

Amendment 1 Version #1 to RES 32067: Substitute

Sponsor: Councilmember Lewis

Substitute Version 2 of the Resolution to reflect Executive Department Commitments

Effect: This amendment substitute Version 2 of Resolution 32067 for Version 1 of the Resolution. Version 2 reflects commitments by Executive Departments to:

- Analyze transit volume projections for Downtown Seattle;
- Assess the scenarios put forward as part of the Third Avenue Vision in the context of the transit volume projections and other transit projects underway;
- Conduct a retail and return-to-office study for Downtown;
- Use the technical data to inform the development of a work plan for a study of a preferred design concept; and
- Evaluate funding opportunities for design and construction of the preferred design concept.

See attached for the proposed changes in the substitute Resolution.

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

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A RESOLUTION endorsing the goals of the Downtown Seattle Association’s Third Avenue Vision; and stating the intent of The City of Seattle to work collaboratively with the Downtown Seattle Association, King County Metro, and Sound Transit to pursue improvements to Third Avenue in Downtown Seattle.

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WHEREAS, Third Avenue is a critical transit corridor through Downtown Seattle, carrying approximately pre-pandemic 52,000 transit riders per day; and

WHEREAS, several characteristics are currently contributing to the pedestrian experience on Third Avenue, and indirectly, the viability of adjacent businesses, including but not limited to the high volume of transit, a lack of public open space, blank walls or facades facing the corridor, and a high volume of office towers with underutilized lobbies (~~on Third Avenue has impacted the pedestrian experience and, indirectly, the viability of adjacent businesses~~); and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Downtown Seattle Association convened (~~Third Avenue stakeholders~~) hundreds of stakeholders, engaged building owners, businesses, residents, elected leaders, and government agencies to develop a vision for Third Avenue that maintains transit capacity while serving the diverse needs of pedestrians, business owners, and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Seattle Association subsequently released the “Third Avenue Vision – A Road of Possibilities” report to explore options for reconfiguring transit use of Third Avenue and providing more opportunities for pedestrians, sidewalk cafes, retail, and other street uses; and

1 WHEREAS, the Third Avenue Vision can be a catalyst for a robust new transit, economic
2 development, and open space plan for Third Avenue; and

3 WHEREAS, a vibrant Third Avenue is compatible with the City’s vision for Pike Street, Pine
4 Street, and improved connections to the Seattle Waterfront; and

5 WHEREAS, other cities, including Denver, Minneapolis, Portland, and Vancouver, British
6 Columbia have shown that key transit streets can be improved for the benefit of
7 pedestrians and transit; and

8 WHEREAS, making improvements to Third Avenue will require partnership and collaboration
9 with regional entities including King County Metro and Sound Transit; and

10 WHEREAS, the City Council (~~((wishes to direct))~~) requests City Departments to support the goals
11 of the Third Avenue Vision; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

14 Section 1. The City of Seattle (~~((endorses))~~) supports the goals of the Downtown Seattle
15 Association’s Third Avenue Vision – A Road of Possibilities, a copy of which is included as
16 Attachment A to this resolution.

17 Section 2. The City Council (~~((requests that))~~) supports the intent of the Office of Planning
18 and Community Development, the Seattle Department of Transportation, and the Seattle Office
19 of Economic Development to work with the Downtown Seattle Association, King County Metro,
20 and Sound Transit (~~((to convene a task force-))~~)to:

21 A. Analyze updated transit volume projections, including post-pandemic transit volumes,
22 potential for transit system consolidation and reallocation, and estimated mode share; (~~((Develop~~

1 ~~a work plan to refine the alternatives for Third Avenue with the goal of providing a final plan for~~
2 ~~Third Avenue,))~~

3 B. Assess the Third Avenue Vision scenarios with updated transit volume projections and
4 consider these in the context of other downtown transit operations strategies and projects,
5 including the City’s Center City Connector Streetcar Project, and Sound Transit’s West Seattle
6 and Ballard Link Extensions Project; ((Prepare a budget to fund the design of a final
7 configuration of Third Avenue,))

8 C. Conduct a retail and return-to-office study for the downtown core to reflect updated
9 post-pandemic trends to better inform future transportation and land-use planning;

10 D. Use the technical data developed in A-C above to develop a work plan for a
11 conceptual-level study of urban design and transit improvements to Third Avenue that will help
12 inform a preferred design concept; include in the work plan planning-level cost estimates and
13 engagement of community that travels to and through the Third Avenue corridor;

14 E. Identify short-term changes that can improve the pedestrian environment and travel
15 experience along Third Avenue,

16 ~~((D. Develop consensus around a preferred final configuration for Third Avenue, and))~~

17 ~~((E. Seek))~~ F. Evaluate upcoming funding opportunities, including grants and public-
18 private partnership scenarios, for implementing design and construction of the ((final
19 configuration)) preferred alternative for Third Avenue.

1 Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2022,

2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of

3 _____, 2022.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2022.

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8 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

9 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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11 Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

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16 Attachments:

17 Attachment A – Third Avenue Vision – A Road of Possibilities