

wall, sidewalk, and other transportation infrastructure; placing the real property rights and interests conveyed by such easement under the jurisdiction of the Seattle Department of Transportation; and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

WHEREAS, the Yesler Bridge (Bridge) was built in 1910 and displays unique and historic design elements

which include decorative pedestrian railings, ornamental capitals, casings, and corbels on the exterior fascia girders; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge is located over 4th Avenue South at the intersection of Yesler Way, Terrace Street, and

4th Avenue South in the Pioneer Square Historic District, just a few blocks north of King Street Station; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is a key element of the Yesler Way Over 4th Avenue South Bridge Project, a

project under the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement project (Yesler Bridge Project), as the Bridge is one of the oldest steel bridges in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is working closely with the Pioneer Square Preservation Board

and the International Special Review District Board to ensure that the Bridge and nearby neighborhoods maintain their key historic features and setting, while also addressing the Bridge's safety and maintenance risks; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the City accept the property rights necessary for construction of the Yesler Bridge

Project to rehabilitate the Bridge to improve public safety in Pioneer Square and the International District as well as to enhance the service life and maintenance of the Bridge; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Easement granted by Neubert Family Limited Partnership, a Washington limited partnership, a copy of which is attached to this ordinance as Attachment A and recorded under Recording Number 20150821001203, dated August 3, 2015, for a portion of tax parcel number 524780-1045, is accepted.

Section 2. The Easement referenced above shall be placed under the jurisdiction of the Seattle Department of Transportation. Funding for the Yesler Bridge Project, including this property acquisition, comes from bonds backed by the Commercial Parking Tax and a grant from the Federal Highway Bridge Program.

Section 3. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2016, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2016.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachments:

Attachment A - Recorded Easement Granted by Neubert Limited Partnership