

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Transportation’s Hazard Mitigation Program; authorizing the Director of the Department of Transportation to acquire, accept, and record, on behalf of The City of Seattle, a Catchment Wall Easement from Paul Tan and Ly Ngoc Tan, a married couple, located in a portion of Lot 7, Block 35, Rainier Beach, and a Catchment Wall Easement from Gracie Lee Young, located in a portion of Lot 8, Block 35, Rainier Beach; for the purpose of extending the protection of the adjacent roadway of superficial surface erosion of the adjacent slopes along a portion of Rainier Avenue South; placing the real property rights under the jurisdiction of the Seattle Department of Transportation; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:**

This legislation authorizes the acquisition, acceptance, and recording of two catchment wall easements granted to The City of Seattle by private property owners in connection with the landslide mitigation work planned to extend the retaining wall along Rainier Avenue South between a portion of South Perry Street and South Norfolk Street (the “Project Area”) under the Seattle Department of Transportation’s Hazard Mitigation Program – Landslide Mitigation Project.

February 2022 was an especially rainy month in Seattle, producing one of the wettest storms in decades. It is reported that some parts of the region received more than four inches of rain over a period of two days during the month.

According to City records, Rainier Avenue South has historically experienced many landslides between Carver Street and South Norfolk Street indicating that there was a high probability of reoccurrence. During February 2022, there were two such landslides near each other in the Project Area that closed down both sides of a portion of Rainier Avenue South due to debris blocking the roadway and sidewalk. SDOT immediately consulted with geologists before safely reopening this street segment. A tree also fell during one of these landslides, damaging a portion of the existing retaining wall that has since been repaired.

These two catchment wall easements are necessary to extend the retaining wall in response to the landslides.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**       Yes  No



**2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

Yes. As our climate continues to evolve, we could experience more periods of heavy rain for extended periods of time that may make this area vulnerable to future landslides. Therefore, it is important to build retaining walls that can help safeguard against further damage and street closures.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)?**

This legislation does not include a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion.

**Summary Attachments:**

Summary Exhibit 1 - Vicinity Map