



Legislative Department  
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Memorandum

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**To:** Councilmember Nick Licata, Chair  
Councilmember Jean Godden, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Tim Burgess, Member  
Finance and Culture Committee

**From:** Erik Sund, Council Central Staff

**Subject:** 2nd Quarter 2015 supplemental budget package

The Executive has offered Council Bills (CBs) 118452 and 118453, which together form the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Supplemental Budget package. In brief overview, these bills would change the 2015 Adopted Budget as follows:

**CB 118452**, the second grant acceptance ordinance of 2015, authorizes City departments (notably Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and the Human Services Department (HSD)) to accept approximately \$3.7 million of funding from external sources to support a range of purposes, including:

- \$1,202,427 over two years from the Washington State Department of Ecology (WSDOE) to SPU to support a range of waste prevention programs, subject to a \$400,573 local matching funds requirement.
- \$545,000 from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce to the Human Services Department to support the administration internship programs for youth and young adults under the City's Youth Employment Initiative.
- \$540,000 from the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) to the Seattle Police Department (SPD) to fund four patrol officer positions (an increase from three officers in 2014) that provide police services to public housing facilities managed by SHA.
- \$320,000 from the SHA to HSD to provide move-in assistance and short-term rental assistance through the Rapid Rehousing program.

**CB 118453**, the second 2015 supplemental appropriations ordinance, which provides expenditure authority both to use the grants in the grant acceptance ordinance above (CB 118452) and for other budget revisions requested by various City departments.

- The appropriations increase in the 2<sup>nd</sup> supplemental is approximately \$17.7 million (\$3.1 million GSF), excluding “double appropriations” to move money from one fund to another before expenditure. Of this, approximately \$4.6 million is backed by grants or other revenues and \$1.3 million would utilize reserves already set aside in Finance General (see Table 1 below). Another \$8.2 million is from the acceleration of a single, previously-authorized capital project (the Morse Lake Pump Plant, described below).

**Table 1: Summary of Appropriations in C.B. 118453**

Category	GSF	non-GSF	Total
Backed by Grants & Other New Revenue	1,174,047	3,703,779	4,904,826
Use of Finance General Reserves	1,348,635	-	1,348,635
Other New Appropriations	582,500	10,816,125	11,398,625
Total	\$3,105,182	\$14,546,904	\$17,652,086

*\*Excludes double appropriations for fund-to-fund transfers.*

- Individual appropriations of note in CB 118453 include:
  - \$8,204,000 in the Water Fund for the Morse Lake Pump Plant capital project (in the Seattle Public Utilities section of the Capital Improvement Program) to accelerate the project by completing a portion of the work originally planned and budgeted for 2016 ahead of schedule.
  - \$815,600 in the Transportation Operating Fund (TOF) for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to fund the current operating hours of the Transportation Operations Center, which is open 16 hours a day, 7 days a week rather than the 11 hours per weekday funded in the 2015 Adopted Budget.
  - \$800,000 TOF, backed by South Lake Union mitigation fees, for SDOT to implement a green street plan along Thomas Street, including lighting, sidewalk, and road surface improvements.
  - \$150,000 in the Neighborhood Matching Fund and \$23,000 GSF for the Department of Neighborhoods to design and prepare a pilot participatory budgeting program in 2016 to increase youth and civic engagement in the City budget process.

- Additionally, seven new capital projects are created in CB 118453. The new projects are summarized in Table 2 (below) with brief descriptions following the table. For additional information please see the appropriate attachment to the proposed ordinance.

**Table 2: Summary of New Capital Projects in CB 118453**

Att. #	Project Name	Dept.	2015 \$ (000s)	Total Est. \$ (000s)
A	Center City Gateway/South Michigan Street ITS	SDOT	5,311	5,311
B	Sound Transit Lynnwood Link	SCL	38	5,372
C	Georgetown Steam Plant Access Road	SCL	349	1,783
D	Denny Substation Tenant Improvements	SCL	295	5,355
E	Diablo Dam Spill Gate Trunnion Updates	SCL	251	927
F	City Center Connector Streetcar	SCL	65	2,215
G	Sound Transit Lynnwood Link	SCL	350	350

- Center City Gateway & South Michigan Street Intelligent Transportation Systems – funds installation of traffic cameras, detection devices and updated signal systems to help manage traffic. (*Fund sources: Transportation Operating Fund, Cumulative Reserve Fund-Street Vacations*)
- Sound Transit Lynnwood – City Light – funds electrical infrastructure improvements that will support operation of Sound Transit’s Lynnwood Link line from NE 100<sup>th</sup> Street to the service boundary at NE 200<sup>th</sup> Street. Sound Transit will reimburse City Light for expenditures in 2015. (*Fund source: City Light Fund/reimbursements*)
- Georgetown Steam Plant Access Road – funds design and construction of road segment to provide access the Steam Plant facility. Because King County was responsible for loss of access in 2000, it will pay for a share of project costs. (*Fund source: City Light Fund/reimbursements*)
- Denny Substation Tenant Improvements – funds design and construction of interior improvements at Denny Substation to facilitate use of the building a community center, educational center, or other public amenity. (*Fund source: City Light Fund*)
- Diablo Dam Spill Gate Trunnion Updates – funds replacement of the trunnion bushings in the dam’s 20 spill gates. (*Fund source: City Light Fund*)
- City Center Connector Streetcar – City Light – funds power delivery system upgrades necessary for the possible construction and operation of a City Center Connector Streetcar in central Seattle. (*Fund source: City Light Fund*)
- Boundary Switchyard – BPA Reliability Improvements – funds replacements and upgrades of City Light equipment located within the Bonneville Power Authority’s

(BPA's) Boundary Switchyard. The BPA has requested these improvements and will reimburse City Light for the costs. (*Fund source: City Light Fund/reimbursements*)

- CB 118453 also authorizes a net increase in authorized employment levels of 10 full-time positions and one part-time position, plus the reclassification of one part-time position to full-time. The new positions include (listed by informal job title when available):
  - A Performance Management Analyst in the City Budget Office (CBO) to plan and track departmental performance metrics.
  - A Labor Economist in CBO to analyze data from the Human Resource Information System (HRIS) and other sources and advise on policies to improve workforce equity.
  - A Strategic Advisor 2 in the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) to improve the Department's capacity for policy assessment.
  - Two Early Education Specialist positions (one Senior) in DEEL to provide coaching and monitoring to City-funded Step Ahead and Seattle Preschool Program classrooms.
  - An Accounting Technician II in DEEL to handle accounting duties and to maintain the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provider database.
  - A term limited Code Compliance Specialist position in the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to conduct outreach and education programs for marina owners, on-water residents and others impacted by code changes under the Shoreline Management Program.
  - A Citywide Workforce Development position in the Seattle Department of Human Resources (SDHR) to assist with workforce equity and youth employment programs.
  - A part-time Deferred Compensation Administrative Specialist position in SDHR to assist with a documentation backlog and other administrative duties with the City's Deferred Compensation Plan.
  - A Patrol Officer position in SPD to be funded by the SHA grant for public housing police services.
  - A Civil Engineering Specialist Associate in SDOT to help staff the Traffic Operations Center's expanded hours.

### **Policy Issues for Committee Consideration**

City Budget Office (CBO) staff will brief the Finance and Culture Committee on this legislation at during the July 29<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. Additionally, the following policy issue has been identified by Council Central Staff for possible Committee discussion.

### **Issue: New City Center Connector Streetcar Project (CB 118453)**

The proposed second supplemental appropriations ordinance (CB 118453) contains seven new capital projects, an unusually large number when compared to other recent supplemental budget packages. The projected future costs of these projects total more than \$21 million, with approximately \$6.7 million of that being proposed for appropriation in 2015. One of the projects is the City Center Connector Streetcar – City Light project, which would fund electrical power delivery systems along the route of a proposed street car line connecting South Jackson Street, First Avenue, and Steward Streets in downtown Seattle. The estimated cost of the upgrades planned by City Light is \$2,215,000 over four years, as shown in Table 3 below.

**Table 3: Central City Connector - City Light Planned Expenditures (\$000s)**

<b>LTD Actuals</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
-	-	65	150	1,000	1,000	-	-	2,215

While these improvements may be necessary for the construction and operation of the proposed streetcar line, the City Center Connector project has not been approved by the Council. As such, the Committee may wish to consider delaying the approval of the electrical improvements project until such time as it has decided to approve funding for the streetcar line itself.

### **Next Steps**

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance and Culture Committee is on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. If the Committee is prepared to vote on this legislation during that meeting, the package could be forwarded to the full Council for possible action on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. If the Committee would like additional time to consider the legislation, then the next opportunity for discussion of this package in the Finance and Culture Committee will be at the meeting on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.