

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Add \$440,000 of REET I Capital Project Fund, \$1.56 million of REET II Capital Project Fund, and \$2 million of General Fund to SDOT for bridge maintenance programs

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: Yes Has Attachment: Yes

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2021 Increase (Decrease)	2022 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$2,000,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(2,000,000)	
Other Funds		
REET I Capital Fund (30010)		
Expenditures	\$440,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(440,000)	
REET II Capital Fund (30020)		
Expenditures	\$1,560,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(1,560,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(4,000,000)	

Budget Action Description:

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This Council Budget Action would fund three Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) bridge maintenance programs as follows:

- (1) \$440,000 of Real Estate Excise Tax I (REET I) for the Bridge Load Rating (MC-TR-C006) CIP Project;
- (2) \$1.56 million of REET II for a new Structures Major Maintenance (MC-TR-NEW10) CIP Project; and
- (3) \$2 million of General Fund for the Structures Maintenance program in the Bridges & Structures BSL.

This funding allows for increased capital and operating spending on bridge maintenance in response to the City Auditor's 2020 Bridge Maintenance Report. The City Auditor's report identified four existing SDOT programs as routine maintenance programs, including:

- (1) the Structures Engineering program in the Bridges & Structures BSL;
- (2) the Structures Maintenance program in the Bridges & Structures BSL;
- (3) the Bridge Load Rating (MC-TR-C006) CIP Project, and;
- (4) the Bridge Painting Program (MC-TR-007) CIP Project.

The City Auditor's report identified a minimum need for annual bridge maintenance based on a minimum one percent of total replacement cost of the fixed asset which is estimated at \$34 million per year. The 2021 Proposed Budget includes a total of \$12 million in 2021 for these four bridge maintenance programs. With the funding in this Council Budget Action, the budget for bridge maintenance programs will be increased to a total of \$16 million in 2021.

This Council Budget Action utilizes REET I, REET II, and General Fund identified in the City Budget Office's November revenue update. Expenditure of REET funds is restricted to CIP projects only. The additional funding for the Bridge Load Rating CIP Project would allow SDOT to inventory the condition of additional bridge assets and respond to the recommendations of the City Auditor's report. The creation of the new Structures Major Maintenance CIP Project provides for programmatic capital spending on bridge maintenance activities. The additional funding for the Structures Maintenance program would support additional maintenance spending on the City's bridges and roadway structures.

The impact of this Council Budget Action on the Bridge Load Rating CIP page is shown in Attachment A.

The new CIP page for the Structures Major Maintenance CIP Project is shown in Attachment B.

The City Auditor's 2020 Bridge Maintenance Report is available at:

http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/CityAuditor/auditreports/2020_03_SeattleBridges_FinalReport.pdf

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add GF for Structures Maintenance		0	0	SDOT - TR000	SDOT - BO-TR-17001 - Bridges & Structures	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$2,000,000
2	Add REET I for Bridge Load Rating CIP Project		0	0	SDOT - TR000	SDOT - BC-TR-19001 - Major Maintenance/Replacement	30010 - REET I Capital Fund	2021	\$0	\$440,000
3	Add REET II for new Structures Major Maintenance CIP Project		0	0	SDOT - TR000	SDOT - BC-TR-19001 - Major Maintenance/Replacement	30020 - REET II Capital Fund	2021	\$0	\$1,560,000