



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
CENTRAL STAFF

Council District Fund

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Context: Neighborhood Transportation Funding

- **Neighborhood Street Fund** (expired)
 - Used a three-year cycle for project identification/selection, design, and construction.
 - Project decisions by District Councils/participatory budgeting.
- **Other SDOT programs:**
 - Vision Zero
 - Safe Routes to Schools
 - Neighborhood-Initiated Safety Partnership
 - Neighborhood Scale Traffic Safety
- **Budget earmarks**

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- Initially proposed as the **District Project Fund** in the Mayor's May 2024 proposal for the 2024 Transportation Levy.
 - Council requested a proposal for implementation (Resolution 32137)
 - However, program was not included in final levy proposal (Ordinance 127053).
- **Council District Fund** established in the 2025 Adopted Budget and CIP.
 - Funds neighborhood-scale traffic safety improvements and other district priorities at the direction of the City Council.
 - Budget and CIP identified \$7 million in 2025 and \$7 million in 2026.
 - Any unspent funding automatically carries forward to future years.
 - No secured funding identified for 2027 or beyond.
 - **Funding under proviso: may not be spent until authorized by Council.**

Next Steps for Implementation

- Establish **operational procedures**.
 - Could be administrative or established by resolution.
 - Procedures are needed to:
 - Select projects and monitor program funding commitments.
 - Evaluate feasibility and develop project design and cost estimates.
 - Set expectations for Council, SDOT, and community.
- Lift **budget proviso**.
 - Requires ordinance to allow spending of program funds.

Questions?