

July 7, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Seattle City Council  
**From:** Calvin Chow, Analyst  
**Subject:** CB 119826 - PSRC Grant Acceptance Legislation

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On July 13, 2020, the City Council will discuss and may act on CB 119826. This legislation would authorize the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to accept a \$3.5 million grant from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and would provide appropriation authority to spend these funds.

The PSRC Executive Board has agreed to allow the City to use \$2 million of the grant award to conduct a Type, Size, and Location Study for the eventual replacement of the West Seattle Bridge. This study will allow SDOT to explore replacement concepts, such as rebuilding the bridge or pursuing a shallow immersed tunnel. This conceptual analysis would lead to future environmental review of alternatives and development of cost estimates.

The remaining \$1.5 million of the grant award will be used to support One Center City Transportation Demand Management programs. SDOT intends to use these funds to respond to the West Seattle Bridge closure and focus these programs on providing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips between West Seattle and Downtown. The PSRC funding would provide for program incentives, marketing, user survey assessments, and staff time.

The PSRC grant must be accepted by July 15, 2020. Section 4 of this legislation includes a ratify and confirm clause to allow SDOT to accept the PSRC funds by the grant deadline. Central Staff recommends approval of this legislation.

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