

## **BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE**

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### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION creating the Seattle Transit Advisory Board

#### **Summary and background of the Legislation:**

Transit mobility issues are of increasing importance to the City of Seattle. In 2014, the Seattle Department of Transportation created a Transit Division to address the City's growing transit needs. In November 2014, Seattle voters passed Seattle Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1, which authorizes the collection of approximately \$45 million annually to increase bus transit service in Seattle. In 2015, a second streetcar line operated by the City is expected to begin service.

Recognizing that transit mobility is an important element of Seattle's transportation system, the City proposes to create a Seattle Transit Advisory Board, on par with the City's Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Freight Advisory Boards. The Transit Advisory Board will be supported by existing staff in the Seattle Department of Transportation.

### **2. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Please check one:

- This legislation has direct financial implications.
- This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

### **3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

No.

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

Failure to implement this legislation will leave the City without public oversight of revenues raised under the November 2014 Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) Proposition 1 measure to expand bus service in Seattle. Resolution 12 of the STBD stated that the STBD Board intended "that the City will appoint a public oversight committee to advise on spending of Transportation District revenues collected under this Resolution."

The Transit Advisory Board is being created in part to serve as this public oversight committee.

- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
Yes. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will likely need to appoint existing staff to support the Transit Advisory Board, such as a Board liaison. This will be consistent with SDOT's work to support the current Freight, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Advisory Boards.
- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No.
- e) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No.
- f) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No.
- g) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**  
N/A
- h) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**  
N/A
- i) **Other Issues:**

List attachments below: