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Introduced by: PETE VON REICHBAUER

Proposed No.: 94-216

ORDINANCE NO. **11329**

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; and amending Resolution 6395, the alternative fuel policy previously adopted by the former council of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (Metro).

PREAMBLE:

By public vote and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 36.56 RCW, the county assumed, effective January 1, 1994, the rights, powers, functions and obligations of the former Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle ("Metro"), including the operation of the metropolitan transportation function.

In a series of actions taken by resolution in 1992 and 1993, the Metro council adopted a policy which authorized various studies, planning and procurement processes which resulted in the award of contracts for the purchase of motor buses fueled by liquefied natural gas (LNG), LNG fuel supplies and the development of fueling stations and facility modifications to support LNG. The cost of these buses, along with the attendant cost of fuel and necessary facilities and training, would exceed other alternative approaches.

In order to support the transit demands which arise from such laws as the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Washington State Growth Management and Commute Trip Reduction Acts, and to encourage the use of buses and other high-occupancy vehicles in lieu of single-occupancy vehicles, it is necessary to increase transit service. These new requirements and demand make it prudent to purchase buses that are not fueled by LNG.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

Section 1. The provisions of Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 of the alternative fuel policy previously adopted by Metro, as set forth in Resolution 6395, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. It is the policy of (~~the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle~~) Metropolitan King County to purchase, operate and maintain motor buses that use alternative fuel systems including electric trolleys where practical. (~~(, as soon as such systems are available as production models from reputable manufacturer(s), are capable of meeting or exceeding the Municipality's then current operating performance requirements, and are certified for air quality compliance by regulatory agencies.)~~) Clean diesel would also be considered.

1 Section 2. (~~The Executive Director or his designee is~~
2 ~~hereby directed to take actions necessary to implement said~~
3 ~~policy as soon as practical and to prepare a transition plan~~
4 ~~that shall provide for development of fueling systems, facility~~
5 ~~modifications and employee training prior to delivery of motor~~
6 ~~buses using alternative fuel systems. The plan shall be~~
7 ~~presented to the Transit Committee no later than December 31,~~
8 ~~1992, and thereafter the Transit Director shall make periodic~~
9 ~~reports to the Transit Committee on the progress of this~~
10 ~~plan.)) After two years, the Metro Transit Committee should
11 consider the practicality of a more aggressive activation of
12 the alternate fuels policy.~~

13 (~~Section 3. The Executive Director or his designee shall~~
14 ~~conduct further investigation and analysis of alternative fuel~~
15 ~~system technology including those experiences and findings of~~
16 ~~Toronto Transit and the California Air Resources Board test~~
17 ~~results on the Cummins engines' certification to California~~
18 ~~emissions standards. The full cost of implementing the~~
19 ~~alternative fuel policy shall be reported to the Metro Council.~~
20 ~~Executive staff shall report to the Council of the Municipality~~
21 ~~of Metropolitan Seattle and the Transit Committee by October~~
22 ~~29, 1992, their findings and present a motor bus acquisition~~
23 ~~plan committing to the use of alternative fuel systems.))~~

1 The executive is authorized to take whatever action is
2 necessary to implement this ordinance including, but not
3 limited to, terminating contracts for convenience, in whole
4 or in part, issuing change orders or negotiating amendments
5 to existing contracts, and/or entering into new contracts,
6 each as may be both consistent with this ordinance and
7 permitted under applicable law and regulations.

8 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 11th
9 day of April, 1994.

10 PASSED this 9th day of May, 1994.

11 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
12 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Passed by a vote of 8-2.

13 Kent Pullen
14 Chair

15 ATTEST:

16 Gerald A. Peterson
17 Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this 18th day of May, 1994.

19 Gary Locke
20 King County Executive

21 Attachments: None