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AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; amending the Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation ratified by Ordinance 11032, Section 28, as amended by Ordinance 12060; and adopting the Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002-2007.

For purposes of effective public transportation planning, the metropolitan King County council makes the following legislative findings:

1. By Resolution 6641 passed on October 21, 1993, the council of the former municipality of metropolitan Seattle ("Metro Council") adopted a Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation.
2. The Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation was ratified by the King County council by adoption of Ordinance 11032, Section 28, and K.C.C. 28.48.010, which ratified all resolutions of the Metro Council not expressly repealed or inconsistent with other ordinances.
3. The Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation was amended by the King County council by adoption of Ordinance 12060, Section 1, which updated the percentage allocations for the subareas.
4. Ordinance 12060 also adopted a Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 1996-2001, which has since guided implementation of service changes and improvements in a way consistent with the new public transportation service structure envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation.
5. Additional farebox revenue and operating funds are expected to be available to finance continuing

improvements to the public transportation system through the year 2007.

6. Pursuant to RCW 35.58.2795, King County is required to prepare a six -year transit development plan for each year and the ensuing five years.

7. The Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002 to 2007 adopted by this ordinance is intended to provide further guidance about the priorities for improvements to the public transportation system.

8. The Six-Year Transit Development Plan adopted by this ordinance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation and the King County Comprehensive Plan.

9. The Six-Year Transit Development Plan adopted by this ordinance specifies objectives and strategies the impacts of which were described in the system plan final environmental impact statement ("FEIS") adopted by the Metro Council in September of 1993 in connection with its adoption of the Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation. The FEIS was issued in March of 1993 and is entitled "The Regional Transit System Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement." As indicated in the January 30, 2002, addendum to the FEIS, the environmental impacts of the Six-Year Transit Development Plan adopted by this ordinance are the same or less, and not significantly different, than those that are identified in the FEIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Policy 3.4.1 of the Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation, adopted by Resolution 6641 of the Metro Council, ratified by operation of Ordinance 11032, Section 28, and amended by Ordinance 12060, Section 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Distribution of any new service resources shall be consistent with the Six-Year Transit Development

Plan, as it may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 2. The Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002 to 2007, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 3. The description and analysis of sample public transportation services, capital facilities and guidelines contained in the Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002 to 2007: Appendices, Attachment B to this ordinance, illustrate and support the concepts, objectives and strategies of the Six -Year Transit Development Plan, but are not parts of the adopted plan and nothing in Attachment B to this ordinance shall be construed as creating any obligation or commitment by the county to provide service or construct a facility.

SECTION 4. The "Public Involvement Report Summary," Attachment C to this ordinance, documents public reaction to the Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002 to 2007, including a number of suggestions for specific service and capital facility improvements. Specific additions, deletions or modifications to existing public transportation services and facilities shall be made through the annual service change and annual capital budget processes.

SECTION 5. The "Addendum to the Regional Transit System Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement," Attachment D to this ordinance, explains how the Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002 to 2007 is related to the alternatives analyzed in the 1993 Regional system Plan FEIS previously adopted in connection with the Comprehensive Public Transportation Plan. The addendum further documents that general environmental impacts of the Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002 to 2007 have been considered and found not substantially different from those that were considered in said FEIS. Project-level environmental review will precede implementation of the capital components of the Six-Year Transit Development Plan adopted by this ordinance.

SECTION 6. The Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002 to 2007 adopted by this ordinance supersedes Section II(B), entitled, "Operating Subsidy Allocation," and Section II(C), entitled, "Schedule Maintenance Hours," which is contained in the Transit Program Financial Policies adopted by Motion 10738.