

RESOLUTION NO. 3311, AS AMENDED

A RESOLUTION of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle to recommend an alignment and station location at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport for Sound Transit's Light Rail Link.

WHEREAS, the Port supports the development of a light rail transit system to interconnect selected major activity centers in the Puget Sound Region, and

WHEREAS, the Port foresees a light rail station at the airport as an attractive alternative means to access the airport, and

WHEREAS, the Port plans to expand the airport's terminal facilities during the same time period as Sound Transit is planning to implement the light rail program, and

WHEREAS, the Port has begun a study to investigate the complexities of integrating the Sound Transit Light Rail Link into its future terminal and ground access facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Port is considering the development of an Airport Intermodal Center (IMC) at the current location of the Radisson Hotel and SeaFirst Bank, and an Airport operated rail connection from the IMC to the existing terminal, and

WHEREAS, the Port recognizes that further planning, design, and environmental review of the proposed new facilities is required before it can determine whether to authorize an IMC, and

WHEREAS, the Port anticipates that the planning, design, and environmental review of the proposed IMC will be completed soon enough to allow construction of the proposed IMC and internal airport rail connection before Sound Transit begins operations of its rail link to the airport, and;

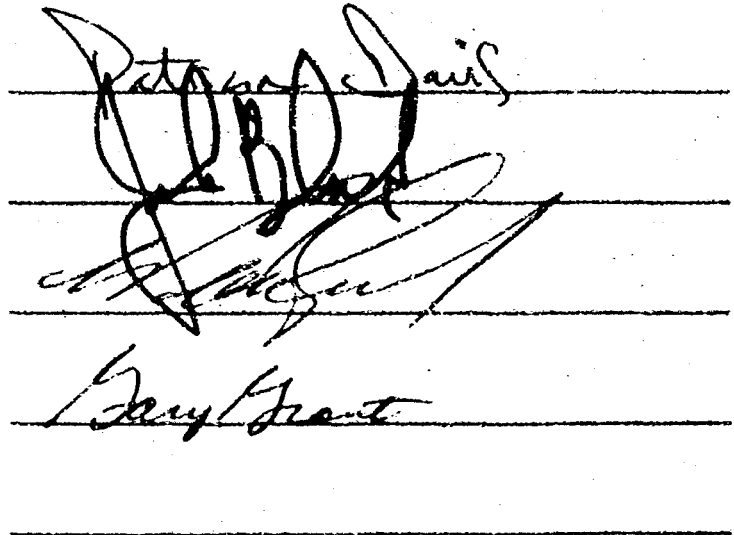
WHEREAS, the Port's proposed IMC is intended to accommodate other ground transportation services that will enhance light rail transit operations, and, provide additional passenger services such as baggage handling for all IMC users, and

WHEREAS, the Port's eventual expansion program includes a new airport passenger terminal to the northwest of the proposed IMC making the IMC the middle of the entire airport complex soon after the light rail transit operations begin at the airport,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle that it recommends to the Sound Transit Board the following items:

1. Placement of the light rail station for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at a proposed new Intermodal Center (IMC) on the site now occupied by the Radisson Hotel and the Seafirst Bank based on the following conditions: a) additional planning, engineering and environmental review support the IMC's feasibility, b) the Port acquires the Radisson Hotel property, and c) the airport can construct an appropriate rail link connecting the IMC with the existing terminal building prior to operation of the Sound Transit light rail link.
2. Continued commitment to an alignment of the Light Rail Link south from the IMC to the east of the airport's roadways, then along a proposed new south access roadway to South 188th, and continuing south along 28th Avenue South to its terminus at approximately South 200th Street.
3. Delay of Sound Transit's decision for a light rail alignment extending north of the proposed IMC to State Route 518 until further study of the corridor can be completed. Such study should assess the feasibility to the Port of integrating an alignment west of Washington Memorial Cemetery into future airport roadway and terminal plans, and evaluate the impacts of an alternative alignment on International Boulevard.
4. Reconsideration of the justification for a light rail station at South 154th Street.
5. Provision of a good connection between a light rail station and the City of SeaTac's proposed City Center.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle at a regular meeting thereof, held this 9th day of February, 1999, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.


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Port Commission