

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE regarding the Transit Service Funding Agreement with King County; authorizing the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation to execute an amendment to the agreement extending the term to June 30, 2021; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation authorizes the terms of the existing Transit Service Funding Agreement with King County governing transit service hour purchases, funded by the Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) Proposition 1 transit measure that passed in November 2014 and expires at the end of 2020, to continue through the end of the current Metro service change period, ending March 19, 2021. It will also accommodate the current VIA to Transit partnership commitment that lasts through April 1, 2021. Extending the current agreement through June 2021 will allow time for Metro to produce final reconciliation and invoices. With Seattle voters approving Proposition 1 in the 2020 general election, a new 6-year interlocal agreement will be submitted for Council approval in early 2021.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

Both the fixed hour and VIA transit service commitments mentioned above are funded by the existing STBD revenue streams that will be collected through December 31, 2020. The City had always assumed that these commitments would run through the end of the current Metro service period and have, therefore, been shown in STBD spend plans presented to Council and the Transit Advisory Board since 2015. The cost of this contract extension is approximately \$5.5 million and will be paid from the STBD Fund.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

The City could lose protections afforded by the current Transit Service Funding Agreement if it continued to purchase planned service without an extension.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No

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

No

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

The Amendment 5 extension allows the City to continue purchasing transit service that is particularly important to low-income essential workers and others living in parts of the City with the highest concentrations of people of color, including Rainier Valley, the Delridge corridor and Duwamish communities of South Park and Georgetown. Significant numbers of essential workers live in these communities and are transit dependent. For this reason, many of these routes have retained significant levels of ridership throughout the COVID-19 emergency and it is important for the City and County to avoid gaps in service along these routes.

g. 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)?

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below: