

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 City’s traffic code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law; amending Sections 11.14.055, 11.14.184, 11.14.333, 11.14.360, 11.14.710, 11.20.347, 11.22.070, 11.22.160, 11.22.200, 11.30.040, 11.31.050, 11.31.115, 11.40.220, 11.44.120, 11.53.020, 11.53.230, 11.56.140, 11.58.198, 11.58.272, 11.60.130, 11.72.040, 11.80.080, 11.82.360, and 11.82.560 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding new Sections 11.14.321 and 11.14.378 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation changes Seattle’s traffic code to incorporate changes made to the corresponding state statutes by the Legislature. Because our traffic code has to be uniform with state law, these changes are necessary. Specifically, this legislation:

- Distinguishes between types of “electric-assisted bicycles,” some of which cannot be driven on a sidewalk that is not part of a bicycle path;
- Modifies the circumstances under which a person commits the infraction of improper driving in an emergency zone by including a zone where road construction is occurring and clarifying the driver’s duties when passing construction vehicle;
- Treats as motor vehicles a neighborhood electric vehicle, medium speed electric vehicle and a golf cart, but excludes electric personal assistive mobility device and power wheelchair;
- Allows a motorized foot scooter to have 3 wheels and eliminates requirement that it have handlebars;
- Requires a motorcyclist to have insurance;
- Authorizes a court to have a diversion program for the crime of licensing a vehicle out of state to avoid paying tax;
- Authorizes a wrecker or hulk hauler license plate to be a tab;
- Authorizes impoundment of a vehicle left unattended in a closed park;
- Precludes a deferred finding for a traffic infraction committed while person is driving a commercial vehicle;
- Clarifies that a pedestrian must walk on a sidewalk only where such sidewalk is accessible;
- Allows a driver to pass stationary road construction vehicle, garbage truck or utility truck on 2-lane street on the left;
- Adds extra penalty of \$50-\$200 for unlawfully driving in HOV lane;
- Expands crime of Reckless Endangerment of Emergency Zone Workers to include zone where road construction is occurring;
- Requires driver of commercial motor vehicle to wear seat belt, even if such driver has medical exemption;

Allows tractor-trailer combination to exceed 61 feet when not carrying property but is inventory of trailer manufacturer or dealer;

Clarifies when a driver may stop vehicle in roadway – disabled vehicle, bus and garbage truck

Requires stop lights on a commercial truck to be red;

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs? No other financial impacts seem apparent.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation? These traffic regulations exist under state law, which would be enforced regardless of this legislation.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** This legislation would impact the Police Department and Municipal Court.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?** No
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** No
- f. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?** This legislation does not appear to have any RSJI implications or impact any vulnerable or historically disadvantaged community.
- 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 major programmatic expansion.

List attachments/exhibits below: