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A MOTION directing the King County Executive to expand the scope of the feasibility study on the proposed road project on SE 277th Street in the vicinity of the City of Kent, determine costs for the study's expansion, determine a timeline for the expanded feasibility study's completion, define the County's actions concerning those portions of the City of Kent's proposed road project on SE 272nd Street which enter upon unincorporated King County, and establish a Citizens Advisory Committee comprised of affected citizens and area residents to provide assistance and advice on the proposed road projects.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the East Hill area in the vicinity of the City of Kent, and citizens in other nearby neighborhoods, have expressed concern to the King County Council's Transportation and Public Works Committee regarding road projects proposed by both the City of Kent and King County, and

WHEREAS, the testimony provided to the Transportation and Public Works Committee by the public has indicated deficiencies in the public process used to garner input from affected citizens, and

WHEREAS, the affected citizens of unincorporated King County have been alarmed by their inability to impact a public process in a matter which affects them, and

WHEREAS, the actions contemplated by the City of Kent to acquire land in unincorporated King County for its proposed road project has caused concern among residents and County Councilmembers, and

WHEREAS, the data used to support continuation with both proposed road projects is old and may no longer be accurate, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Public Works Committee desires further information prior to recommending further actions to be taken on the proposed road projects, and

1 WHEREAS, the Transportation and Public Works Committee
2 wishes to insure that affected County citizens have the proper
3 opportunity to comment on the proposed road projects, and

4 WHEREAS, completion of the City of Kent's Draft
5 Environmental Impact Statement is a logical point at which to
6 pause in the process to ensure that all available information
7 is considered;

8 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
9 The Executive is directed to:

10 A. Revise the Scope of Work for the King County
11 Feasibility Study on the SE 277th Road Project Corridor. Such
12 study is to be expanded to include: a review of the data
13 supporting the need for the proposed road project to determine
14 if the need for its construction still exists; and the
15 identification and examination of the feasibility of
16 considering other, alternate corridors in which road
17 improvements designed to alleviate traffic conditions on the
18 Soos Creek plateau might also occur; and, the examination of
19 alternatives that do not include the construction of new roads,
20 such as mass transit, including but not limited to a north-
21 south rail system coupled with an efficient east-west bus
22 network. The revised Scope of Work shall include a
23 determination of the costs of its expansion, and a timeline for
24 its completion; and said scope shall be approved by action of
25 the County Council prior to its implementation. The revised
26 scope shall be submitted to the Council for its review no later
27 than February 28, 1991.

28 B. Determine the need for the City of Kent's proposed road
29 project, which determination shall constitute a part of the
30 County's expanded feasibility study, and any and all results
31 from the City of Kent's environmental analysis shall become a
32 part of the County's findings. The City of Kent's Final
33 Environmental Impact Statement shall include consideration of
34 additional traffic analysis to be provided from the County's
35 transportation model.

1 The City of Kent shall not condemn properties or proceed
2 with the construction of any portions of the north corridor
3 within unincorporated King County without the prior review and
4 explicit approval of the King County Council. Such approval
5 shall consist of the formal establishment of a route, which
6 establishment shall include County review and approval of the
7 City of Kent's preliminary design.

8 C. Create a Citizens Advisory Committee constituted of
9 residents of the East Hill, West Hill, Lea Hills and Soos Creek
10 plateau areas, among others as may be appropriate, and
11 representatives of organizations and bodies as may be affected
12 by the proposed actions to review and provide input to King
13 County on the need for the road projects and their location.
14 The Citizens Advisory Committee shall be comprised of ten
15 citizens of the areas in unincorporated King County in the
16 vicinity of Kent who would be affected by the construction of
17 the proposed roads.

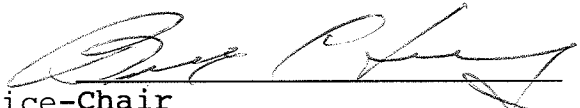
18 The methodology and criteria developed by the Executive for
19 the selection of the Citizens Advisory Committee shall be
20 subject to the Council's review. Said methodology and criteria
21 shall be made available to the Council no later than February
22 28, 1991.

23 The creation of this Committee shall not be construed to
24 supplant the need for public input as provided by public
25 hearings and community meetings. In addition to the advice to


1 be provided to the Executive, the Citizens Advisory
2 Committee shall be empowered to report its independent findings
3 and conclusions directly to the King County Council.

4 PASSED this 17th day of December, 1990.

5 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
6 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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8 Vice-Chair

9 ATTEST:

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11 Clerk of the Council