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MOTION NO. **9629**

A MOTION directing the Department of Metropolitan Services to develop a plan offering transit services to school districts in King County.

WHEREAS, Washington State Law permits every school district to provide bus service to all students outside a one-mile radius of each school, and

WHEREAS, school aged children are building transportation habits which will carry over into adulthood, and

WHEREAS, King County is committed to encouraging increased public transit ridership in many innovative ways, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Metropolitan Services utilizes flexpass as competitive pricing approach to providing bus passes to city and county employees as a means of encouraging increased ridership, and

WHEREAS, citizens throughout King county are looking to King county government to provide leadership and creativity in seeking ways to draw citizens out of their cars and into public transportation, and

WHEREAS, the transportation needs of the county may require the Department of Metropolitan Services, as well as the RTA, to explore new approaches to public transportation, and

WHEREAS, public mandates to decrease congestion may necessitate the redirection of public resources, and

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Metropolitan Services has
2 demonstrated the ability to marshall and impressive array of
3 customized resources to meet the demands of the Americans
4 with Disabilities Act, and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Metropolitan Services will
6 soon be sending its SIX-YEAR PLAN to the King count council
7 for review and approval, and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Metropolitan Service's SIX-
9 YEAR PLAN does not currently recognize student transit as an
10 exciting new market with great long-term potential, and

11 WHEREAS, citizens are rightly expecting cooperation
12 between governments and maximum efficiency within
13 governments, and

14 WHEREAS, the Department of Metropolitan Services
15 provided students transit services to one high school in the
16 Bellevue School District for 1993-94 school year and for two
17 high schools for 1994-1995, and

18 WHEREAS, the marginal cost for Student Transit in
19 Bellevue has been fully covered by the Bellevue School
20 District, and

21 WHEREAS, Student Transit has reduced King County
22 roadways automobile trips from parental chauffeurs, and

23 WHEREAS, Student Transit allows underutilized King
24 County transit services to become more productive, while
25 freeing up King County school districts to concentrate more
26 of their resources on education;

27 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King
28 County: The Department of Metropolitan Services is directed
29 to provide a proposal for implementing student transit
30 programs in King County school districts which will:

31 (1) Recognize students traveling to and from schools as
32 a ridership group on a par with others whose transit needs

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are to be considered when making changes to existing service or designing and implementing new service;

(2) Develop a process to identify and operate supplemental routes when required to assure equitable quarter-mile access to student passengers utilizing student transit;

(3) Offer FlexPass options to schools participating in student transit where ridership justifies;

(4) Insure that all student transit expenses are reimbursed by participating districts.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 31st day of

July, 1995.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

ATTEST:

Donald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council