WHEREAS, The Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the Long-Range Plan Update on June 13, 2014 with a public review and comment period closing on July 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit intends to utilize information from the DSEIS to help make decisions regarding the update to the Long Range Plan by the end of 2014, to sustainably serve regional mobility needs providing an alternative to travel by automobile and the congested freeway network; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of providing high capacity transit to Puget Sound Regional Council designated Regional Growth Centers and Manufacturing / Industrial Centers supporting population and employment growth goals of the State, Region and City; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Plan, once updated, will shape potential future ballot measures for consideration by voters; and

WHEREAS, the City can be impacted and can benefit from regional transportation proposed within the Long Range Plan update including factors such as mode type, route alignment and potential station areas; and

WHEREAS, within the DSEIS, Sound Transit has proposed various high capacity transit modes including light rail, commuter rail, regional express bus/bus rapid transit, and streetcars as potential options for consideration in regional transit expansion planning; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, voters approved expanding light rail transit north to the Lynnwood Transit Center (Lynnwood Link) planned to be operational within 9 years by 2023, thereby investing heavily in the light rail transportation mode; and
WHEREAS, the City is working to support increased accessibility and multi-modal transportation within its PSRC designated Regional Growth Center with service time and reliability critical components for attracting ridership; and

WHEREAS, the City is working with Sound Transit on the Lynnwood Link Extension to identify the best alignment and station design to support plans under both the existing ST2 program, but also prepare for a future light rail extension heading north through the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to continue working with Sound Transit to provide a mutually acceptable northbound alignment through Lynnwood from the Transit Center with stations in areas planned for growth including the City Center-Core (platform), the Alderwood area, and up to 164th St. SW and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Sound Transit extend high capacity transit service north from Lynnwood to the city of Everett.

2. That such service be provided by light rail transit.

3. That the extension of high capacity transit proceed from the Lynnwood Transit Center north with station locations in the Lynnwood City Center and the vicinity of Alderwood mall; which are both located in the Lynnwood Regional Growth Center.

4. That light rail transit north from Lynnwood should provide service to park and ride facilities along 164th Street SW within the Lynnwood Municipal Growth Area.

5. That light rail transit proceed north to serve the Regional Growth Center in Everett and the Southwest Everett Industrial Center (Paine Field and Boeing).


APPROVED:

Nicola Smith, Mayor