of a

19   number of public/private initiatives to create toll roads

20   occurring in, and affecting King County, and

21   WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of

22   Transportation has indicated that the State will be entering

23   into franchise agreements authorizing these public/private

24   toll road initiatives, and

25   WHEREAS, these public/private toll road initiatives

26   could have a significant economic and environmental impact on

27   the quality of life in King County, and

28   WHEREAS, the King County Council believes that residents

29   affected by such public/private toll road initiatives must be

1 provided an opportunity to express their will regarding such

2 projects, and

3 WHEREAS, The Puget Sound Regional Council has

4 established a Transportation System Pricing Task Force to

5 examine concerns associated with implementation of

6 transportation system "pricing strategies";

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

8 That each franchise agreement, for public/private

9 transportation initiatives toll road projects located within

10 or affecting residents of King County, include the following:

11 (1) The Department of Transportation is strongly

12 requested to require the private franchisee to complete a

13 toll feasibility assessment prior to completion of the

14 environmental review process. The toll feasibility

15 assessment should include identification of who would be

16 subject to the tolls and estimate the percentage of their

17 usage and transient traffic that would be subject to tolls.

18 Authorization to proceed with construction of the project

19 shall be contingent on completion of the toll feasibility

20 assessment.

21 (2) That project contracts, once defined as precisely

22 as practical, shall include a specific process for defining a

23 proposed scope of work; and that prior to agreements being

24 finalized, identification be made of who and what public

25 process shall be utilized in determining changes in the scope

26 of the project work to be undertaken by the private

27 contractor.

(3) That compatibility with local comprehensive plans shall be assured.

(4) That effects of traffic diversion patterns onto local roads or other regional arterials, as a result of implementation of proposed toll projects, should be specifically identified; and that the effects to residential and commercial traffic, commercial entities and county plans in the communities in King County resulting from the creation of toll roads be identified.

(5) That following the identification of project impact areas, potential impacts, public review periods, and a public hearing, an advisory vote should be taken before the imposition of tolls.

(6) That the King County Council be informed of the terms of all franchise agreements for public/private transportation projects within King County, including relevant correspondence, studies and survey results, and have the opportunity to comment on the projects and terms prior to the signing of such agreements between the state and private proponents.

(7) That the Washington State Legislature, the Honorable Governor Mike Lowry, and the Secretary of Transportation, Sid Morrison, not enter into franchise agreements with any of the public/private partners until such

1 time as the King County Council has been fully apprised of

2 how the issues identified in this motion will be

3 accomplished.

4   PASSED by a vote of _13_ to _0_ this _3rd_ day of

5 _____April_____, 19_95_.

6   KING COUNTY COUNCIL
7   KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

8   _Kent Pullen_
9   Chair

10 ATTEST:

11 _Gerald A. Peterson_
12   Clerk of the Council

13 Attachments:

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