

**2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent**

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**Budget Action Title:** Request Seattle Center to pursue opportunities to support additional facilities at the replacement skatepark

Ongoing: No

Primary Sponsor: Bagshaw, Sally

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**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The 2019-20 Proposed budgets include funding for a new capital project to relocate and replace the existing Seattle Center Skatepark, known colloquially as SeaSk8, which is located within the footprint of the KeyArena redevelopment area. The project is proposed to be funded through a combination of \$1.7 million in Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) I funds and \$500,000 provided by Oak View Group in accordance with redevelopment agreements. The project will be managed by Seattle Center and the facility, once complete, will be maintained by Seattle Center.

The in-kind replacement skatepark will be sited on a portion of the former Broad Street right-of-way, which will be subject to a term permit or transfer of jurisdiction with Seattle Center to allow for the site's long-term use as a skatepark. The location also contains a paved alley that runs through the site and may need to remain accessible for vehicular access. The initial development of the replacement skatepark should consider design options that would remove the need for vehicles to cross the property and should maximize skatepark user and pedestrian safety.

In addition to the basic replacement, there are valuable opportunities to enhance the skatepark with additional facilities, such as lighting and additional sidewalks, support spaces for Skate Like a Girl, and a potential canopy or creative roof structure to increase the skatepark's use in inclement weather.

The Council requests that Seattle Center work with the skatepark community to pursue opportunities for philanthropy and other outside sources of funding to support potentially incorporating additional enhancements into the project. A status report should be provided to the Council and Central Staff Director on recommended enhancements and funding options no later than July 1, 2019.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Civic Development, Public Assets, and Native Communities Committee

**Date Due to Council:** July 1, 2019