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3 PROPOSED NO. 88-374

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6 ORDINANCE NO. **8588**

7 AN ORDINANCE referring the question of
8 accelerating the timing of development of
9 rail transit to the voters of King County
through an advisory ballot at the general
election, November 8, 1988.

10 PREAMBLE:

11 The King County council recognizes that the transportation
12 needs of its citizens must be addressed responsively. The
13 council believes that patterns of growth in the region must
14 be coordinated to support the implementation of a
15 cost-effective phased, rail transit system. The council
16 also believes that current transportation problems are
17 impacting the area's mobility and economy. The council
18 further believes that existing regional and local
comprehensive and transportation planning efforts document
the value of an aggressive rail action plan.

19 The council acknowledges that development and
20 implementation of a regional rail system could take ten to
21 fifteen years. Delaying the decision to proceed until 1995
22 or later, as called for in the Regional Transportation Plan
23 would therefore not provide any rail transit service in the
24 region until 2010.

25 The council finds that the adopted policy of the Puget
26 Sound Council of Governments to have a rail system
27 implemented and operating by 2020 is an inadequate response
to the public's demand for more immediate action.

28 The council acknowledges that the Multi-Corridor Study,
29 completed in 1986, estimated that a light rail transit
30 system with an enhanced bus-feeder system would be slightly
31 less expensive to maintain and operate than a baseline bus
32 service, but that higher capital costs would make light
33 rail \$1.7 billion more expensive than a baseline bus system
for the thirty-five year period 1985-2020. This will
require a substantial public financial investment from
local, state and federal sources, and the Council
recognizes that King County citizens will be called upon to
pay a proportionate share of the system costs.

In order to allow King County residents to voice their
wishes more directly, the council believes that a
county-wide advisory ballot on the timing of rail
development is in the public interest.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The question of whether development of rail transit in King County should be undertaken or be delayed, shall be submitted to the voters of King County through an advisory ballot at the general election on November 8, 1988. The wording as it shall appear on the ballot shall be:

Should public funding and development of a rail transit system to serve the residents of King County be accelerated so that service in King County can begin before the year 2000?

YES _____

NO _____

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 16th day of May, 19 88.

PASSED this 5th day of July, 19 88

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gary Hunt
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Deputy Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 15th day of July, 19 88

Jim Hill
King County Executive