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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION approving the Seattle Freight Master Plan.

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle's ("City") Comprehensive Plan establishes transportation goals and policies to preserve and improve mobility and access for the transport of goods and services, to enhance Seattle's role as a hub for regional goods movement and as a gateway to national and international suppliers and markets, and to reliably connect the City's manufacturing/industrial centers, urban centers, and business districts with the local, state, and international freight network; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's deep water port and trade relations are important elements of the City's economy, history, and cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, the movement of goods in and out of the City and for local deliveries on City streets is a vital component of creating family-wage jobs and sustaining the City's economic vibrancy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in a changing economy, Seattle residents and businesses increasingly require fast, reliable, and direct delivery of goods to their front door; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2013 Budget, the City Council ("Council") included funding for a Freight Master Plan ("Plan") to ensure efficient and reliable movement of goods by truck freight on City streets; and

WHEREAS, *Move Seattle*, the Mayor's 10-Year Strategic Vision for Transportation, contains a goal of using Seattle's rights-of-way to improve the City's health, prosperity, and happiness and calls for completing the Plan as a near-term action to improve mobility for freight and delivery vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Freight Advisory Board, an advisory committee comprised of a diverse group of freight

and community stakeholders, guided the development of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has worked with the Mayor and Council, while engaging the Seattle Freight Advisory Board and a number of other City advisory boards, commissions, and community groups to produce a draft and final Plan; and

WHEREAS, SDOT held public open houses, met with a number of community organizations and freight interests, and solicited comments online from the larger Seattle community on the draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, SDOT briefed the Mayor and Council on the results of those open houses and on the public comments it received; and

WHEREAS, SDOT issued a State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance for the Plan on August 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council provides oversight of the City's capital budget process, and the City's transportation modal plans inform that process; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Freight Master Plan is to guide City investments with respect to freight mobility in Seattle and provide insight into the critical needs, financial impacts, and timing of freight investments; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR  
CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The Seattle Freight Master Plan ("Plan"), a copy of which is attached as Attachment A to this resolution and incorporated by reference, is approved.

Section 2. As part of the annual budget process, the City Council will determine the level of funding allocated for implementing the Plan.

Section 3. The freight network of limited access facilities, major truck streets, minor truck streets, and first/last mile connectors identified in the Plan replaces the Major Truck Street Network as the City's priority network of streets to accommodate efficient goods movement and provide network resiliency throughout The

City of Seattle (“City”).

Section 4. The Plan’s Strategies and Actions will guide the City’s work to achieve the Plan’s overall goals for safety, mobility, economy, state of good repair, equity, and environment.

Section 5. Implementing the Plan’s projects and programs will be guided by a data-driven prioritization framework based on the Plan’s vision and goals, along with community interest, funding opportunities, and other policy directives.

Section 6. The Plan’s projects will be designed to mitigate or minimize impacts to surrounding communities and the environment. The Plan’s implementation will be consistent with the City’s Race and Social Justice Initiative and with individual projects and programs guided by Racial Equity Toolkits and Inclusive Outreach and Engagement Plans.

Section 7. SDOT will present to the Council an annual Implementation Plan developed with input from the Freight Advisory Board, along with an annual status report. The Implementation Plan shall be delivered by June 30, 2017 and include the following information: (a) a prioritized list of operating and capital investments related to freight; (b) the scale of freight investments; and (c) a summary of SDOT’s freight-related initiatives for the coming year.

Section 8. To ensure the Plan will continue to sustain the City’s economic vitality and quality of life for Seattle residents, and to take advantage of emerging opportunities, re-evaluate priorities, and respond to industry changes, SDOT will update the Plan as needed.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A - City of Seattle Freight Master Plan

Attachment B - Freight Master Plan Appendices