



CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE

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April 22, 2008

Mayor Greg Nickels, Chair
Board of Directors
Sound Transit
401 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: City of University Place resolution requesting public comment on a comprehensive ST2 transit package

Dear Mayor Nickels and Board Members:

Attached you will find a copy of a resolution, passed unanimously by the University Place City Council, requesting that Sound Transit provide an opportunity for the public to comment on a comprehensive transit solution as part of your ST2 planning process. Specifically, the Council would like to see a viable funding and construction plan that fully implements the priorities identified in Sound Transit's Long Range Plan, including light rail connection between Sea-Tac Airport and Tacoma.

The Council fully understands that implementation of the Long Range Plan will require more than twelve years and will likely require the allocation of Pierce County Subarea funds for light rail construction in the South King County Subarea. The Council believes, however, that the public should be provided with information sufficient to make informed opinions as to the pros and cons of a more comprehensive transit solution compared to a more limited, shorter-term plan. The November vote on the combined "Roads and Transit" package did not provide that opportunity.

If you have any questions regarding this resolution, please feel free to contact me on our City Manager, Bob Jean, at (253) 460-2500.

Sincerely,

Linda Bird
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Joni Earl, CEO, Sound Transit
City Council
City Manager Bob Jean

RESOLUTION NO. 580

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON,
REQUESTING THAT SOUND TRANSIT PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT A ST2
PLAN THAT PROVIDES SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO FULLY IMPLEMENT A
COMPREHENSIVE TRANSIT PACKAGE**

WHEREAS, the City of University Place is the fourth most populous city in Pierce County and a significant contributor to Sound Transit's investments in regional transit.

WHEREAS, the City of University Place City Council supports Sound Transit's continued investment in increasing transit options to enhance the Puget Sound region's vitality and to support sustainable growth.

WHEREAS, the City of University Place City Council supports Sound Transit's commitment to connect Tacoma and Pierce County to the region with the extension of light-rail to Tacoma from Sea-Tac Airport, increased commuter-rail service between Lakewood and Seattle, and enhanced bus service to major employment and population centers within Pierce County.

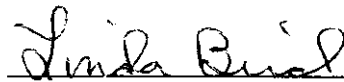
WHEREAS, the City of University Place City Council believes that the public should be provided with information and have the opportunity to comment on a transit package that provides for comprehensive implementation of Sound Transit's Long Range Plan, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City of University Place City Council supports Sound Transit's Long Range Plan, connecting urban centers between Everett and Lakewood, and Seattle and Redmond, by constructing high-capacity mass transit, including light-rail between Sea-Tac Airport and Tacoma.

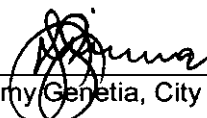
Section 2. The City of University Place City Council urges the Sound Transit Board to submit for public consideration a ST2 Plan that provides adequate funding to fully implement the priorities identified in Sound Transit's Long Range Plan.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 21, 2008.



Linda Bird, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emy Genetia, City Clerk