



RESOLUTION NO. EB-94-01

A RESOLUTION of the Executive Board of the
Puget Sound Regional Council, Seattle, Washington,

WHEREAS, regional studies completed by the Puget Sound Air Transportation Committee, the Washington State Air Transportation Committee, and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) have clearly identified a near-term air transportation capacity problem at Sea-Tac International Airport, and concluded that the addition of a third all-weather runway at Sea-Tac would provide adequate capacity for the region through the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the PSRC General Assembly adopted Resolution A-93-03 approving the addition of a third Sea-Tac runway subject to certain conditions, including studying the feasibility of siting a major supplemental airport in the four-county region, and delegating implementation of the resolution to the PSRC Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, the PSRC Executive Board established Implementation Steps and has responsibility for the Regional Council's work program, budget and contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board concludes that there are no feasible sites for a major supplemental airport within the four-county region and that continued examination of any local sites will prolong community anxiety while eroding the credibility of regional governance; and

WHEREAS, the need for a major supplemental airport continues to be questioned, especially in light of emerging long-term transportation initiatives, including high speed rail and demand/system management programs which may reduce long-range air travel demand; and

WHEREAS, State law fails to address the issue of incentives and compensation beyond normal mitigation for those communities which are recipients of essential public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the cost of building a major supplemental airport would impose a substantial new financial encumbrance which would conflict with other important regional obligations, while the cost of building a third Sea-Tac runway would be met with already identified revenues; and

WHEREAS, air carriers have stated their opposition to the concept of supplemental airports, citing the market-driven economic realities of their industry; and

WHEREAS, a broad spectrum of labor, business, and community groups support the addition of a third Sea-Tac runway to meet the near-term air transportation capacity needs of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board further clarifies that the "Resolution A-93-03: Implementation Steps" adopted by the Executive Board allow the Executive Board to determine whether the Regional Council should go forward with additional supplemental airport studies and pursuant to that authority, the Executive Board determines that further studies should not be undertaken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the decision of the Executive Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council is to affirm the General Assembly's approval of a third runway for Sea-Tac, provided the project meets the independent evaluation of the noise and demand management conditions set out in Resolution A-93-03, and satisfies the environmental impact review process.

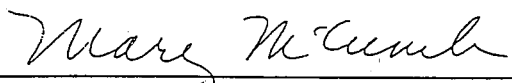
FURTHER, the Executive Board recommends that the region work with the State to enact legislation allowing for substantial and equitable incentives and compensation for communities impacted by the proximity of essential public facilities.

FURTHER, the Executive Board recommends that the State, in cooperation with appropriate local jurisdictions and regional transportation planning organizations, implement a comprehensive process for evaluating all options to meet the State of Washington's long-term air travel and inter-regional ground transportation needs, including high speed rail.

ADOPTED by the Executive Board this 27th day of October, 1994.



Mayor Richard Mitchusson
City of Poulsbo
President
Puget Sound Regional Council

Attest: 
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