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ORDINANCE NO. **13021**

AN ORDINANCE relating to extension of 1998 hours of
operation of the downtown Seattle transit tunnel.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. By August 1, 1998, the transit division should transmit for review by the regional transit committee and the council a detailed phasing and financing plan for extension of tunnel operating hours. The new service subsidy investment identified in the Six-Year Transit Development Plan should not be used to fund extension of tunnel operating hours.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation shall study the feasibility of operating diesel buses in the tunnel, as well as other strategies for reducing tunnel vehicle maintenance costs, and report back to the regional transit committee no later than June 1998. If the study demonstrates diesel buses are feasible to operate in the tunnel and funding is present, implementation shall occur at the next schedule change.

SECTION 3. The department of transportation should also open the tunnel for major special events (such as SeaFair, Mariners' games and Seahawks' games) in 1998 and include a plan for permanent special event service as part of the 1999 budget. Marginal costs of tunnel hours extension shall be covered by riders and/or special event sponsors.

SECTION 4. The department of transportation shall review and evaluate the performance of extended tunnel operating hours based on the goals and criteria recommended by the regional transit committee, and report back to the regional transit committee in October of 1998. The recommended goals are increasing ridership, providing

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1 a more secure nighttime waiting environment, reducing the effects of traffic congestion on
2 transit service during special events and busy shopping periods, providing an easy to use
3 transportation alternative during special events, keeping routing consistent for ease of use
4 and making more efficient use of an under capacity resource. The recommended criteria
5 are customer satisfaction, ridership, origin and destination impacts, and cost effectiveness.
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7 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 24th day of

8 November, 1997


9 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 2nd day of March, 1998.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chair

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14 ATTEST:

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16 Clerk of the Council

17 APPROVED this 11 day of March, 1998.

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