

RESOLUTION NO. PSRC-EB-2022-01

A RESOLUTION of the Puget Sound Regional Council Supporting Move Ahead Washington

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council is designated by local governments and under federal and state laws as the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Transportation Planning Organization for the central Puget Sound region encompassing King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties;

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within the central Puget Sound region;

WHEREAS, a primary responsibility of the Puget Sound Regional Council is to develop and maintain a long-range Regional Transportation Plan describing how the region will create a sustainable, equitable, affordable, safe, and efficient multimodal transportation system;

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan places specific emphasis on an integrated regional transit network that supports the region's growth strategy and promotes vitality of the region's economy, environment, and health;

WHEREAS, the safety of the system for all people is an increasingly critical concern as the region continues to grow and transportation infrastructure and services are more heavily used;

WHEREAS, the region's communities face a significant backlog of maintenance and preservation needs for roadways, bridges, sidewalks, ferries and other transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS, climate change is an urgent environmental, economic, and equity threat and the central Puget Sound region's leaders have committed to taking actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a sustainable urban region;

WHEREAS, Move Ahead Washington would represent a significant investment in infrastructure and services critical for supporting job and population growth expected in the central Puget Sound region over the next two decades;

WHEREAS, Move Ahead Washington would provide historic investment in transit, non-motorized priorities, and in preservation and maintenance of roads, bridges, ferries and sidewalks in the region;

WHEREAS, Move Ahead Washington would help to reduce carbon emissions and expand safe, equitable, and affordable transportation options;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Puget Sound Regional Council supports continued collaboration with local, state and federal partners to find solutions to fulfilling the transportation needs of the region and state;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Puget Sound Regional Council recognizes that Move Ahead Washington provides critical funding to address long-term financial needs identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and the long-range plans of local governments, transit agencies and the State of Washington;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Puget Sound Regional Council supports Move Ahead Washington as an important step in creating reliable, predictable and ongoing solutions to achieving the region's transportation goals, supporting economic growth, and creating a healthy future for all residents.

ADOPTED by the Executive Board this 24th day of February 2022.

Claudia Balducci, Councilmember

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President, Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director