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2 A RESOLUTION relating to Sound Transit's Lynnwood Link Extension Project; supporting the  
3 study of a light rail stations at 130th and 155th streets in addition to the proposed station  
4 at 145<sup>th</sup> Street.

5 WHEREAS, the Sound Transit 2 vote funded the extension of link light rail from Northgate to  
6 Lynnwood ("Lynnwood Link Extension"); and

7 WHEREAS, Sound Transit is preparing a list of alternatives to be studied in a Draft  
8 Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project; and

9 WHEREAS, Sound Transit has already made a determination that the DEIS will study an I-5  
10 light rail alignment and a ~~No-no Action~~ action alternative, and will not consider a State  
11 Route (SR) 99 alignment, which was determined to have significantly higher costs and  
12 environmental issues during the alternatives analysis; and

13 WHEREAS, the SR99 alignment ~~would likely~~ could have provided greater opportunities for  
14 Transit Oriented Development (TOD), and Sound Transit should seek opportunities to  
15 promote and pursue TOD wherever possible in order to achieve its ridership goals and  
16 carry out the region's Vision 2040 Plan, which calls for close integration between transit  
17 opportunities and housing and employment centers; and

18 WHEREAS, Sound Transit 2 ballot measure identified a station at 145<sup>th</sup> Street in Shoreline has  
19 determined that the proposed station at 145th Street suggested in the initial alternatives  
20 screening has limited opportunities for TOD; and

21 WHEREAS, Sound Transit has advanced alternative station locations at 130th and 155th Streets,  
22 which the alternatives analysis suggest have more opportunities for TOD and ridership  
23 and also perform well on tests of environmental impact, constructability, and cost; and

24 WHEREAS, ~~developing both of these stations will likely maximize access for residents of~~  
25 ~~Seattle and Shoreline because the distance from Northgate to 130th is approximately 1.3~~  
26 ~~miles and from 130th to 155th is also approximately 1.3 miles, therefore ensuring that~~  
27 ~~most residents in this vicinity will have good opportunities to access light rail at a~~  
28 ~~reasonable distance;~~ and

WHEREAS, the two major centers of Seattle population and potential development north of  
Northgate are located in close proximity to the proposed 130th Street station — would  
have frequent and convenient transit connections to the nearby Bitter Lake Hub Urban  
Village is 1.2 miles from the proposed 130th Street station and 16 minutes by public

1 transit, and the Lake City Hub Urban Village is 1.6 miles from the proposed 130th Street  
2 station and 12 minutes by public transit; and

3 WHEREAS, the Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan recommends including at least one station  
4 in Seattle north of Northgate and adjacent to I-5 in order to provide access for Seattle  
5 residents while reducing traffic congestion and other impacts on the Northgate area;  
6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE  
8 MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

9 Section 1. The City of Seattle endorses carrying forward the potential alternative station  
10 locations at 130th Street and ~~155th~~ for study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
11 ~~DEIS~~ on the Lynnwood Link Extension. Additionally, the City requests that this alternative be  
12 analyzed in conjunction with a station at 145<sup>th</sup> Street.

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14 Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and signed by  
15 me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_ day  
16 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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18 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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20 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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23 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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25 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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**Legislation Title:**

A RESOLUTION relating to Sound Transit's Lynnwood Link Extension Project, supporting the study of light rail stations at 130th and 155th streets.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This proposed legislation endorses analysis of alternatives in Sound Transit's Draft Environmental Impact for the link light rail extension from Northgate to Lynnwood that includes station locations at 130<sup>th</sup> Street in Seattle and 155<sup>th</sup> Street in Shoreline.

**Background:**

On April 12, 2012, Sound Transit's Board will make a recommendation to the agency on north corridor link light rail extension alternatives to carry forward into a draft environmental impact statement. The Sound Transit 2 ballot measure identifies a station at 145<sup>th</sup> Street and I-5. The City is interested in exploring an alternative or additional station location at 130<sup>th</sup> Street and I-5.

Please check one of the following:

  X   **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

       **This legislation has financial implications.**

(If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (e.g., appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" Section. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each title and question.)

