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2 A RESOLUTION approving the Seattle Transit Master Plan.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan establishes transportation goals and policies  
4 for implementation through the Transportation Strategic Plan including: making the best  
5 use of the streets we have to move people and goods; encouraging walking and bicycling  
6 as an easy and healthy way to get around; making the most of new transportation  
7 investments; protecting city infrastructure; connecting to the region; planning for and  
investing in urban villages; enhancing neighborhood livability; and improving the  
environment; and

8 WHEREAS, the transportation system of Seattle is an extraordinary public asset and is vital and  
9 integral to the City's economic health, environmental quality, and social and community  
fabric; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has a tremendous opportunity to improve health and to reduce  
11 traffic and transportation problems by providing viable transportation alternatives,  
12 including walking, bicycling, and transit use; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Seattle City Council passed Ordinance 122386 establishing a Complete  
14 Streets policy and stating the Council's intention that the Seattle Department of  
15 Transportation (SDOT) implement Complete Streets by designing, operating, and  
16 maintaining the transportation network to improve travel conditions for pedestrians,  
bicyclists, transit, and freight, in a manner consistent with and supportive of the  
surrounding community; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution 31238, which articulated an agreed  
18 upon vision, goal statement, schedule and proposed scope of work between the Executive  
and the Council for the Transit Master Plan (TMP); and

19 WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 31250 appointing a Transit Master Plan Public  
20 Advisory Committee to provide input on the TMP; and

21 WHEREAS, Ordinance 123385 established that the Executive and City Council have a joint  
22 oversight role in the development of the TMP and specified that the City Council would  
23 review Phase I of the TMP prior to reviewing and authorizing expenditures related to  
Phase 2 of the TMP; and

24 WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed Phase 1 of the TMP and adopted Ordinance 123568  
25 removing the budget restrictions on Phase 2 of the TMP; and

1 WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has worked with the Mayor and  
2 City Council, the Public Advisory Committee, a Technical Advisory Committee, King  
3 County Metro and Sound Transit to complete Phase 2 of the TMP and produce a draft  
4 plan; and

5 WHEREAS, SDOT held five (5) public open houses to seek comments and solicited comments  
6 online from the larger Seattle community; and

7 WHEREAS, SDOT has briefed the Mayor and City Council on the results of those open houses  
8 and other public comments; and

9 WHEREAS, SDOT issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance for the Seattle Transit  
10 Master Plan on February 16, 2012; NOW, THEREFORE,

11 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
12 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

13 Section 1. The Seattle Transit Master Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as  
14 “Attachment A” and incorporated by reference herein, is hereby approved.

15 Section 2. As part of the annual budget process, the City Council will determine the level  
16 of funding allocated for implementation of the Seattle Transit Master Plan and the level of  
17 funding for the different transit-related programs.

18 Section 3. Because of the costs, complexity of financing and duration of planning and  
19 construction associated with high-capacity infrastructure, SDOT shall keep the City Council  
20 apprised of efforts involving the prioritization, planning, design, and development of high-  
21 capacity transit projects.

22 Section 4. As discussed in the Transit Master Plan, prioritization strategies will include  
23 implementation of high capacity transit (HCT) corridors, frequent transit network priority bus  
24 corridor improvements, the Center City Connector, as well as enhancing Center City transit  
25 service and usability.

1 Section 5. Successful project implementation will rely on a coordinated approach with  
2 King County Metro, Sound Transit, and neighboring jurisdictions.

3 Section 6. To track progress on the Seattle Transit Master Plan implementation, SDOT  
4 will prepare and submit to the City Council annual status reports which include updates on  
5 transit corridor priorities and state and federal funding requests. In addition, the plan will be  
6 updated every five years.

7 Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and  
8 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_ day  
9 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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11 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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13 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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16 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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

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21 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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23 (Seal)

**[City Clerk's Note: This page was inserted by the City Clerk.]**

To access the Attachments to Resolution 31367, please follow these links: [Transit Master Plan](#) and [Appendices A-D](#) .

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION adopting the Seattle Transit Master Plan.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation summarizes the history of the development of the Transit Master Plan (TMP), approves the TMP, and recommends a monitoring and accountability process for implementation of TMP projects and programs.

**Background:**

The Seattle Transit Master Plan lays out a 20-year vision that will make it easier and more desirable for people to use transit. In 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution 31238, which articulated an agreed upon vision, goal statement, schedule, and proposed scope of work between the Executive and the Council for the TMP. Subsequently, City Council adopted Resolution 31250, appointing a TMP Public Advisory Committee to provide input on the TMP. Ordinance 123385 established a joint oversight role for the Executive and Council in the development of the TMP. Ordinance 123568 removed budget restrictions on Phase 2 of the TMP.

The Seattle TMP was developed over the past 18 months in close partnership with the City Council, Executive, Transit Master Plan Public Advisory Group, partner agencies, and interested stakeholder groups. Over 12,000 people responded to an online survey that identified benefits and challenges of the existing transit system and opportunities for system improvements. Staff hosted five citywide open house meetings, attended over a dozen community group meetings, and briefed City boards and commissions. More than 200 comments were received and considered on the draft Seattle Transit Master Plan.

Please check one of the following:

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

Approving the Seattle Transit Master Plan has no fiscal implications. Appropriations for plan implementation will be made as part of subsequent years' budget processes.

**This legislation has financial implications.**





City of Seattle  
Office of the Mayor

March 20, 2012

Honorable Sally J. Clark  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Resolution that adopts the City of Seattle Transit Master Plan (TMP). Adopting this Resolution will demonstrate the City's commitment to high-quality, frequent and reliable transit services on high priority bus and rail corridors, along with well-designed transit stations and stops, and a seamless integration of all travel modes at vital transit connections.

The TMP is a 20-year plan that identifies the types of transit facilities, services, programs, and system features required to meet Seattle's transit needs through 2030. Building from extensive analysis and evaluation, the TMP identifies capital investment priorities needed to establish a network of top quality, frequent transit services that meet the travel needs of most Seattle residents and workers. The plan evaluates and recommends preferred transit modes for high-priority corridors and sets a framework for implementing corridor-based transit improvements in close coordination with other modal needs. King County Metro and Sound Transit, the agencies that provide most transit service in the City of Seattle and whose partnership is critical to creating a coordinated, fully integrated, and user-friendly Seattle transit system, contributed to the development of the plan. Since the TMP identifies priority transit corridors, the City can also use it as an advocacy tool with these agencies, to improve service and focus investments.

In addition, the critical role that transit plays in meeting city goals related to sustainability, equity, economic productivity, and livability is highlighted throughout the plan. The TMP recommends projects, strategies, and funding options to improve transit quality and delivery. As we move toward implementing projects, it will help knit together the city's urban villages into an accessible network of great neighborhoods, a vision also articulated in the Planning Commission's Transit Communities report. A key recommendation of the TMP is a heightened level of coordination for multimodal investments in Seattle under which pedestrian, bicycle, and transit investments are made simultaneously to optimize benefits in the City's most important mobility corridors. Thank you for consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Tony Mazzella, SDOT Project Manager at (206) 684-0811.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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