

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 Your Voice, Your Choice program; authorizing the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to acquire, accept, and record, on behalf of The City of Seattle, an easement for street purposes from Seattle School District No. 1, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, situated in a portion of the Tract described as “Reserve” in the Plat of S.P. Dixon’s Green Lake Acre Tracts; designating the easement for street purposes; placing the real property rights under the jurisdiction of SDOT; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation authorizes the acquisition, acceptance, and recording of an easement for street purposes to The City of Seattle (“City”) granted by the Seattle School District No. 1, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, in connection with the City’s acceptance of an application for the Your Voice, Your Choice program, submitted by Hazel Wolf K-8 STEM School (“School”) and neighborhood residents to reconfigure the intersection of Pinehurst Way Northeast and Northeast 117th Street to address safety concerns (“Intersection”).

The Intersection contains two north-south arterials, Pinehurst Way Northeast and 15th Avenue Northeast crossed by an east-west non-arterial, Northeast 117th Street, creating a complex junction of three intersections. Northeast 117th Street is also a future Pinehurst Neighborhood Greenway route that will connect people walking and biking between the Olympic Hills, Pinehurst, and Maple Leaf neighborhoods, and the future Northgate Link Light Rail Station.

The primary goal of the project is to improve safety and mobility along the corridor so that all travelers may have a safer and more comfortable experience and to improve access to the School. The improvements at the Intersection consist of intersection reconfiguration, marked crosswalks and curb ramps, new full signals, new bicycle crossing, new sidewalks, and sidewalk repair and replacement.

Your Voice, Your Choice is an annual initiative in which Seattle residents democratically decide how to spend a portion of the City’s budget on small scale park and street improvements. The program initiative is a partnership between the Department of Neighborhoods, the lead agency, and the Seattle Department of Transportation.

The Intersection improvements are funded through the Real Estate Excise Tax and street vacation fees.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes 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?
Yes. The cost of the permanent easement is \$3,820.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Yes. Not implementing the legislation would result in the need to redesign a portion of the project to provide adequate sidewalk width at the northeast corner of the School. A redesign of this project would negatively impact both pedestrian and bicycle safety and could prove to be more costly than the acquisition. Additionally, the proposed upgrades at the Intersection are responsive to safety concerns that need to be addressed by the City. Failure to do so could expose the City to liability costs.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

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?

Yes, the Seattle School District No. 1 is granting an easement to the City to install improvements at the Intersection to benefit the community.

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?

There are no known impacts to vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

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.

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Exhibit 1 - Vicinity Map

Summary Exhibit 2 - Project Area