

## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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### 1. BILL SUMMARY

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; adopting an updated Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan for the City Light Department that will guide the development of the utility’s infrastructure strategy and investment priorities related to the electrification of transportation.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** This resolution adopts City Light’s Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan. Under RCW 35.92.450, City Light is authorized to invest in transportation electrification and related grid improvements pursuant to its transportation electrification plan approved by its governing body. This resolution adopts a five-year Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan for City Light that will guide the development and implementation of the utility’s electrification of transportation infrastructure, strategy, and investment priorities.

### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

The legislation, in isolation, does not create, fund, or amend a CIP Project. Through its Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan, the Department will initiate the development of the utility’s transportation electrification infrastructure investments, incentives, and rebates, but the authority established by this legislation does not create any CIP Projects. Appropriations for any new or expanded CIP projects will be done through City Light’s budget process. All spending associated with the Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan will adhere to RCW 35.92.450 in that utility outreach and investment in the electrification of transportation infrastructure does not increase net costs to ratepayers in excess of one-quarter of one percent.

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

**Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?**  Yes  No

#### 3.d. Other Impacts

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.**

No.

**If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.**

NA

**Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.**

If this legislation is not adopted, City Light will not have the authority to continue investing in transportation electrification. The private market would be solely responsible for meeting all charging and infrastructure upgrades.

#### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.**

N/A

**b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.**

No.

**c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

**i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

Programs and services in the Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan will be developed in consultation with community partners and vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities.

City Light has undertaken broad customer and stakeholder engagement across communities and sectors consistent with community and state standards, including the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative, Washington's HEAL Act, and in collaboration with the Department of Neighborhoods.

**ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

Attached, additional information is available upon request.

**iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

The Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan will file annual Language Access Plans with the City. The plans will consist of funding spent on contracts with community organizations, the Department of Neighborhood Community Liaisons, in-language services, and other tactics.

**d. Climate Change Implications**

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

The Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan will decrease carbon emissions. Transportation electrification replaces fossil fuels with City Light’s carbon-neutral power, resulting in a cleaner transportation system.

- ii. 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.**

Transitioning transportation systems to electricity in and of itself creates a more resilient transportation system in the long-run as reliance on volatile, international and politically susceptible fossil fuel supply chains is reduced. Additionally, electricity can be produced locally through onsite distributed energy resources like solar or through larger scale utility-scale renewable energy resources like wind, solar, and hydro that are located in Washington or regionally. Furthermore, existing and future efforts regarding resiliency hubs that increase community resiliency in key areas such as energy, cooling/heating, water, food, and shelter can also serve as “fueling” hubs for electric vehicles.

- e. 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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

N/A

**5. CHECKLIST**

- Is a public hearing required?
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?

**6. ATTACHMENTS**

**Summary Attachments:**

Summary Attachment A – Fleet Design Condensed Racial Equity Toolkit

Summary Attachment B – Multi-Family EV Charging Design Concept Condensed Racial Equity Toolkit

Summary Attachment C – Public Charging EV Racial Equity Toolkit