

August 10, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Seattle City Council
From: Calvin Chow, Analyst
Subject: Acceptance of Deeds and Easements – CB 119850, 119851, 119852, 119853, 119854, 119855, and 119856

On August 17, 2020, the City Council will discuss and may act on a series of Council Bills (CBs) to accept various property deeds and easements as public right-of-way for streets, alleys, and sidewalks. These actions are ministerial in nature, and Central Staff has not identified any policy issues for Council’s consideration.

[CB 119850](#), accepts four parcels from King County via quit claim deed. These are remnant parcels that have generally functioned as right-of-way, and they are located at separate locations around the city. One parcel ([744600-0070](#)) is adjacent to existing SDOT right-of-way for the Burke-Gilman Trail (previously acquired from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway) and is encroached upon by an adjoining business. SDOT’s acquisition of this remnant parcel from King County will protect against third-party acquisition that could complicate the ultimate resolution of the encroachment issues. The total cost for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to acquire these parcels from King County is \$9,000.

[CB 119851](#), [119852](#), [119853](#), [119854](#), [119855](#), and [119856](#) are packages of property deeds and easements acquired as a result of permitting decisions on private development activity. Typically, these transactions are bundled into legislation throughout the year and transmitted to Council on a rolling basis. Due to the reduced City Council schedule during the COVID-19 emergency, these six Council Bills have been transmitted together and would authorize a total of 121 property transactions.

Central Staff recommends approval of this legislation.

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