



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION relating to the funding of priority projects in the 2019-2024 Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan; requesting that the Mayor commit to building out the Bicycle Master Plan and identify funding for priority Bicycle Master Plan projects in the Mayor's 2020 Proposed Budget.

WHEREAS, the safety, health, economic, environmental, space efficiency, and equity benefits of bicycling and investing in safe bike infrastructure that is comfortable for people of all ages and abilities are well established and reflected in city transportation, climate, and land use policies; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change have a disproportionate impact on communities of color, negatively affecting family and public health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that Black and Latinx cyclists make up a rapidly growing segment of the riding population; and

WHEREAS, longstanding disinvestment in safe streets infrastructure means that Black and Latinx riders are disproportionately likely to be killed by a car compared to white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, this disinvestment is especially notable in South Seattle neighborhoods, including Rainer Valley, Georgetown, South Park, and Beacon Hill; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2024 Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) Implementation Plan highlights projects in South Seattle for planning, but does not identify funding to advance these projects to design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2024 BMP Implementation Plan, identifying projects funded through the Move Seattle Levy, will result in minimal improvements to bike safety and connectivity in South Seattle; and

WHEREAS, projects in the Center City provide access to key destinations for the entire region; and

WHEREAS, the 4th Avenue Protected Bike Lane between Main and Vine is a key piece of “all ages and abilities” bicycling infrastructure needed to complete the Center City Bike Network; and

WHEREAS, the One Center City plan identified a two-way protected bike lane to serve both North and South bound connections through downtown; and

WHEREAS, a 4th Avenue two-way protected bike lane serves key destinations in the city including but not limited to the Civic Center, City Hall, Central Library, and employment centers; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan Way provides an essential corridor along the waterfront connects key destinations from the Ferry terminal to the sculpture park serving both locals and tourists; and

WHEREAS, funding outside of the Move Seattle Levy needs to be identified in the upcoming budget to move critical projects in the Center City and South Seattle from planning to design and construction; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The City Council requests that the Mayor commit to building out the Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan in an equitable way by prioritizing “all ages and abilities” bicycle facilities that serve all ages, languages, ethnicities, genders, races, and abilities.

Section 2. The City Council requests that the Mayor identify and commit additional funding sources outside the Move Seattle Levy fund to prioritize the design and construction of safe bicycle facilities on the following, as part of the Mayor’s Proposed 2020 Budget:

- A. Beacon Ave S Segment 1 (S 39th St to Myrtle St)
- B. Beacon Ave S Segment 2 (Myrtle St to S Spokane St)
- C. Beacon Ave S Segment 3 (S Spokane St to Jose Rizal Bridge)
- D. Georgetown to Downtown
- E. Martin Luther King Jr Way (Rainier Ave to Henderson St)
- F. Two-way protected bike lane on 4th Ave (Main St to Vine St)

G. Alaskan Way (Virginia St to Elliott Bay Trail)

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2019, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2019.

President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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