

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 Jackson Park; transferring jurisdiction of a portion of NE 130th Street from the Seattle Department of Transportation to Seattle Parks and Recreation for open space, park, and recreation purposes; transferring a portion of Jackson Park adjacent to NE 145th Street from Seattle Parks and Recreation to the Seattle Department of Transportation for transportation purposes; and finding, after a public hearing, that the exchange of property meets the requirements of Ordinance 118477 that adopted Initiative 42.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This proposed legislation authorizes Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to exchange property within the north end of Jackson Park, along NE 145th St, for a larger Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) property on NE 130th St, near the south end of Jackson Park (adjacent to the Licorice Fern Natural Area). This property swap is necessary to allow the City of Shoreline to advance a long-planned project that will improve safety and multimodal access to the 145th St Sound Transit Link Light Rail Station. Changing the geometry of NE 145th, which also has a state highway designation (SR 523), building roundabouts at the I-5 interchange, relocating and widening the sidewalk on the south side of the street (an SDOT asset currently on SPR property) and relocation of public and private utilities, both Seattle and Shoreline residents will see safety benefits on a street where the center line effectively serves as the boundary between the two cities.

Given the ecological value of the Licorice Fern property currently held by SDOT (riparian and steep slope critical areas), the larger size of this parcel compared with the northside Jackson Park parcel SPR will give up, and because the Jackson Park parcel is outside the existing golf course fencing so close to I-5 right-of-way, allowing very limited public access to the park, SPR finds this property exchange is consistent with Initiative 42, the 1997 citizen initiative intended to preserve City parkland. Shoreline's improvements avoid direct negative impacts to Jackson Park while improving the park's loop trail and will replace any trees removed by a 2 to 1 ratio. The SDOT property was platted and therefore was not purchased with restricted funds that would have complicated the exchange.

SPR recommends the exchange of a property between SPR and SDOT at Jackson Park. SPR has determined the proposed exchange properties are of equivalent or larger size, value and serving the same usefulness and park purpose. This finding is affirmed by the Shoreline's preliminary 4(f) *de minimis* impact determination as reflected in the project's environmental documentation. This property exchange is necessary because there is no reasonable and practical alternative for the City of Shoreline improvements. Consistent with Ordinance

118477, the City Council, through its Public Assets and Homelessness Committee, will hold a public hearing regarding an exchange of property between the SPR and SDOT.

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?
No

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Without this property trade, SPR will not be able to meet I-42 requirements, which would prevent the City of Shoreline from embarking on elements of the project that bring improvements to Jackson Park and benefits Seattle residents, Jackson Park visitors and regional commuters with significant safety and access improvements.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
SDOT
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
Yes.
- c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No.
- d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
Yes, see maps attached to the Council Bill.
- e. 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?
The transfer of property will enhance recreational opportunities in a part of the city with increasing racial and economic diversity.
- f. **Climate Change Implications**
 1. **Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**
This transfer of property will enhance and protect the Licorice Fern Natural Area on the south end of Jackson Park, including trees along the Thornton Creek watershed.

- 2. 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.**

The proposed legislation will provide a minor resiliency benefit by ensuring a small amount of increased buffer in the Thornton Creek watershed on the south end of Jackson Park.

- 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)?**

N/A