

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 relating to the operation and maintenance of a new regional 800 MHz emergency public safety radio communication system; authorizing the Chief Technology Officer of the Seattle Information Technology Department to execute for and on behalf of The City of Seattle an interlocal agreement between The City of Seattle, King County, and the Cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton, and Tukwila for the purpose of creating a non-profit corporation, as provided under RCW 39.34.030, to own, operate, and maintain the regional emergency radio communication system that is being installed and developed under a separate interlocal agreement authorized by Ordinance 124685.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The King County 800 MHz radio system used by police, fire, and general government agencies is more than 20 years old and is unsupported by the manufacturer. It is jointly owned by four agencies: Seattle, King County, Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA, a consortium of five eastside cities) and Valley Communications Center (ValleyCom, a consortium of five south county cities).

The Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) project is implementing a new 800 MHz radio system to replace the legacy system. The PSERN system will include 60 radio transmitter sites and approximately 18,000 end user radios, and it will serve all major populated areas and highways in King County. The \$283M project is funded by a property tax levy approved by King County voters in April 2015. Implementation is expected to be complete in 2023.

Project governance is defined in an interlocal agreement, referred to as the “PSERN Implementation ILA,” between Seattle, King County, the EPSCA cities, and the ValleyCom cities. King County is the lead agency for implementation and manages the contract with the prime contractor. Seattle has one of four voting seats on the Joint Board governing the project and is represented by Seattle Fire Chief Scoggins.

When implementation is complete (in 2023), all assets and responsibility for operating and maintaining the PSERN system will transfer to a new government agency organized as a non-profit corporation that will own and manage the system going forward. The project partners developed a second interlocal agreement, referred to as the “PSERN Operator ILA,” to create this new non-profit corporation (the “PSERN Operator”) and establish terms for

governance and operations. The purpose of this legislation is to authorize execution of the PSERN Operator ILA.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes 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?

After implementation is complete (in 2023), Seattle will be able to decommission its portion of the legacy King County 800 MHz radio system. Seattle IT will make budget adjustments as part of the 2023-2024 budget process to reflect that change.

Starting at that same time, Seattle IT will no longer determine radio rates for City departments. Instead, radio rates will be set by the PSERN Operator (the formula for computing first-year rates is included in the PSERN Operator ILA). Initial PSERN radio rates are expected to be comparable to Seattle IT radio rates. Seattle IT will make budget adjustments as part of the 2023-2024 budget process to reflect this change.

Going forward, Seattle will have one of four voting seats on the Board of Directors and be able to influence PSERN Operator budget and rates.

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

Not implementing this legislation could create conflict with partner agencies and/or result in the loss of a voting seat on the Board of Directors.

All parties to the PSERN Implementation ILA committed, via a Memorandum of Agreement, to negotiating an agreement to create a non-profit corporation to operate and maintain the PSERN system. The PSERN Operator ILA is the result of that commitment. The current PSERN Operator ILA gives Seattle a voting seat on the Board of Directors and it is in the City's interest to retain that.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

Seattle IT will be lead for execution of the PSERN Operator ILA after approval.

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?

Not applicable

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)?

Not applicable

List attachments/exhibits below: