

## **SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE**

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### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

#### **Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE granting HST Lessee West Seattle LLC permission to continue maintaining and operating a pedestrian skybridge over and across Virginia Street, between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue, for a 15-year term, renewable for one successive 15-year term; specifying the conditions under which this permit is granted; and providing for the acceptance of the permit and conditions.

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

This legislation authorizes HST Lessee West Seattle LLC to continue maintaining and operating a pedestrian skybridge over and across Virginia Street for a 15-year term with one renewable 15-year term. This legislation specifies the conditions under which permission is granted.

SDOT reviewed the application to re-permit the skybridge in accordance with SMC 15.64.086.C. The skybridge met the following criteria: adequacy of horizontal and vertical clearance; no known conflicts with existing or proposed utilities, street lighting, or traffic control devices; it does not block views; there is no impact due to the reduction of natural light; there is no effect on commerce and enjoyment of neighboring land uses; and it provides an accessible route between the parking garage at 2000 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Westin Hotel at 1900 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

As the public benefit, HST Lessee West Seattle LLC completed maintenance of the iconic giant sequoia tree between Olive Way, Stewart Street, and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This work included changing the irrigation system to drip irrigation at the periphery of the root zone to prevent oversaturation; improving the soil conditions to provide the necessary nutrients, and removing the holiday lighting that had been girdling the tree, contributing to its decline. The new holiday lighting will be smaller and installed for shorter periods of time.

### **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Master Project I.D.:</b>	<b>Project Location:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>	<b>Total Project Cost Through 2030:</b>

### **3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Expenditure Change (\$); General Fund	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.
Expenditure Change (\$); Other Funds	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

Revenue Change (\$); General Fund	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.
Revenue Change (\$); Other Funds	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.
	Annual Fee: \$69,052.50	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Number of Positions	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.
Total FTE Change	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

### 3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

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

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2025 Revenue	2026 Estimated Revenue
Transportation Fund (13000)	SDOT	Annual Fee	\$69,052.50	TBD
TOTAL			\$69,052.50	TBD

### Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

The 2025 fee is based on the 2025 land values assessed by King County.

### 3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

No.

**If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.**

N/A

**Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.**  
If the legislation is not enacted by City Council, the City of Seattle will not receive the 2025 annual fee of \$69,052.50, and future annual fees.

#### **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?**

Yes, the HST Lessee West Seattle LLC property legally described in Section 1 of the Council Bill.

**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.**

This is a renewal of an existing term permit and will not have an impact on vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

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

N/A

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

N/A

**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.**

This is renewal of an existing term permit and is unlikely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way.

- 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.**

This is a renewal of an existing term permit and will not increase or decrease Seattle's ability to adapt to climate change in a material way.

- 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?**

N/A

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

N/A

## 5. ATTACHMENTS

### Summary Attachments:

Summary Attachment A – Westin Hotel Skybridge Area Map

Summary Attachment B – Westin Hotel Skybridge Photos

Summary Attachment C – Westin Hotel Skybridge Annual Fee Assessment Summary