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A MOTION authorizing an application for funding assistance for the lower Green River Trail project and sponsorship of an application for funding assistance for restoration of the historic steamship Virginia V from the FY95 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Fund.

WHEREAS, King County has approved an "Open Space Plan" identifying trails, natural areas and greenbelts which are needed to develop a quality park and open space system, and

WHEREAS, King County has approved a "Regional Trails Plan" identifying a system of regional trails throughout the county as well as implementation strategies to support the plan, and

WHEREAS, the lower Green River Trail is an integral part of these planning documents, and considered an important part of the county's overall trail system, and

WHEREAS, King County supports preservation of significant historic resources in order to maintain a tangible link with the region's heritage, and

WHEREAS, the historic steamship Virginia V is the sole remaining operating example of the "mosquito fleet" that provided transportation throughout the Puget Sound in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and is a listed National Historic Landmark, and

WHEREAS, the continued operation and historic integrity of the Virginia V requires that historic features such as its boiler and engine room be restored, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Intermodal Surface
Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), funding
assistance has been made available through the Washington State
Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for certain transportation
enhancement projects, and

WHEREAS, King County considers it in the best public interest to improve portions of the lower Green River Trail in

Passed by a vote of 13 to D.