

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
Legislative	Chow/x4-4652	n/a

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to shared streets; adding a new Chapter 11.45 to the Seattle Municipal Code; adding new Sections 11.14.562 and 11.52.125 to the Seattle Municipal Code; amending Sections 11.40.090, 11.40.100, 11.40.120, 11.40.160, 11.40.220, 11.40.240, 11.44.040, 11.44.060, and 11.53.205 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending the title of Title 11, Subtitle I, Part 4 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This legislation would make various changes to the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to conform with 2025 state legislation (Engrossed Senate Bill 5595) authorizing shared streets. Shared streets are designated streets where pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicle traffic share a portion or all of the same street. Under the state provisions for shared streets, pedestrians have right-of-way over bicyclists, bicyclists have right-of-way over vehicle traffic, and the maximum speed limit is 10 miles per hour.

This legislation would establish shared streets in SMC and would assign the responsibility for establishing procedures for the designation of shared streets to the City Traffic Engineer.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Appropriations Notes: No changes to appropriations.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes: No changes to revenues.

3.c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

Position Notes: No changes to positions.

3.d. Other Impacts

No direct financial costs are anticipated by the passage of this enabling legislation. The future designation of specific shared streets may require physical improvements or operational changes to infrastructure that would have to be addressed as part of implementation.

The Seattle Department of Transportation would be responsible for implementing shared streets.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

b. Is publication of notice with The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times required for this legislation?

No.

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.

No impacts anticipated.

ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.

No analysis prepared.

iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?

This is enabling legislation to allow for implementation of shared streets. Future implementation would involve standard SDOT procedures for communicating and educating the public on shared street changes.

e. Climate Change Implications

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

No direct impact on emissions anticipated. Shared streets promote pedestrian and bicycle uses.

- ii. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

No direct impact on climate resiliency anticipated.

- f. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

Implementation of shared streets is anticipated to promote Vision Zero safety goals. The proposed legislation includes reporting requirements (as directed under the state enabling legislation) for the number of traffic accidents, speeding violations, and driving under the influence violations occurring on shared streets.

- g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

No.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments:

No attachments.