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MOTION NO. <u>987</u>7

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A MOTION to plan and establish youth education programs at King County International Airport.

WHEREAS, the King County Comprehensive Plan envisions that county government will assume a regional role in fostering work-force development and job training, and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan King County Council has funded economic development studies and a new Strategic Master Plan at King County International Airport, and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the Strategic Master Plan identified that the airport possesses unique potential to expose young people to job and career opportunities in aviation, and

WHEREAS, aviation is a primary source of family-wage jobs in King County, and

WHEREAS, a significant number of public and private organizations are interested in collaborating with King County to develop youth education programs at the airport, and

WHEREAS, "Opportunity Skyway" is a national, non-profit organization with expertise in establishing youth aviation education programs at airports and high schools in California, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and

WHEREAS, successful youth aviation education programs would enhance the community benefits generated by King County International Airport;

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

- King County will plan for an "Opportunity Skyway" chapter at King County
   International Airport and, if feasible, shall establish a chapter to help young people
   learn about job, career and recreational opportunities in aviation, and academic disciplines related to aviation.
- 2. King County's plan for the "Opportunity Skyway" chapter shall include collaboration with organizations such as, but not limited to: the Federal Aviation Administration, public school districts, community colleges and universities, airport tenants, the Museum of Flight and other organizations that promote aviation activities for young people.
- 3. Planning for the "Opportunity Skyway" chapter shall include events such as airport tours, special events, classes and workplace experiences.
- 4. Organizations that assist in planning the "Opportunity Skyway" chapter shall be consulted during the remainder of the airport strategic master plan regarding the potential educational value of under-utilized airport space.
- 5. The airport is authorized to continue exploring and developing other opportunities for education and economic development as opportunities arise.

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 17th day of June, 1996

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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