

2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Request that FAS submit a report evaluating a requirement that City contractors provide transit subsidies

Ongoing: No

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Councilmembers: Johnson; O'Brien

Staff Analyst: Jeff Simms

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) evaluate the potential budgetary impacts of requiring all contractors receiving City contracts to offer subsidized transit passes to their employees. This should include, but not be limited to, organizations and firms providing human services, legal representation, assessment and analysis, construction, development of housing and office space, and suppliers of office products. The report from FAS should:

- Provide data regarding current offerings of transit pass subsidy by contractors and the level of subsidy provided (e.g., subsidizes 50 percent of a pass, provides a flat amount per month, etc.); and
- Explore potential impacts of requiring all contractors and sub-contractors, but excluding sole proprietors, to subsidize the use of a transit pass for their workers or increase their existing transit pass subsidy to a minimum subsidy level. The analysis should assume the transit pass being subsidized is a monthly ORCA card that can be used on Sound Transit, King County Metro, Community Transit, Pierce Transit, and walk-on fares for Washington State Ferries. The analysis should cover a range of required contractor subsidy levels falling between 70 percent and 100 percent subsidization.

The report should be provided to the Council's Finance and Neighborhoods Committee and the Director of Central Staff.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance and Neighborhoods Committee

Date Due to Council: December 31, 2019