



City Council Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Project title: Resolution opposing Washington State Initiative 976

Council Bill # interoffice use

Agenda dates requested: 9/4/2019

Briefing
Proposed action
Consent
Action X
Ordinance
Public hearing
Yes No X

Budget amendment: Yes No

PowerPoint presentation: Yes No

Attachments:

Department(s) involved: Council

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Initialed by:

Department head

Administration

Council President

Consideration: Adopt Resolution opposing Washington State Initiative 976

Project:

Partner/Supplier :

Location: citywide

Preceding action: Council meeting of August 14, 2019

Fund:

Fiscal summary statement:

Project summary statement:

By adopting this resolution, The City Council confirms its opposition to Initiative 976, which will be on the statewide ballot in November 2019, as it would cause extreme harm to the development and maintenance of our transportation infrastructure, thereby jeopardizing economic growth and quality of life in Everett and throughout the region.

Recommendation (exact action requested of Council): Adopt Resolution Opposing Washington State Initiative 976.



Resolution NO. _____

A Resolution Opposing Washington State Initiative 976

WHEREAS,

- A. the City of Everett strives to maintain and continuously improve its transportation infrastructure for the benefit of its residents and employers; and
- B. the City has long been committed to keeping its streets in top condition through a robust street overlay program; and
- C. Everett residents have made a long-term investment in Sound Transit, including the delivery of light rail to Everett, which will provide fast, convenient and reliable transit for Everett residents and workers to points throughout the Puget Sound region; and
- D. the City Council and Mayor recognize that Initiative 976 would have extremely negative impacts on City, County and State transportation infrastructure, including the loss of Everett's Transportation Benefit District, which typically provides more than half of the City's \$3 million annual street overlay budget; and
- E. Sound Transit would lose approximately \$7 billion for Sound Transit 3 projects if I-976 were to pass, which would put delivery of light rail to Everett at extremely grave risk; and
- F. passage of I-976 would result in a nearly \$2 billion loss over six years in State transportation funding for highways, the Washington State Patrol and other critical investments, impacting Snohomish County and every corner of the state; and
- G. I-976 would strip more than \$1.4 billion over six years from the State's Multimodal Account, from which the City of Everett has received approximately \$13.3 million over the past 15 years for projects including the 41st Street Overcrossing, I-5/41st Street Ramp, East Marine View Drive improvements and the 41st Street Freight Corridor; and
- H. I-976 would jeopardize \$100 million in biennial funding for State Regional Mobility Grants, which Everett Transit has used to help purchase electric buses and add Park & Ride stalls at Everett Station, and which also help fund sidewalks, bike infrastructure, Safe Routes to School projects and projects that benefit seniors and people with disabilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE EVERETT CITY COUNCIL DOES RESOLVE:

The City Council confirm its opposition to Initiative 976, which will be on the statewide ballot in November 2019, as it would cause extreme harm to the development and maintenance of our

transportation infrastructure, thereby jeopardizing economic growth and quality of life in Everett and throughout the region.

Passed and approved this ___ day of _____, 2019.

Paul Roberts, Council Member Introducing Resolution

Cassie Franklin, Mayor

Scott Bader, Council President

Judy Tuohy, Council Vice President

Jeff Moore, Council Member

Scott Murphy, Council Member

Brenda Stonecipher, Council Member

Liz Vogeli, Council Member

ATTEST:

Sharon Fuller, City Clerk

PASSED: _____

VALID: _____

PUBLISHED: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____