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MOTION NO: 9481

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3 A MOTION supporting the applications by
4 the Washington Department of Natural
5 Resources for federal ISTEAs funds to
6 acquire the Lind and Overbeck properties
7 for forestry and recreational use in the
8 Mountains to Sound Greenway.
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10 WHEREAS, King County strongly supports the Mountains to
11 Sound Greenway, which would establish and protect a corridor
12 of linked trails, wildlife habitat and natural views from the
13 crest of the Cascade Mountains to Puget Sound, consistent
14 with many key growth management goals adopted in the King
15 County comprehensive plan, and

16 WHEREAS, King County is working as a partner with the
17 Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and others to achieve this
18 vision through acts such as open space acquisitions,
19 establishment of Rural Forest Districts for continued
20 forestry operations and restoration of damaged fish and
21 wildlife habitat, and

22 WHEREAS, consistent with the Mountains to Sound Greenway
23 vision, the Washington Department of Natural Resources plans
24 to submit applications for federal funding under the
25 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) to
26 acquire what are known as the "Lind" and "Overbeck"

1 properties in the greenway for forestry and recreational
2 uses, and

3 WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land has an option on the
4 Lind property, which is 130 acres just south of the
5 intersection of State Route 18 and Interstate 90, zoned for
6 residential use but currently in forestry operation, and

7 WHEREAS, development of the Lind property would create
8 pressure for the conversion of land from forestry operations
9 to residential use at the interchange and along SR 18 to the
10 south of the property, an area being studied by the county as
11 a potential Rural Forest District, and

12 WHEREAS, preservation of forestry and recreational uses
13 on the Lind property would maintain trail and wildlife
14 connections from Tiger Mountain across SR 18 to Rattlesnake
15 Ridge and the Cascades, and

16 WHEREAS, matching funds for the Lind acquisition might
17 come from either the Department of Natural Resources or King
18 County's Biosolids Forestry Initiative, and

19 WHEREAS, the Overbeck property is 38 acres of forested
20 land on a prominent, highly visible, scenic knoll just east
21 of the High Point exit on the south side of Interstate 90,
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Overbeck property includes the historic
24 trailhead of the 16-mile Tiger Mountain Trail and provides
25 access to other key trail routes connecting west Tiger
26 Mountain to the Preston area and to east Tiger Mountain, but
27 public access to these trails has been prohibited for the
28 past three years, and

1 WHEREAS, the Overbeck property is one block from a Metro
2 bus stop, so that its trails could provide a "wilderness on
3 the Metro" service, and

4 WHEREAS, Department of Natural Resources funding is
5 proposed as the local match for acquisition of the Overbeck
6 property, which would be included in Tiger Mountain State
7 Forest and managed as a conservancy and low-impact
8 recreational area, and

9 WHEREAS, by maintaining the scenic character of this
10 section of I-90, acquisition of the Lind and Overbeck
11 properties for forestry and recreational uses would protect
12 the eligibility of I-90 for potential designation and future
13 funding under the National Scenic Byways and All-American
14 Roads programs, and

15 WHEREAS, the acquisitions therefore support regional
16 goals for both the transportation system and growth
17 management;

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

3 King County supports the applications by the Washington
4 Department of Natural Resources for funding under the
5 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act to acquire
6 the Lind and Overbeck properties for forestry and
7 recreational use.

8 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 6th day of
9 February, 1995.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

12 Kent Pullen
13 Chair

14 ATTEST:

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16 DEPUTY Clerk of the Council

17 Attachments:

18 None