



RESOLUTION NO. 39543

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND AND DEPUTY MAYOR MELLO

2 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1,
3 relating to the expansion of mass transit in King, Pierce, and Snohomish
4 Counties, submitted by the Sound Transit Board for the November 8,
5 2016, General Election; and urging Tacoma voters to vote "Approved" on
6 Proposition No. 1 in the 2016 General Election.

6 WHEREAS, on May 3, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution
7 No. 39438, authorizing the City Council to forward a letter to the Sound Transit
8 Board expressing the City of Tacoma's recommendation on the Sound Transit 3
9 draft proposal, and
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11 WHEREAS the City Council supports the expansion of public transportation
12 options in the South Sound Region in anticipation of a growing population, as well
13 as promoting the use of public transit as an economical and environmentally
14 responsible mode of transportation, and
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16 WHEREAS the Sound Transit Board approved Resolution No. 2016-17,
17 relating to the expansion of mass transit in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties,
18 for placement on the November 8, 2016, General Election, and
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20 WHEREAS, if passed, this ballot measure would advance several of the
21 City's top priorities, including congestion-free light rail service connectivity to
22 Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; light rail from the City's Hilltop
23 neighborhood to the Tacoma Community College Transit Center; expanded
24 Sounder commuter rail service hours; enhanced Sounder service, linking Joint
25 Base Lewis-McChord ("JBLM") communities with Tacoma; and expanded bus
26 rapid transit service, in partnership with Pierce Transit, and



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WHEREAS this ballot measure addresses the City’s overall plan to provide high quality public transportation options to connect various communities in Tacoma to each other and to the broader region, and to ensure that public transportation is available to all City residents for both commuting and daily needs;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support for the passage of Proposition No. 1, submitted by Sound Transit for the November 8, 2016, General Election, for the purposes hereinabove enumerated.

Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote “Approved” on Proposition No. 1 on the November 8, 2016, General Election ballot, substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:

Proposition No. 1
Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority)
Special Election – Proposition No. 1 – Light Rail,
Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion

The Sound Transit Board passed Resolution No. R2016-17 concerning expansion of mass transit in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. This measure would expand light-rail, commuter-rail, and bus rapid transit service to connect population and growth centers, and authorize Sound Transit to levy or impose: an additional 0.5% sales and use tax; a property tax of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; an additional 0.8% motor-vehicle excise tax; and use existing taxes to fund the local share of the \$53.8 billion estimated cost



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(including inflation), with continuing independent audits, as described in the Mass Transit Guide and Resolution No. R2016-17. Should this measure be:

APPROVED.....
REJECTED.....

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney