

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-63
CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING
PASSAGE OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE SPOKANE TRANSIT
AUTHORITY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, The City of Liberty Lake is a component city of the Spokane County Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA);

WHEREAS, the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is experiencing a severe financial deficit which threatens to substantially curtail transportation services within the PTBA, and is in need of additional tax revenues to continue to provide minimum transportation services;

WHEREAS, the employers of the City of Liberty Lake provide jobs to citizens throughout the region;

WHEREAS, our largest employers, including Agilent, Getronics, Itronix, Medco Health Solutions, SAFECO, Software Spectrum, and Telect, are subject to the Washington Commute Trip Reduction Act (CTR) which requires employers to encourage travel alternatives to their employees;

WHEREAS, Huntwood Industries, a future employer in the City and CTR affected worksite, has expressed grave concern over the loss of transit services at its Spokane Industrial Park location;

WHEREAS, if additional tax revenue is not received, service to the industrial areas of the City of Liberty Lake will be lost, including service to many of the CTR affected worksites within the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that economic development initiatives by the City of Liberty Lake and other entities will be more difficult to perform without basic transit support to new industries investing in our region;

WHEREAS, service will be discontinued for special events, such as Bloomsday and Hoopfest, in the evenings, on Sundays, and during holidays throughout the PTBA, and several regional communities will lose service entirely without additional revenue;

WHEREAS, services provided to citizens with disabilities (paratransit) will no longer be provided in certain areas of the City and surrounding community without additional revenue;

WHEREAS, STA has engaged the community to determine the public's transit priorities, and reoriented its service planning to achieve those goals; and

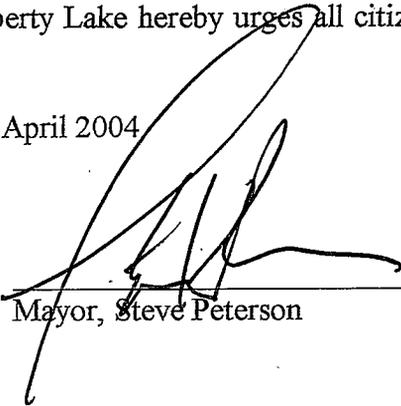
WHEREAS, STA has committed itself to the delivery of the greatest amount of service for each dollar spent, and has undertaken several initiatives to ensure greater public accountability in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Liberty Lake hereby endorses Resolution 574-04 passed by the Board of Directors providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the Spokane County Public Transportation Benefit Area at the special election to be held on May 18, 2004, of a proposition authorizing Spokane Transit Authority to levy up to an additional 3/10 of 1% sales tax for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of public transportation to meet current and future service level needs.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Liberty Lake hereby urges all citizens to vote in the special election to be held on May 18, 2004.

Passed by the City Council this 20th day of April 2004



Mayor, Steve Peterson

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Arlene Fisher

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, Stanley M. Schwartz