

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**a. Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to education; amending Ordinance 125207, which adopted the 2017 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the budget; and approving amendments to an Implementation and Evaluation Plan originally approved by Ordinance 123834, as required by Ordinance 123567; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

**b. Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation, if approved, would authorize the Department of Education and Early Learning to provide a one-time, \$2.3 million payment to Seattle Public Schools (SPS) for a transportation realignment to a two-tier system and would appropriate funds to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to fund school crossing guards.

One-time funding for the two-tier transportation system would come from unspent, unencumbered balances in the Middle School Budget Control Level (BCL) of the Families and Education Levy. Funds would pay for SPS contracted transportation services (buses, drivers, fuel) to move from a three-tier bus and bell schedule to a two-tier schedule for the 2017-18 school year. Washington State funds SPS transportation based on costs from the prior year. The State budget allocation for 2017-18 school year will be based on the costs from the 2016-17 school year. Providing this funding to SPS for the 2017-18 school year will help them secure future funding from the State for these costs.

Funding for the school crossing guards would come from the School Safety Education and Outreach, Infrastructure Maintenance, and Capital Improvements BCL in the School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund (SSTPI). Funds would be transferred from the SSTPI to the Mobility-Operations BCL in SDOT.

SPS has requested that the City fund these transportation and school crossing guard expenses in 2017-18 as they are unable to support either due to budget constraints. Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, SPS “flipped” the start times for elementary and secondary students in an effort to better match the biological and sleeping patterns of adolescents in secondary schools. However, this change resulted in elementary schools starting before 8:00 a.m. and having three different school start times at SPS (in order to stagger the bus routes so buses could run multiple routes in the morning and afternoon). This change has created challenges for parents with children at different schools, and has prompted safety concerns for elementary students commuting to school in the dark during the fall and winter months. This funding would help SPS secure future funding from the State for a two-tier transportation system.

The Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee (a team including representatives from SDOT, Cascade Bicycle Club, Seattle Police Department, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Seattle Public Schools Transportation Department) recommends one or more crossing guards at 107 school locations in order to provide safe routes for students walking to and from school. Due to the current funding levels from the State and the resulting strain on the SPS budget, SPS is unable to fund the crossing guard program as it is focusing all available resources into classrooms. This legislation would use funds from the School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund to support the crossing guard program.

It is anticipated that the DEEL will have an agreement with the school district for both the one-time transportation funding and the on-going school crossing guard program. In addition, because SDOT administers the SSTPI, SDOT will reimburse DEEL SPS invoiced expenses for the crossing guard program. This legislation transfers funding from the SSTPI to SDOT to enable these transactions to occur.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_X\_\_\_ No

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ \_\_\_No

Budget program(s) affected:	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Appropriation change (\$):			\$300,800	\$752,360
Estimated Revenue change (\$):	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
			\$150,400	\$376,180
<b>Total</b>			\$150,400	\$376,180
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2017	2018	2017	2018

b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

The proposed legislation reflects the four-month cost (September – December) of the crossing guards which is \$150,400. The ongoing cost for the full school year is \$376,180. The additional costs for 2018 will be included in the 2018 Proposed Budget.

c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Seattle Public Schools would not be able to cover the cost of paying for transportation to move from a three-tier to a two-tier bus and bell schedule nor pay for school crossing guards for the 2017-18 school year.

**3.d. Appropriations**

**X** This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/##*	2017 Appropriation Change	2018 Estimated Appropriation Change
Transportation Operating Fund (10310)	SDOT	Mobility-Operations (17003)	\$150,400	\$376,180
School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund (18500)	School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund	School Safety Education and Outreach, Infrastructure Maintenance, and Capital Improvements (SZF200)	\$150,400	\$376,180
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$300,800</b>	<b>\$752,360</b>

Is this change one-time or ongoing?

The costs in the SDOT budget to support the SPS crossing guard program are ongoing. The use of Family and Education Levy funds in the DEEL budget to move to two-tier transportation system is one-time.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
SDOT and the School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No.
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**  
No.
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No.
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No.

**f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

SPS reports that the “flipped” bell schedule, which began in the 2016-17 school year, has resulted in favorable results for secondary students, including more sleep and fewer incidences of teacher disciplining of ethnic minority students. However, having three different start times is proving to be challenging for families with children in multiple grades. Currently, first-tier elementary schools start earlier at 7:55 while third-tier schools start at 9:35 am. Most middle and high schools now start at 8:45 am. Providing funding for crossing guards supports the safety of all students.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s).**

This legislation provides for a one-time funding commitment to Seattle Public Schools for a transportation realignment and ongoing funding for to allow SPS to continue having school crossing guards.

**h.**

**Other Issues:**

None.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

N/A