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MOTION NO. **9857**

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2 A MOTION expressing the intent of the  
3 Metropolitan King County Council to  
4 conduct a "zero-based" budget review of  
5 the transit department program in 1996.  
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7 WHEREAS, the transit department has a total annual  
8 operating budget of nearly \$265 million per year, and a 1996  
9 capital improvement budget of an additional \$175 million, and

10 WHEREAS, the regional transit committee, the executive  
11 and the county council have jointly developed a comprehensive  
12 plan to substantially increase bus service throughout the  
13 transit service area over the next six years, and

14 WHEREAS, county executive recommended approval of a 10  
15 percent transit fare increase effective September 1996 in the  
16 1996 executive proposed budget to generate revenues to  
17 support planned system expansion and enhancements, and

18 WHEREAS, the council has developed a comprehensive work  
19 plan to review the transit budget and explore cost-saving  
20 opportunities to fund service expansion by examining  
21 financial information such as: historical spending,  
22 historical revenues, audit findings over the past ten years,  
23 an assessment of capital program, review of performance  
24 indicators, identification of prioritized cost centers,  
25 comparative analysis of King County transit with other

1 metropolitan transit systems, identification of opportunities  
2 for streamlining administrative costs, synopsis of current  
3 agency initiatives and projects, and other issues as may be  
4 identified by the budget and fiscal management committee, and

5 WHEREAS, the council has agreed to assign committee and  
6 contract staff through the completion of this comprehensive  
7 budget review, and

8 WHEREAS, the council desires that this review be  
9 approached as a "zero-based" evaluation process, wherein  
10 support and administrative programs that are not thoroughly  
11 justified shall be reduced or eliminated;

12 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King  
13 County:

14 The council shall assign high priority to the completion  
15 of the proposed "zero-based" budget review, and the Council  
16 shall authorize two half-time contract or extra help FTE's so  
17 that all elements of the work plan are completed on or before  
18 August 31, 1996.

19 PASSED by a vote of 11 to 1 this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
20 May, 1996.

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

23 Louise Miller  
24 VICE Chair

25 ATTEST:

26 Paul A. Peterson  
27 Clerk of the Council

28 Attachments:

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