

RESOLUTION NO. 235

A RESOLUTION OF THE GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING
IMPROVED CROSS-SOUND PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, it is in the general public interest to support efficient and effective transportation systems which reduce the negative traffic and related environmental and financial metropolitan impacts associated with auto travel; and

WHEREAS, continued costly expansion of our highway systems encourages the increase of automobile use; and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable to see increased high-quality public transportation connections on Puget Sound waterways and other waterways where ferry service provides a cost effective alternate to increasing highway capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Council of Governments (PSCOG) is currently conducting the West Corridor Project to investigate and recommend operational and capital improvements for the "marine highways" throughout the Puget Sound metropolitan area, with an emphasis towards less auto-dependent options, such as passenger-only ferries across the Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, passenger-only ferry service not only implements existing public transportation policy, but also provides a desirable maritime use for urban waterfronts and leads to dispersed and varied suburban development around the metropolitan areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

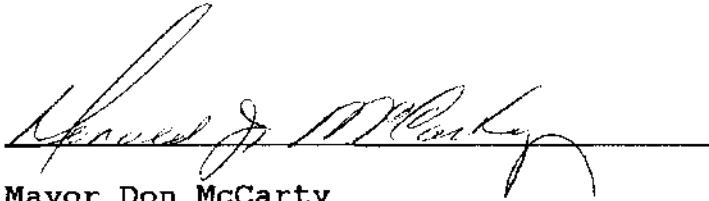
Section 1: The Gig Harbor City Council expresses its support for further regional discussion of high-occupancy vessel concepts, such as passenger-only ferries, which offer improved water connections between cities around the Puget Sound area.

Section 2: The Puget Sound Council of Governments (PSCOG) is encouraged to continue its West Corridor Project, including the development of a cross-sound public mass transportation policy and an action plan for improved passenger-only services; and the PSCOG is asked to share the results of such discussions with the Washington State Department of Transportation's Marine Division.

Section 3: Consistent with our commitment to integrated and coordinated regional public transportation service, the Gig Harbor City Council agrees to coordinate planning and operation of its transportation facilities and programs to optimize multi-modal public transportation

programs to optimize multi-modal public transportation service connections and transfers at designated ferry terminal transfer points.

ADOPTED BY THE GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL at a regular meeting thereof held on August 22, 1988.



Mayor Don McCarty
City of Gig Harbor

ATTEST:

Michael Wilson
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City Clerk