

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:

A RESOLUTION relating to Sound Transit; providing recommendations to the Sound Transit Board as to the selection of the Preferred Alternative for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project to be studied in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

In 2016, voters approved the Sound Transit 3 transit measure which included extensions of Link light rail system to West Seattle and to Ballard. Sound Transit has completed its Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and the Sound Transit Board is expected to select a Preferred Alternative for the project to be studied in the Final Environmental Impact Statement in June 2022. This resolution would make recommendations to the Sound Transit Board on the selection of a Preferred Alternative on behalf of the City.

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?

This legislation makes recommendations to the Sound Transit Board. There are no direct financial impacts to the City as a result of this legislation.

The City’s role and financial impacts in the development and permitting of the project are established by a separate Partnering Agreement (Resolution 31788) and a Project Administration Agreement (Ordinance 125563). This legislation acknowledges the potential for third-party funding and other forms of support from the City, consistent with past Sound Transit Board actions, and recommends that third-party funding contributions to the project be considered after the Final Environmental Impact Statement is complete and updated cost estimates and project impacts are known.

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

This legislation makes recommendations to the Sound Transit Board. If the legislation were not approved, the City and its two members on the Sound Transit Board would have no formal position to advocate for in board deliberations on the Preferred Alternative.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

The recommendations in this legislation are informed by a City-wide review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that was coordinated by SDOT, and extensive engagement in communities across the city. This legislation would support the Mayor and the Council President, as part of the Sound Transit Board, in determining the Preferred Alignment for the project in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

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?

No.

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 City has partnered with Sound Transit to perform a Racial Equity Toolkit analysis around the proposed Chinatown/International District and Delridge stations to inform decision making process for the project. Based on that analysis and the City's review of the DEIS, this legislation identifies that additional work is necessary, particularly in the Chinatown/International District, to develop additional project refinements and mitigations before a Preferred Alternative is selected that will impact these historically disadvantaged communities.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

This legislation makes recommendations for the expansion of the Sound Transit Link light rail system. When built, this expansion will provide a transit alternative to internal combustion engines and reflects the City's policies for reducing transportation carbon emissions.

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.

This legislation makes recommendations for the expansion of the Sound Transit Link light rail system. The legislation does not directly address climate resiliency.

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)?

Sound Transit's West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension project will implement a portion of Seattle's vision for a high-capacity transit network, identified in the Transit Master Plan.

Summary Attachments: None