

2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Request that Seattle IT submit a report on public broadband

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Seattle Information Technology Department (Seattle IT) provide Council with a report analyzing the cost and timeline of building and maintaining a public broadband network citywide to make broadband internet access free and accessible to all Seattle residents. This analysis should build on the study commissioned by Seattle IT in 2015, updating it with the impacts of new technologies such as wireless 5g and new adhesives that allow fiber optic cable to be run directly along the street. This report should present options for a citywide network and for a pilot project where the concept of municipal 5g wireless broadband or fiber to the premises could be tested. Council requests Seattle IT present its report to the Governance, Equity, and Technology Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Governance, Equity, and Technology Committee

Date Due to Council: April 1, 2019