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Title: AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget, including the 2021-

2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations within the Transportation Benefit District Fund; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2021-2026 CIP; and lifting a

proviso.

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5/13/2021	2	City Clerk	submitted for Mayor's signature	
5/10/2021	2	City Council	passed	Pass
5/5/2021	1	Transportation and Utilities Committee	pass as amended	Pass
4/21/2021	1	Transportation and Utilities Committee	discussed	
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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE	
COUNCIL BILL	

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget, including the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations within the Transportation Benefit District Fund; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2021-2026 CIP; and lifting a proviso.

- WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council formed a Transportation Benefit District in 2010 and imposed a \$20 annual vehicle license fee that went into effect in 2011 for transportation purposes; and
- WHEREAS, the annual vehicle license fee was increased to a total of \$80 per year after Seattle voters approved a six-year measure called Proposition 1 in 2014 that expired at the end of 2020; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle voters approved a new Proposition 1 in November 2020 that relies solely on sales tax, thereby leaving only a \$20 annual vehicle license fee in effect; and
- WHEREAS, after the State Supreme Court struck down statewide Initiative 976's prohibition on Transportation Benefit District authority to collect vehicle license fees, the Council passed Ordinance 126234, increasing Seattle's annual Vehicle License Fee from the \$20 established in 2010 to \$40 in 2021 as pursuant to RCW 36.73.065 and 82.80.140; and
- WHEREAS, in Ordinance 126234, the Council expressed its intent that by April 1, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) develop a spending plan for the additional \$20 Vehicle License Fee through a "transparent, inclusive, and public stakeholder engagement process that includes input from the Move Seattle Levy Oversight Committee, the city's transportation boards and commissions, transit equity organizations, and community organizations, particularly those organizations representing communities that are disproportionately reliant on transit, and labor unions whose members are impacted by transportation investments, including Ironworkers, Building Trades, and Laborers"; and
- WHEREAS, the proviso in Council Budget Action BLG-042-B-001 specifies that, "Of the appropriation in the 2021 budget for the General Purpose BSL in Finance General, \$3.6 million is appropriated solely for transportation purposes and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Seattle Department of Transportation has presented a spending plan for the additional vehicle license fee revenue after conducting a transparent, inclusive, and public stakeholder engagement process"; and

- WHEREAS, SDOT convened two meetings with representatives of the above-mentioned stakeholder groups, as well as members of the Transportation Equity Workgroup, hearing a desire for new VLF-funded infrastructure improvements that prioritize safety and accessibility for pedestrians in the most marginalized communities while also supporting training and employment opportunities in the trades; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation submitted the described spending plan to the City Council in conjunction with this ordinance, in accordance with BLG-042-B-001; and
- WHEREAS, the Council wishes to implement the described spending plan for 2021; and
- WHEREAS, following the unexpected closure of the West Seattle High Bridge in March 2020, the Council requested that the City Auditor review the Department of Transportation's spending and practices for maintaining the City's vehicle bridges; and
- WHEREAS, the City Auditor's report on bridges identified maintenance needs for bridges ranked as "poor" and "fair" condition under the Federal Highway Administration ranking criteria, to maintain facilities such as the 2nd Avenue South Extension Bridge, University Bridge, Ballard Bridge and Magnolia Bridge in working condition; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation highlighted the need for replacing aging components on moveable bridges to the Council and in media reports; and
- WHEREAS, transportation corridors of regional significance, such as the Ballard Interbay Regional

 Transportation corridor, rely on Seattle bridge infrastructure to transport goods and people; and
- WHEREAS, the Council may wish to consider bond financing as part of its deliberations on the 2022 Budget; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The restrictions imposed by the following budget proviso, which limits spending on the following item, are removed because the conditions set forth in the proviso have been satisfied and they are no

longer restrictions for any purpose:

Item	Department	2021 CBA	Proviso	Budget Summary
				Level
1.1	Finance	BLG-042-B-001	"Of the appropriation in the 2021	BO-FG-2QD00 -
	General		budget for the General Purpose	General Purpose
			BSL in Finance General, \$3.6	
			million is appropriated solely for	
			transportation purposes and may	
			be spent for no other purpose.	
			Furthermore, none of the money	
			so appropriated may be spent until	
			authorized by future ordinance.	
			Council anticipates that such	
			authority will not be granted until	
			the Seattle Department of	
			Transportation has presented a	
			spending plan for the additional	
			vehicle license fee revenue after	
			conducting a transparent,	
			inclusive, and public stakeholder	
			engagement process."	

Section 2. Appropriations for the following items in the 2021 Budget are modified as follows:

Item Department		Fund	Budget Summary Level/BCL Code	Amount	
2.1	Finance General	Transportation Benefit District Fund (19900)	General Purpose (19900-BO-FG-2QD00)	(\$3,600,000)	
2.2	Seattle Department of Transportation	Transportation Benefit District Fund (19900)	Maintenance Operations (19900-BO-TR-17005)	\$250,000	
2.3	Seattle Department of Transportation	Transportation Benefit District Fund (19900)	Mobility Operations (19900-BO-TR-17003)	\$725,000	
2.4	Seattle Department of Transportation	Transportation Benefit District Fund (19900)	Major Maintenance/Replacemen t (19900-BC-TR-19001)	\$1,350,000	

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2.5	Seattle	Transportation	Mobility Capital (19900-	\$1,275,000
	Department of	Benefit District	BC-TR-19003)	
	Transportation	Fund (19900)		
Total				\$0

Section 3. Project allocations in the 2021-2026 Adopted Capital Improvement Program, which are backed by revenues, are modified as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/BCL Code	CIP Project Name	2021 CIP Allocations (All Funds)
3.1	Seattle Department of Transportation	Transportation Benefit District (19900)	Major Maintenance/ Replacement (19900-BC-TR -19001)	Sidewalk Safety Repair (MC-TR- C025)	
3.2	Seattle Department of Transportation	Transportation Benefit District (19900)	Mobility Capital (19900 -BC-TR- 19003)	Vision Zero (MC-TR-C064)	((\$3,531,320)) \$4,656,320
3.3	Seattle Department of Transportation	Transportation Benefit District (19900)	Mobility Capital (19900 -BC-TR- 19003)	SDOT ADA Program (MC- TR-C057)	((\$16,936,621)) \$17,086,621
3.4	Seattle Department of Transportation	Transportation Benefit District (19900)	Major Maintenance/ Replacement (19900-BC-TR -19001)	Structures Major Maintenance (MC-TR-C112)	((\$1,560,000)) \$2,410,000

These modifications shall operate for the purposes of decreasing or increasing the basis for the limit imposed by subsection 4(c) of Ordinance 126237.

Section 4. The Seattle Department of Transportation Director is directed to provide to Council a list of transportation projects that could be funded by \$100 million of bond financing in 2022. At a minimum, the list shall include a title, short description, and cost estimate for each project. The list should identify the anticipated

schedule of capital expenditure by project to	inform when	bond issuance would	be necessary. The project list
shall identify a minimum of \$75 million of b	oridge mainter	nance and bridge repair	projects. The project list shall
be delivered to Council in writing by Septem	nber 30, 2021.		
Section 5. This ordinance shall take e	effect and be i	n force 30 days after it	s approval by the Mayor, but i
not approved and returned by the Mayor with	hin ten days a	fter presentation, it sha	all take effect as provided by
Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.			
Passed by the City Council the	day of		, 2021, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its pa	assage this	day of	, 2021.
Approved / returned unsigned / vetoe	President		y Council
	Jenny A. Dui	rkan, Mayor	
Filed by me this day of		, 2021.	
	Monica Mart	cinez Simmons, City C	lerk
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