

2025-2026 Proposed Budget Overview

Citywide Summary

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**Budget Overview &
Department Presentations**
SEPT 25 - OCT 02



Policy Considerations
Central Staff Presentations

STEP 2

OCT 16 - 21



**Revenue
Forecast Update**
OCT 22



**Chair's
Balancing Package**
OCT 30



Budget Amendments
Discussion & Voting
NOV 13 - NOV 15

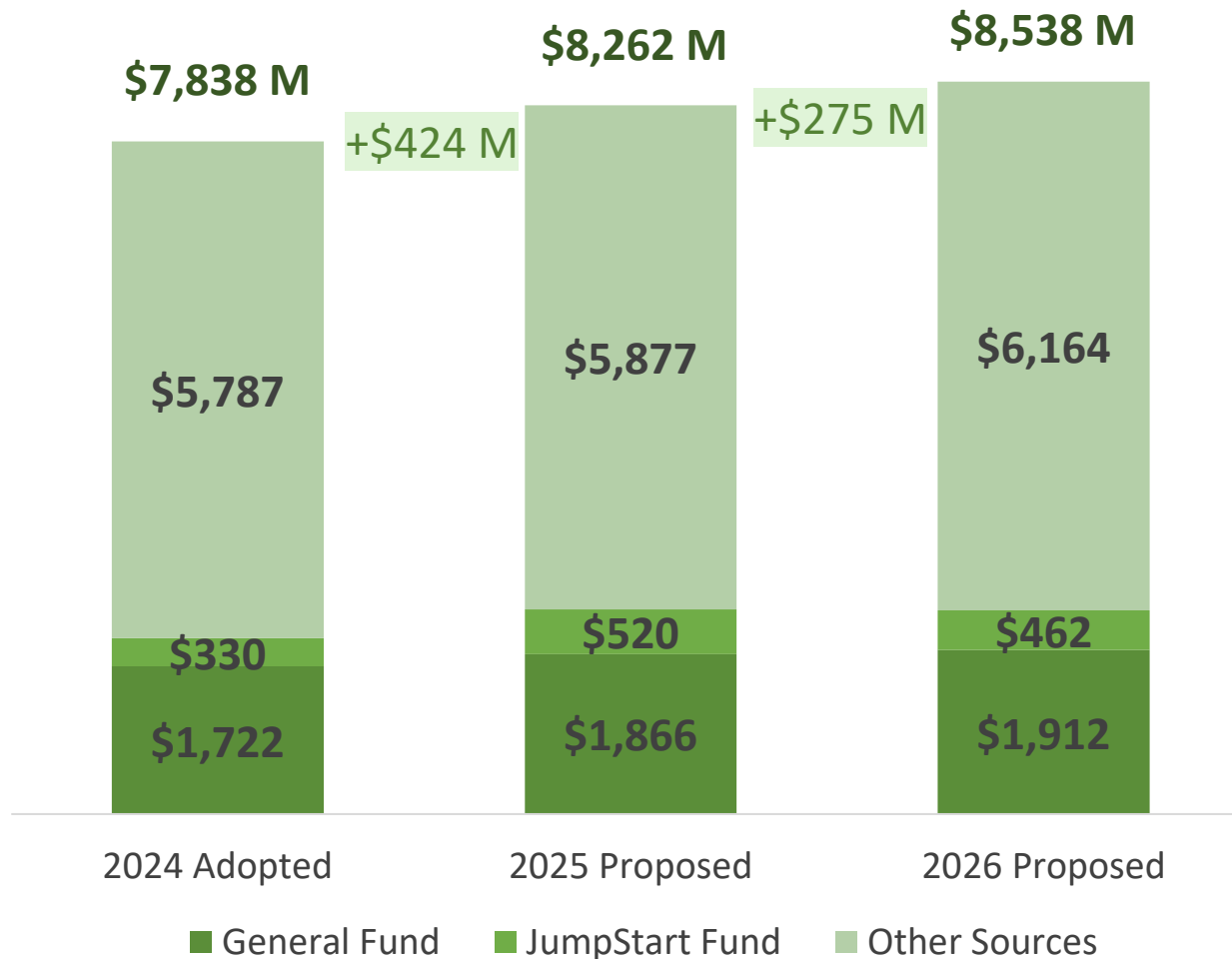


**Final Committee Vote &
Council Adoption**
NOV 19 - NOV 21

Agenda

- 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Overview by Department Walkthrough
- Budget Snapshot
- Positions and Personnel Budget Changes
- Central Service Costs
- Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adjustments
- Future Considerations

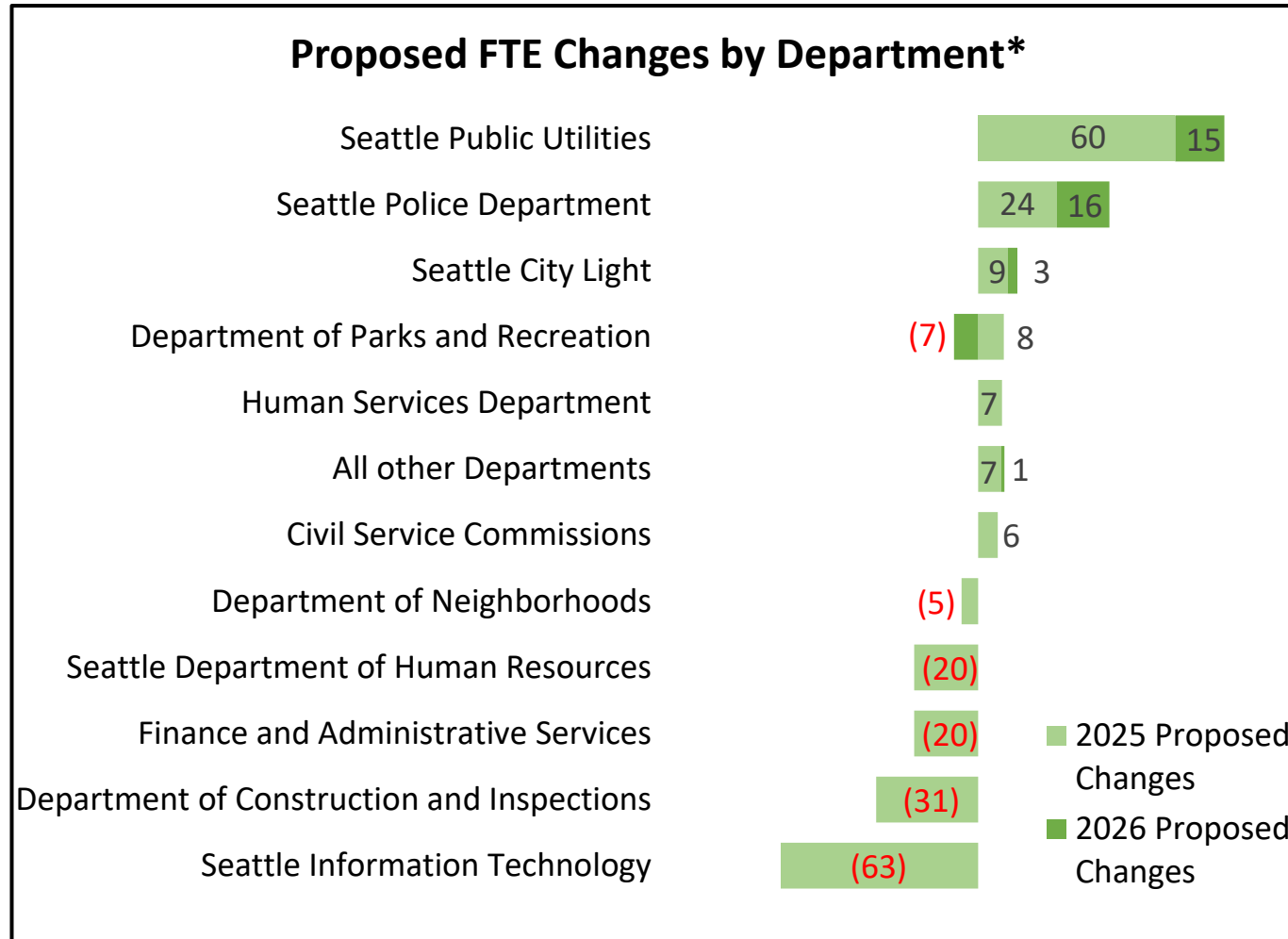
Budget Snapshot



Significant change drivers between 2024 Adopted and 2025-2026 Proposed:

- Annual Wage Increases (AWI) and related market adjustments
- JumpStart Fund contributions to the General Fund
- \$72 million (2025) and \$101 million (2026) in Seattle City Light for purchased power
- \$14 million GF contribution for Judgement and Claims related expenses in Finance and Administrative Services
- \$10 million GF in SPD for emphasis patrols overtime

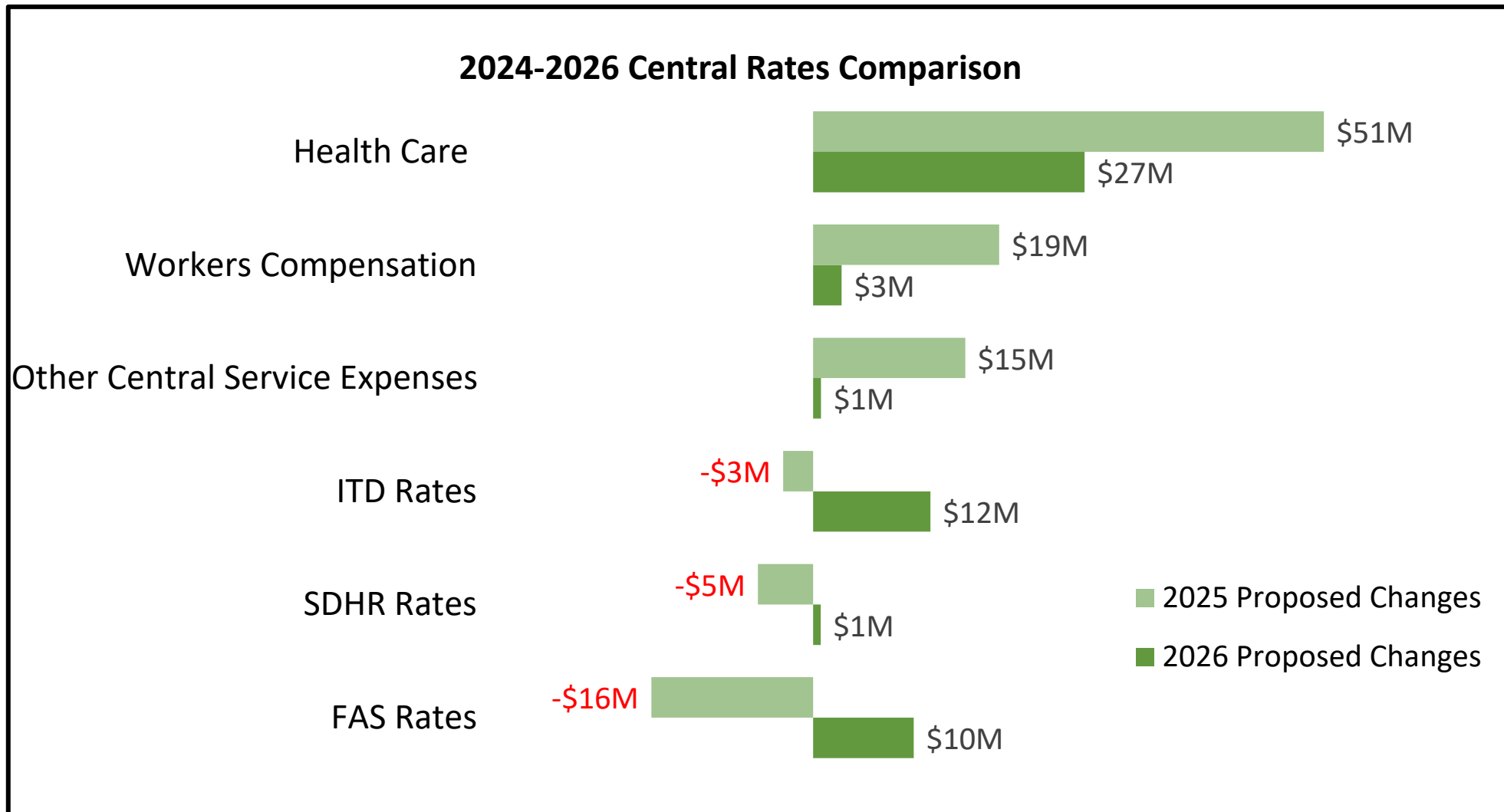
Position & Personnel Changes



*Excludes 2024 supplemental and stand-alone legislation.

- Additional 51 FTE (of which 40 FTE are GF supported) added by 2024 legislation
- 10 FTE increase Citywide across the biennium (of which 13 FTE are GF and 1 FTE is JS Fund supported)
 - Net decrease of 17 FTE in 2025
 - Net increase of 28 FTE in 2026
- Salary & benefits are \$2.9B (one-third) of the \$8.3B Proposed Budget in 2025, a \$359M increase (14%) from the 2024 Adopted Budget

Central Service Costs



Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- City adopts a 6-year CIP (2025-2030) and appropriates funding for the first 2 years
- Citywide 6-year CIP totals \$8.1B
- Over 70% for utility projects (SPU and SCL)
- 15% for transportation (SDOT)
 - Reflects the expiration of the Move Seattle Levy and assumes no new levy – SDOT’s budget shows a significant reduction
 - Includes the Culture Connector (\$410 million in 2030 – no specific funding source identified)
 - SDOT will present on October 22 its proposed allocation for funding from the 2024 Transportation Levy
- 15% spread across general government departments (Parks, FAS, Seattle Center, Public Library, and Seattle IT)

Future Considerations

- **Central Service Costs Evaluation**
 - Council-initiated effort to better understand the City's internal service costs
 - Consultant engaged to focus on Department of Finance and Administrative Services, Seattle Department of Human Resources, and Seattle Information Technology Department
 - Intended to inform development of the 2026 Proposed Budget

- **Families, Education, Preschool and Promise (FEPP) Levy Renewal**
 - Current seven-year, \$619 million levy set to expire next year
 - Funds early learning, college and job readiness, physical and mental health services to support learning, and post-secondary educational opportunities
 - 2025-2026 Proposed Budget indicates additional areas the Executive may include in a levy renewal package
 - Council anticipated to consider proposed levy legislation next spring

Questions?