

November 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee
From: Calvin Chow, Analyst
Subject: SDOT Project Related Legislation

On December 5, 2023, the Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee will discuss and possibly vote on four Council Bills (CBs) assigning property rights and real estate interests related for Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) capital projects. These legislative items are ministerial in nature. Central Staff has reviewed the proposed legislation and has not identified any concerns. A summary of the legislation is provided below.

[CB 120723](#) – East Marginal Way S Deed Acceptance

This legislation accepts property from King County necessary for the Heavy Haul Network Program – East Marginal Way S Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project, scheduled to begin construction in 2024. The property is located adjacent to East Marginal Way S at the vacated S Lander St right-of-way, and measures approximately 275 square feet. The cost of this property acquisition is \$28,400 and is covered by the project budget.

[CB 120713](#) and [CB 120715](#) – Whatcom Yard Railroad Franchise Agreements

These legislative items modify the existing railroad franchise agreements governing the Whatcom Yard facility, owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company and Burlington Northern Railroad Holdings, Inc. The legislation would modify the boundaries of the franchise area and allow for project elements of the Heavy Haul Network Program – East Marginal Way S CIP project, including relocation of railroad tracks, roadway, and sidewalks, and construction of a bike lane. No financial compensation is associated with this transaction. The new boundary also reduces the size of the Whatcom Yard franchise area to reflect the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) State Route-99 (SR-99) Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement project's impact on the facility.

[CB 120721](#) – WSDOT SR-99 Property Transfer Agreement

This legislation accepts various deeds and easements from WSDOT related to the substantial completion of the SR-99 Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement project. These properties were acquired by WSDOT to support construction of the north and south portals of the SR-99 tunnel. Interlocal agreements between the City and the State for the SR-99 project document the intended transfer of these properties to the City.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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