

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

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to City of Seattle right-of-way along the Central Waterfront; designating portions of Alaskan Way, Elliot Way, Railroad Way, and Union Street as park boulevards; repealing Ordinance 102696; authorizing the transfer of jurisdiction over portions of those right-of-way from the Seattle Department of Transportation to the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation; and amending Appendices I and to II to Ordinance 117569 and Title 15 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and Section 11.16.125 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The City of Seattle has been planning for changes to the Central Waterfront resulting from the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project and the Elliot Bay Seawall Replacement Project for nearly two decades. Two of the key features of the new Central Waterfront include a pedestrian promenade traveling adjacent to the piers and Elliot Bay (the “Waterfront Promenade”) and a pedestrian connection between the Pike Place Market and the Seattle Aquarium (the “Overlook Walk”). In August 2014, Seattle voters approved the creation of the Seattle Park District (“Park District”), and funds collected by the Park District to pay for operations and maintenance of Seattle parks, including an annual \$3.5 million (adjusted for inflation) budget dedicated to operations and maintenance of the Central Waterfront parks and public spaces. The City recognizes the need to identify and fund a robust operations and maintenance program that protects and enhances this investment and ensures new public spaces will be safe, well-maintained, and inviting to the public both in the short and long term.

This legislation will designate right-of-way along the Central Waterfront as park boulevards to facilitate the high level of maintenance and operation that has been anticipated throughout years of planning and will transfer jurisdiction over portions of the park boulevards to the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation (“SPR”) for consistent maintenance, operation, and enforcement. The designation of right-of-way along the Central Waterfront as park boulevards will also further facilitate continued partnership with the Friends of the Waterfront, including Friends’ ability to program and activate the Waterfront Promenade and adjacent piers. The legislation proposes that the transfer of jurisdiction be authorized to occur in phases, as portions of the reconstructed waterfront are completed and clarifies that the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation (“SDOT”) may close portions, or delegate the authority to close portions, of the waterfront park boulevards.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

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?

This legislation does not have direct financial impact, however, it has an indirect impact in that it helps to ensure Park District funds are used to maintain facilities that have been designated to be under the Superintendent's authority.

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

If this legislation is not approved, there is a possibility that use of Park District funding to maintain the area planned to be Park Boulevard could be determined to be an inappropriate use of funds. This could require the City to find other funding to meet its commitments to provide a high level of care to the facilities under agreements tied to the Waterfront LID.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

This legislation affects the Seattle Department of Transportation and Seattle Parks and Recreation.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

Yes, this legislation affects right-of-way along the central waterfront. A map illustrating the property and its location are attached to this fiscal note as Attachment A.

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

A Race and Social Justice Initiative evaluation is attached to this fiscal note as Attachment B. This legislation is anticipated to benefit vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities as well as the general public.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a

This legislation is not anticipated to affect carbon emissions in a material way.

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

The designation of right-of-way as park boulevard and authorization to transfer jurisdiction to SPR would not directly increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency, but in conjunction with the construction of the new pedestrian, bike, and transit facilities, this legislation may increase Seattle’s resiliency to climate change by moving some travel away from single-occupancy vehicles.

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 does not include a new initiative or a major expansion an existing program; it is consistent with long-term plans for the redevelopment of the Central Waterfront.

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Attachment A – Waterfront Park Boulevards Boundaries Map
Summary Attachment B – RSJI Racial Equity Toolkit Assessment Memorandum