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Proposed No.:

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MOTION NO. **10682**

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A MOTION relating to the location of Sound Transit's rail car maintenance facility and supporting the retention of industrial firms and jobs in the Duwamish corridor.

WHEREAS, the countywide planning policies and the King County Comprehensive Plan support the retention and expansion of industries, firms and family-wage jobs, and

WHEREAS, the countywide planning policies and the King County Comprehensive Plan support the preservation and industrial use of land zoned for industry, and

WHEREAS, preservation of the Duwamish industrial area is critical to the success of the countywide planning policies and the King County economic development policies, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Seattle and Tukwila have designated their portions of the Duwamish corridor as manufacturing and industrial centers, providing some protection for this valuable economic asset, and

WHEREAS, there are in excess of one hundred twenty thousand jobs in the Duwamish corridor, comprising eleven percent of total jobs in King County, and more than two thousand businesses, and

1           WHEREAS, Sound Transit must construct a maintenance facility to support the  
2 new regional light rail system, and

3           WHEREAS, it may be necessary to locate the maintenance base in the Duwamish  
4 industrial corridor, and

5           WHEREAS, the maintenance facility will consume a large area of industrial land,  
6 approximately twenty-five acres, and

7           WHEREAS, King County Metro operates major bus maintenance facilities on S.  
8 Ryerson and S. Atlantic streets, near sites under consideration by sound transit for its  
9 maintenance base, and is considering expansion of these facilities, and

10           WHEREAS, sites under consideration by Sound Transit for the maintenance base  
11 currently have significant private industrial activities and employment, and

12           WHEREAS, a large twenty-five-acre maintenance facility and the associated rail  
13 alignment could seriously impede freight movement and cause business and worker  
14 dislocations beyond the dislocations the facility itself will create, and

15           WHEREAS, private industrial jobs add to the tax and economic base of the region,  
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17           WHEREAS, businesses and workers who may be displaced by the location of  
18 Sound Transit's maintenance facility might not be able to relocate their business or find  
19 work within King County or the Puget Sound area;

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

21           That Sound Transit give serious consideration to locations that minimize the  
22 displacement of private businesses and workers even if those options have higher costs.

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Sound Transit's analysis of costs should include costs that would be borne by businesses, workers and other public agencies, and

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That Sound Transit make all reasonable efforts to secure land for the relocation of displaced businesses, and cover their moving costs, and


BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That Sound Transit give serious consideration to rail alignments, including the elevation of tracks, through the industrial corridor that minimize the disruption of freight movements, and

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That Sound Transit and King County Metro explore the possibility of colocated maintenance facilities or other location options that minimize the disruption and dislocation of private businesses and jobs.

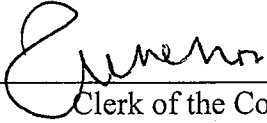
PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May,

1999.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None