

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Bitter Lake Reservoir Replacement Project; transferring partial jurisdiction of a portion of Seattle Public Utilities’ Bitter Lake Reservoir property to the Seattle Department of Transportation situated in a portion of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 26 North, Range 4 East, Willamette Meridian, and Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3, Allendale, designating the property for street and sidewalk purposes, and laying it off as right-of-way.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

In 1955, Seattle Public Utilities acquired the approximately 13.3-acre Bitter Lake Reservoir (BLR) property. The property was acquired through condemnation for utility purposes. An open reservoir was constructed on the site in 1958. In the 1990s, Federal and State drinking water regulations changed, prohibiting open reservoirs. In response, SPU installed a floating cover on the reservoir in 2003. As the floating cover neared the end of its service life, the utility initiated an options analysis to explore alternative solutions and, in 2022, committed to constructing a new, partially buried reinforced concrete reservoir. This project also presented an opportunity to open part of the site for public use.

As part of the Bitter Lake Reservoir Replacement project, SPU is required to bring the sidewalk on Linden Avenue North (between North 143rd and North 138th Streets) to current standards by widening it to six feet. A 610-square-foot portion of SPU property, adjacent to the existing right-of-way, is necessary to complete these sidewalk and related street improvements. SPU determined this area is not essential for current or future utility operations, therefore it needs to effectuate a transfer of partial jurisdiction to SDOT for the sidewalk right-of-way.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

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.

There are no financial impacts.

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.

None.

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.

SDOT will be affected by this legislation. SPU will be granting SDOT a sliver of land that will be used for street sidewalk right of way.

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, this legislation affects SPU's Bitter Lake Reservoir property. See Exhibit A attached.

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 legislation does not impact 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.

See Exhibit B attached.

- iii. **What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**
The project’s community engagement plan will be in alignment with OIRA’s language access best practices.

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 legislation will not increase or decrease carbon emissions.

- 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.**

No.

- 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?**

Not applicable.

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

No.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments:

Summary Exhibit A – Site Map

Summary Exhibit B – Racial Equity Toolkit