



Signature Report

June 25, 2007

Ordinance 15854

Proposed No. 2007-0357.1

Sponsors Patterson and Dunn

1 AN ORDINANCE providing for King County's
2 participation in a regional transportation investment
3 district and providing for submittal to the qualified
4 electors, at a special election to be held in
5 conjunction with the general election on November
6 6, 2007, of a proposition to authorize creation of the
7 regional transportation investment district and
8 approve a regional transportation investment plan,
9 including sources of revenue and a financing plan.

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11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 SECTION 1. Findings.

13 A. On June 17, 2002, the council, by Motion 11452 ("Convening Motion"),
14 authorized the chair of the council to jointly convene a Regional Transportation
15 Investment District ("RTID") Planning Committee with the chairs of the Snohomish and
16 Pierce county councils, pursuant to RCW 36.120.030(1), thereby electing to participate in
17 the RTID Planning Committee.

18 B. The RTID Planning Committee through its executive board conducted public
19 meetings and extensive public and agency outreach efforts to assure active public
20 participation in the identification of the boundaries of a proposed RTID and in the
21 development of a recommended regional transportation investment plan (“Recommended
22 Plan”), as detailed in Resolution No. PC-2007-02 of the RTID Planning Committee (the
23 “Planning Committee Resolution”).

24 C. In identifying potential transportation projects, the Planning Committee
25 through its executive board considered the requirements included in the definition of
26 “transportation project” under RCW 36.120.020(8), applied the factors set forth in
27 RCW 36.120.040(1), coordinated its activities pursuant to RCW 36.120.040(2),
28 considered performance criteria set forth in RCW 36.120.060 as well as the RTID
29 Guiding Principles and, in identifying potential transportation projects that improve city
30 streets, county roads or highways, considered the specific requirements of
31 RCW 36.120.020(8)(c).

32 D. The Planning Committee through its executive board conducted public
33 meetings to encourage active public participation in the development of the
34 Recommended Plan, undertaking extensive public and agency outreach efforts during
35 August, September and October 2006 to prepare a draft Recommended Plan, including a
36 public hearing on October 13, 2006, a public comment period lasting until October 27,
37 2006, presentations to organizations and groups, articles in newsletters, joint Roads &
38 Transit open houses with Sound Transit, newspaper advertising and an updated website.

39 E. The Planning Committee through its executive board consulted with local
40 jurisdictions and the Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) in developing proposed
41 RTID boundaries in the three county area.

42 F. At the December 7, 2006 joint meeting with the Sound Transit executive
43 committee, staff reported to the executive board of the Planning Committee the results of
44 the public involvement process, including an overview of comments received through
45 public outreach.

46 G. The draft Recommended Plan was updated to reflect this public and agency
47 input and was distributed for further public outreach and review in conjunction with
48 Sound Transit's ST2 Draft Package.

49 H. The Planning Committee through its executive board conducted additional
50 public meetings to review the updated Recommended Plan and continued its extensive
51 public and agency outreach efforts, including additional presentations to organizations
52 and groups, articles in newsletters, joint Roads & Transit open houses with Sound
53 Transit, newspaper advertising and website informational postings.

54 I. The Planning Committee considered potential local, state and federal revenue
55 sources in developing the Recommended Plan, which leverages the proposed financial
56 contribution by RTID, assuming the agency is formed, so that the local, state and federal
57 and other revenue sources continue to fund major congestion relief and transportation
58 capacity improvement projects in each county in the proposed RTID.

59 J. The Planning Committee, with assistance from the Washington state
60 Department of Transportation, worked to develop cost forecasts for proposed

61 transportation projects, integrating its project costing methodology with revenue forecasts
62 in developing the Recommended Plan.

63 K. As required by RCW 36.120.040(5), the Recommended Plan includes cost
64 estimates for each transportation project, including reasonable contingency costs, and
65 provides estimated project costs in constant dollars as well as year of expenditure dollars,
66 ranges of project costs reflecting levels of project design, identification of mitigation
67 costs, ranges of revenue forecasts and cash flow and bond analysis.

68 L. As required by RCW 36.120.040(5), the Recommended Plan also provides
69 that funds will be maximized to implement projects in the Recommended Plan, including
70 paying environmental and mitigation costs, and that administrative costs will be
71 minimized.

72 M. As required by RCW 36.120.045, the Recommended Plan includes a funding
73 proposal for the state route number 520 bridge replacement and an HOV project that
74 assures full project funding for seismic safety and corridor connectivity on state route
75 number 520 between I-5 and I-405.

76 N. On June 11, 2007, the council received from the RTID Planning Committee,
77 the Recommended Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance.

78 O. RCW 36.120.070 permits the county council, within ninety days of receipt of
79 a proposed “regional transportation investment plan” under RCW 36.120.040, to agree to
80 participate and submit to the voters of a proposed RTID a single ballot proposition that
81 approves formation of the RTID and approves the regional transportation investment plan
82 including the revenue sources necessary to finance the plan.

83 P. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan, also referred to as Destination 2030,
84 adopted by the Puget Sound Regional Council ("PSRC") on April 5, 2007, includes
85 substantially all of the projects in the Recommended Plan, and the plan-level
86 environmental documents prepared and issued by the PSRC under the state
87 Environmental Policy Act ("SEPA") for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, including
88 but not limited to the final environmental impact statement ("EIS"), on Destination 2030
89 dated May 10, 2001 and the EIS Addendum on Destination 2030 dated March 5, 2007,
90 substantially encompass the range of proposed plan-level actions, alternatives and
91 impacts for the Recommended Plan.

92 Q. The county's designated SEPA responsible official issued a notice and
93 statement of adoption on June 14, 2007 adopting the PSRC EIS documents on the
94 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the associated 2005, 2006 and 2007 addenda; and
95 the county has committed, as stated in the Planning Committee Resolution, the
96 Recommended Plan and the county's notice and statement of adoption, that appropriate
97 project-level environmental review under SEPA will be conducted by the appropriate
98 agencies for the projects in the plan.

99 R. The county's comprehensive plan contemplates by reference the projects in the
100 Recommended Plan.

101 S. RCW 36.120.070 provides that the question of whether or not RTID shall be
102 created and whether or not the Recommended Plan shall be approved may be submitted
103 by participating counties to the qualified electors of the proposed RTID for their
104 ratification or rejection.

105 T. RCW 36.120.070 requires participating counties to submit the proposition as a
106 single ballot proposition including Sound Transit's plan to support its system and
107 financing plan, or additional implementation phases thereof, developed under chapter
108 81.112 RCW to the voters at the November 2007 general election.

109 U. As authorized by RCW 36.120.070, the Planning Committee has drafted the
110 ballot proposition on behalf of the county legislative authorities. The ballot proposition is
111 set forth in the Planning Committee Resolution in substantially the form set forth in
112 section 4, chapter 509, Laws of 2007.

113 V. It is in the best interests of the residents of the county that the county shall
114 participate and submit the Recommended Plan, including the proposed revenue sources
115 and RTID boundaries recommended in the Recommended Plan, to the voters at the
116 November 2007 election.

117 W. The Recommended Plan is a "regional transportation investment plan" as that
118 term is defined in RCW 36.120.020(7) and meets the requirements for a regional
119 transportation plan set forth in chapter 36.120 RCW.

120 X. The boundaries for the proposed RTID identified in the Recommended Plan
121 include at least all of the contiguous areas within Sound Transit's regional transit
122 authority serving the county, meeting the requirements set forth in RCW 36.120.030(1).

123 Y. The proposition authorized to be submitted to the voters and described in this
124 ordinance has for its object the furtherance and accomplishment of a system of regional
125 transportation that constitutes a single purpose. The Recommended Plan and Sound
126 Transit's ST2 Package together identify transportation improvements consisting of road
127 and transit projects that form integral parts of, and are naturally and necessarily related to,

128 a single regional transportation system, as part of a comprehensive approach to
129 transportation investments to help reduce transportation congestion, increase road and
130 transit capacity, promote safety, facilitate mobility of freight and people and improve the
131 health, safety, and welfare.

132 **SECTION 2. Election to participate; approval of recommended plan and**
133 **boundaries for submittal to voters; future modifications.**

134 The county elects to participate in the RTID and approves the RTID boundaries
135 and Recommended Plan for submittal to the voters in the form of a single ballot
136 proposition that approves formation of the RTID, approves the RTID Recommended Plan
137 and approves the revenue sources necessary to finance the plan. Upon approval of the
138 Recommended Plan by the voters (as approved, the "Plan"), the Plan may be modified
139 from time to time only as permitted by state law and Planning Committee Resolution PC-
140 2007-02.

141 **SECTION 3. Call for special election.** In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, a
142 special election to be held in conjunction with the general election is called for November
143 6, 2007, to consider a proposition approving the creation of RTID and approving the
144 Recommended Plan and the revenue sources set forth in the Recommended Plan. The
145 manager of the records, elections and licensing services division shall cause notice to be
146 given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to
147 submit to the qualified electors of the proposed RTID within the county, at the special
148 county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall
149 certify that proposition to the manager of the records, elections and licensing services

150 division, in the following form, as drafted by the Planning Committee pursuant to RCW
151 36.120.070:

152 **SOUND TRANSIT (A REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY)**

153 **AND**

154 **RTID (A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT DISTRICT)**

155 **PROPOSITION #__**

156 **REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSIT SYSTEM**

157 To reduce transportation congestion, increase road and transit capacity,
158 promote safety, facilitate mobility, provide for an integrated regional
159 transportation system, and improve the health, welfare, and safety of the
160 citizens of Washington, shall Sound Transit (a regional transit authority)
161 implement a regional rail and transit system linking Lynnwood, Shoreline,
162 Northgate, Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, SeaTac airport, Kent, Federal
163 Way and Tacoma as described in the Sound Transit 2 plan, financed by
164 the existing taxes approved by the voters in 1996 and an additional sales
165 and use tax of up to five-tenths of one percent imposed by Sound Transit,
166 all as provided in Resolution No. [2007-insert number]; and shall a
167 regional transportation investment district (RTID) be formed and
168 authorized to implement and invest in improving the regional
169 transportation system by replacing vulnerable bridges, improving safety,
170 and increasing capacity on state and local roads to further link major

171 education, employment, and retail centers as described in Moving Forward
172 Together: A Blueprint for Progress – King Pierce Snohomish Counties,
173 financed by a sales and use tax of up to one-tenth of one percent and a
174 local motor vehicle excise tax of up to eight-tenths of one percent imposed
175 by RTID, all as provided in Resolution No. PC-2007-02; further provided
176 that the Sound Transit taxes shall be imposed only within the boundaries
177 of Sound Transit, and the RTID taxes shall be imposed only within the
178 boundaries of the RTID?

179 YES.....

180 NO.....

181 **SECTION 4. Voter approval.** As required by RCW 36.120.070, the electorate
182 considering the proposition will be the voters voting within the boundaries of the
183 proposed RTID. A simple majority of the total persons voting on the ballot proposition is
184 required for approval. The proposition shall not be considered approved unless both a
185 majority of the persons voting on the proposition residing in the proposed RTID vote in
186 favor of the proposition and a majority of the persons voting on the proposition residing
187 within the Sound Transit regional transit authority vote in favor of the proposition.

188 **SECTION 5. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance shall for any
189 reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other
190 provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such
191 invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, that any provision which shall

192 for any reason be held to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted
193 by law.


194 SECTION 6. Ratification. The Convening Motion, the county's participation in
195 the RTID Planning Committee and the certification of the proposition by the clerk of the
196 council in accordance with law before the election on November 6, 2007, and any other
197 act consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby
198 ratified and confirmed.

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Ordinance 15854 was introduced on 6/18/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 6/25/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.
Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

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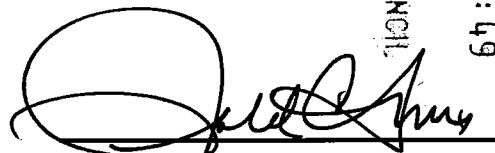

Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 6 day of July, 2007.

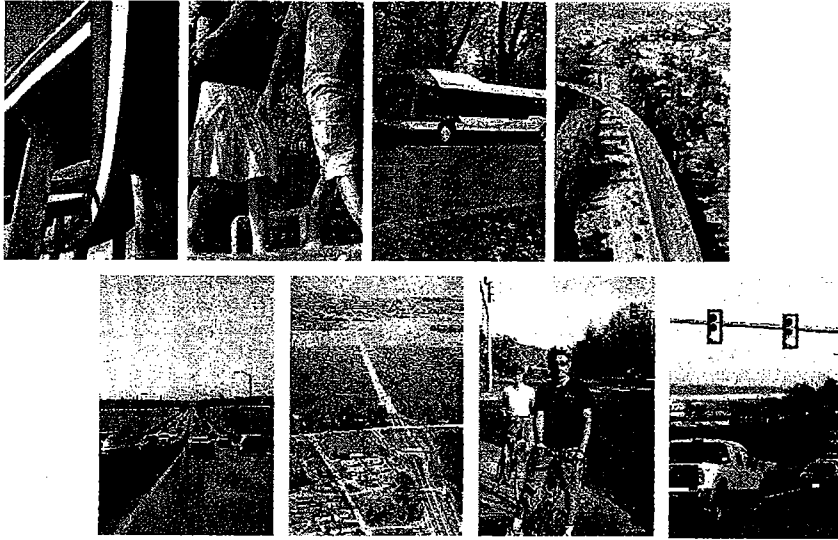


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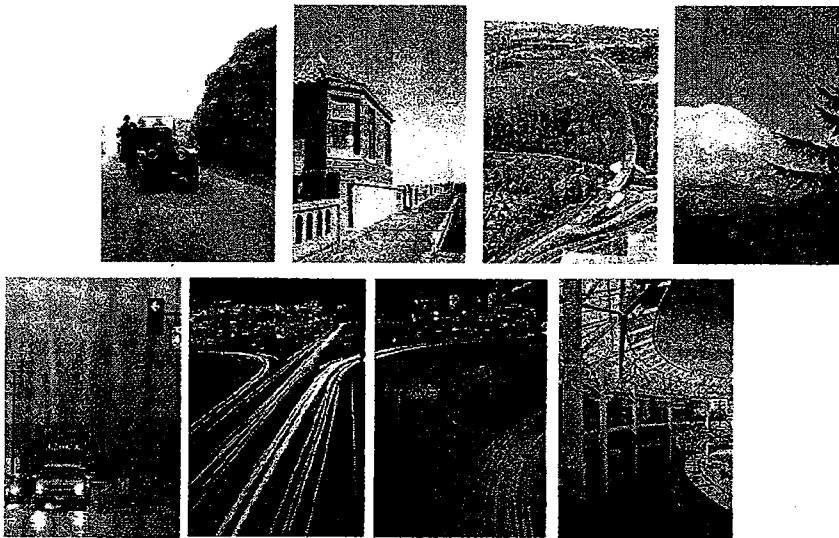
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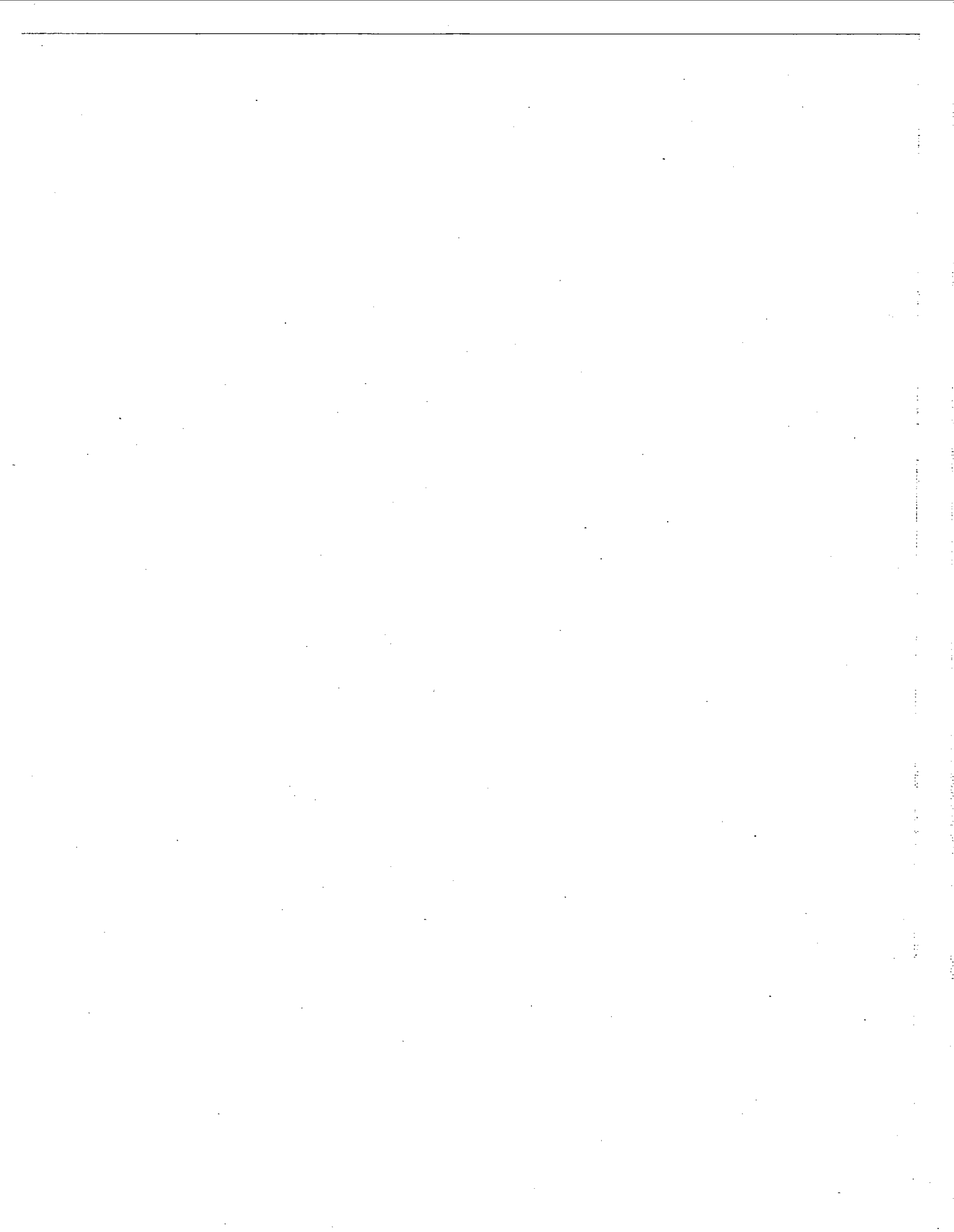


Moving Forward Together:
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Regional Transportation Investment District

Planning Committee Recommendation
June 8, 2007



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Moving Forward Together: A Blueprint for Progress King, Pierce, Snohomish Counties

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