

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 127137
COUNCIL BILL 120886

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; amending Ordinance 126725, which adopted the 2023 Budget, including the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and lifting a proviso.

WHEREAS, in November 2020, Seattle voters approved the Seattle Transit Measure (STM), which imposes a 0.15 percent sales tax to fund increases in transit service, transit access programs and transit-related capital improvements as defined in Ordinance 126115; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 126115, as approved by voters, requires that at least 50 percent of annual STM revenues be spent on purchasing transit service hours and restricts capital spending to capital improvements that serve or enhance transit service; and

WHEREAS, in adopting the 2023 budget, the City Council included a Council Budget Action (CBA) – SDOT-502-C-001-2023 – which imposes a proviso dedicating \$12 million of voter-approved Seattle Transit Measure funds to bridge maintenance; and

WHEREAS, because SDOT has not been able to spend the full \$12 million on bridge maintenance projects with the nexus to transit required under the voter approved measure, the Executive is asking Council to lift the 2023 proviso in order to spend STM funds in a manner that meets the explicit requirements of the voter-approved measure;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The restrictions imposed by the following budget proviso are removed and they are no longer restrictions for any purpose including for subsection 1(b) of Ordinance 126725:

Item	Department	Council Budget Action	Proviso	Capital Improvement Project
1.1	Seattle Department of Transportation	SDOT-502-C-001-2023	"Of the appropriations in the Seattle Department of Transportation's 2023 budget for the Seattle Transportation Benefit District - Transit Improvements (MC-TR-C108) CIP project, \$12,000,000 is appropriated solely for bridge-related or structures-related transit improvements, and may be spent for no other purpose."	Seattle Transportation Benefit District – Transit Improvement (MC-TR-C108)

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code
Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the 21st day of November, 2024,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21st day of
November, 2024.



President _____ of the City Council

☒ Approved / ☐ returned unsigned / ☐ vetoed this 26th day of November, 2024.



Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this 27th day of November, 2024.



Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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