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*Primary Sponsor



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

ARTS-010-B

Proviso \$100,000 admissions tax (2025) in ARTS for cultural planning

SPONSORS

Tammy Morales, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$100,000 admissions tax in the Office of Arts and Culture (ARTS) in 2025 for cultural planning. The cultural planning efforts would help ARTS evaluate the strengths, resources, and overall status of the arts and cultural landscape in Seattle. The intent is for these efforts to provide a comprehensive picture of the creative economy in Seattle and mapping of Seattle's arts and cultural assets, including wages and strategies to keep artists in Seattle. It would inform ARTS' identification of key priorities and programming and establish an ongoing role for community stakeholders in guiding these Citywide investments. In 2024, ARTS engaged in an internal strategic planning process and would use this work to frame an external facing cultural planning process to gauge the status of the creative economy so that ARTS can partner with community to develop a broader vision and set of goals and objectives. Community members have expressed strong interest in participating more in the allocation of and investment decisions of these resources and the cultural planning process would support such a process to program resources. The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget included \$2.5 million in admissions tax funds for the Downtown Activation Plan. This proviso would require that \$100,000 of that funding is used for cultural planning.



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriation in the Office of Arts and Culture's 2025 budget for the Arts and Cultural Programs Budget Summary Level (BO-AR-VA160) for Downtown Activation Plan initiatives, \$100,000 is appropriated solely for cultural planning and may be used for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

ARTS-011S-A

Request that ARTS create citywide and municipal arts plans

SPONSORS

Maritza Rivera, Tanya Woo, Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Arts and Culture (ARTS) provide a citywide plan for arts and culture and a new municipal arts plan.

Citywide art plan:

The Council requests that ARTS work with all City departments that receive funding for purposes related to arts and culture to collaborate on a plan that would govern arts and cultural investments across the City. This Citywide plan would address admissions tax, General Fund, and JumpStart funding. 1% for Arts/public art funding would be covered by the municipal arts plan described below. The intent of the plan is to create a framework by which ARTS serves as a central repository of information about how arts funding across the departments is being spent, both by ARTS and by other departments. The Council requests that ARTS collaborate with other departments to set Citywide goals for arts and cultural programming and investments. The plan should include data and outcomes for each department program and investment.

Municipal arts plan:

The City's 1% for Arts program requires that appropriations for construction projects include an amount equal to one percent of the estimated cost of each project to support public works of art. Expenditure of these and additional funds used for public art are guided by a municipal arts plan. Seattle Municipal Code Section 20.32.040.A requires that ARTS "[p]repare, adopt and amend with the Mayor's approval a plan and guidelines to carry out the City's art program, which shall include, but not be limited to a method or methods for the selection of artists or works of art and for placement of works of art." Since 2016, the municipal arts plan has not included a narrative description that includes the following information:

- Describe new projects public arts funding will support;
- Compare the size and number of new projects to the size and number of projects funded since 2015;
- Explain how ARTS conducts outreach and community engagement, particularly to communities of color who are underrepresented in the arts and culture sector; and
- Provide an annual balance of unprogrammed funds carried over since 2015.

The Council requests that ARTS provide the information described above in its municipal arts plan in 2025.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

CARE-102S-A

Request CARE and HSD report on potential LEAD transfer

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Rob Saka, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would request that the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department coordinate with the Human Services Department (HSD) to provide a written report to the Public Safety Committee, by no later than April 1, 2025, describing a plan to transfer contract administration and oversight of the City's contract for Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program from HSD to CARE. This report should include information on the feasibility, cost, and anticipated timeline of shifting LEAD contract administration to CARE from HSD, and any other relevant information on considerations necessary to ensure continuity of LEAD services and case management coordination.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: April 1, 2025



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

FG-104S-A

Request that Central Staff develop legislation to impose a professional services excise tax

SPONSORS

Tammy Morales, Rob Saka, Cathy Moore

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that Council Central Staff develop legislation that would impose a one percent excise tax on professional services, including, but not limited to, services provided by realtors, architects, accountants, and consultants. Legislation responsive to this request should be available for review by the Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments Committee no later than June 30, 2025.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

FG-105S-A

Request that Central Staff develop legislation to impose a digital advertising excise tax

SPONSORS

Tammy Morales, Rob Saka, Cathy Moore

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that Council Central Staff develop legislation that would impose a five percent tax on digital advertising services, or ads on a digital interface, including banner advertising, search engine advertising, interstitial advertising, and other comparable advertising services. A digital interface is any type of software, including a website, part of a website, or application, that a user is able to access. Legislation responsive to this SLI should be provided to the Finance, Native Communities, & Tribal Governments Committee no later than June 30, 2025.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025



2025 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

HSD-024-A

Proviso \$350,000 in HSD for a seasonal winter weather shelter in District 5

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Sara Nelson, Tanya Woo

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Amendment would impose a proviso of \$350,000 on the Human Services Department (HSD) for purposes of funding a seasonal winter shelter in District 5. Council's intent is that King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) underspend from its 2024 Master Services Agreement with HSD be utilized for this CBA.

KCRHA would administer this funding and should seek proposals in a manner that allowed for timely opening of the shelter in winter 2025. Funding should be used for proposals that meet the following criteria: 1) a seasonal weather shelter open continuously during winter months (ideally from November - March); 2) at a facility with capacity to also be used as an enhance day shelter; and 3) with a provider that has demonstrated expertise with coordinated entry into permanent housing, such as Lake City Partners.

During severe winter weather (such as extreme cold or snow) KCRHA partners with the City to open temporary severe weather shelters at City Hall and the Seattle Center. These severe weather shelters are usually open for a period of a few days to a week and close once the severe weather event is over. There are currently no severe weather shelters available in North Seattle. There are no seasonal weather shelters, open continuously during the winter months, anywhere in Seattle. KCRHA anticipates utilizing \$900,000 annually in 2025 and 2026 for purposes of responding to severe weather events, including severe winter weather, severe heat and poor air quality due to smoke.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the Human Service Department's budget for Addressing Homelessness (HSD - BO-HS-H3000 - Addressing Homelessness), \$350,000 is appropriated solely for a seasonal winter weather shelter, open continuously through the winter, in District 5. This proviso will be removed if HSD provides a report to the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee demonstrating this CBA has been funded by another source, such as 2024 KCRHA underspend."

ATTACHMENT: No



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

HSD-035-A

Increase HSD by \$315,000 JumpStart Fund one-time (2025) for youth violence prevention activities, decrease SPR by \$315,000 JumpStart Fund one-time (2025) for youth connector, and impose a proviso

SPONSORS

Joy Hollingsworth, Tanya Woo, Sara Nelson

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase the Human Services Department (HSD) by \$315,000 JumpStart Fund one-time in 2025 for youth violence prevention activities. This CBA would decrease Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) by \$315,000 JumpStart Fund one-time in 2025 for planned 'Youth Connector' work. This CBA would impose a proviso on \$315,000 JumpStart Fund in the Human Services Department (HSD) in 2025 to fund specific organizations engaging in youth activities programming.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's (HSD's) 2025 Payroll Expense Tax budget, \$315,000 is appropriated solely to award funding for the following youth activities programming to contribute to violence prevention, and may be spent for no other purpose:

\$25,000 for Avela;

\$25,000 for Hip-Hop is Green;

\$50,000 for Rise Above;

\$25,000 for Holgate Church Afterschool Program – Student & Family Support;

\$15,000 for Colored Girls Garden Club;

\$25,000 for The Good Foot;

\$25,000 for Seattle Central Little League;

\$25,000 for First State Golf Club;

\$25,000 for Northwest Greyhounds;

\$25,000 for Boys & Girls Club Rotary Girls Basketball Team;

\$25,000 for The Breakfast Group; and,

\$25,000 for the Seattle Theatre Group - STG AileyCamp.

The Council has identified the above listed entities for this funding and requests that the HSD Director waive the requirements of Seattle Municipal Code subsection 3.20.050.B, as authorized by subsection 3.20.050.C.



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
HSD	Preparing Youth for Success	14500-BO-HS-H2000	2025		\$315,000
SPR	Leadership and Administration	14500-BO-PR-20000	2025		\$(315,000)



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

HSD-036-A

Increase HSD by \$100,000 GF (2025) for contracted services to We Deliver Care and reduce CBO by \$100,000 GF (2025) for Payroll Expense Tax evaluation

SPONSORS

Tanya Woo, Cathy Moore, Robert Kettle

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase the Human Services Department (HSD) budget by \$100,000 GF in 2025 (one-time) for contracted public safety improvement services in the Little Saigon area of the Chinatown International District neighborhood. The Council has identified We Deliver Care for this funding and requests that the HSD Director waive the requirements of Seattle Municipal Code subsection 3.20.050.B, as authorized by subsection 3.20.050.C. This CBA would decrease the City Budget Office (CBO) budget by \$100,000 GF in 2025 by reducing funding intended for an evaluation of the JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax (PET).

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
CBO	City Budget Office	00100-BO-CB-CZ000	2025		\$(100,000)
HSD	Supporting Safe Communities	00100-BO-HS-H4000	2025		\$100,000



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

HSD-039-A

Increase HSD by \$527,000 JumpStart Fund (2025) and \$527,000 JumpStart Fund (2026) for homelessness prevention services and decrease SDCI by \$527,000 JumpStart Fund (2025) and \$527,000 JumpStart Fund (2026) for tenant services

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera, Sara Nelson

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Human Services Department (HSD) by \$527,000 JumpStart Fund in 2025 and \$527,000 JumpStart Fund in 2026 and decrease appropriations to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) by \$527,000 JumpStart Fund in 2025 and \$527,000 JumpStart Fund in 2026. This would transfer funds from SDCI to HSD.

The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget would appropriate \$1.76 million to SDCI for tenant services, of which \$527,000 would be used for rent arrears through contracts with organizations that provide eviction legal defense. This action transfers the rent arrears appropriation to HSD to cover rent arrears with the intent that disbursement be made upon notification of eviction settlement and upon the household remaining housed.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
HSD	Addressing Homelessness	16200-BO-HS-H3000	2025		\$527,000
SDCI	Compliance	14500-BO-CI-U2400	2025		\$(527,000)
HSD	Addressing Homelessness	16200-BO-HS-H3000	2026		\$527,000
SDCI	Compliance	14500-BO-CI-U2400	2026		\$(527,000)



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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HSD-040S-A

Request that HSD report on how best to distribute rental assistance to ensure maximum distribution to households at risk of homelessness or eviction or currently homeless or in eviction proceedings

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Tammy Morales, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that prior to issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Homelessness Prevention services that the Human Services Department (HSD) submit a report to the Council with the following information:

- A description of research on best practices regarding identifying and targeting households most at risk for homelessness for prophylactic as well as immediate need rental assistance.
- An explanation of how the approach in the RFP incorporates identified best practices.
- The results of a racial equity toolkit regarding deployment of rental assistance, which should include an analysis of the costs and benefits of deploying rental assistance through multiple community-based organizations (CBOs) as compared to a single large organization, such as United Way. The analysis should include potential strategies to have a single organization administer funding while preserving access to rental assistance funding for communities served by CBOs.
- A description of outcome data that will be collected for organizations receiving rental assistance funds.
- A timeline for releasing the RFP.

Background: Homeless prevention contracts were transferred to the King County Regional Homelessness in 2022, along with other homeless service contracts. In mid-2024, the Executive announced that the contracts would be transitioned back to HSD, beginning in fall of the same year. Currently, HSD contracts with eleven community-based organizations for rental assistance. In 2025, the total annual contract amounts are anticipated to be \$4.6 million, with \$2.4 million from the general fund and \$2.2 million from the Housing Levy (another approximately \$200,000 of Housing Levy dollars is used to cover administrative costs associated with deploying the funds). Additionally, HSD will receive investment earnings from the Housing Levy Rental Production and Preservation fund balances that must be used as rental assistance, as required in the Housing Levy Administrative and Financial (A&F Plan) Plan adopted by Council in 2024.

The A&F Plan also provides the requirements for eligible households and use of funds for any homelessness prevention services funded by the Housing Levy. Eligible uses include rent payments, rent or utility arrears and security deposits.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

HSD-041-A

Increase HSD by \$3.3 million JumpStart Fund (2025) for rental assistance

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Rob Saka, Tammy Morales

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$(3,300,000)	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(3,300,000)	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriation to the Human Services Department (HSD) by \$3.3 million JumpStart Fund in 2025 (one-time) for homelessness prevention through rental assistance.

In 2025, the total annual contract amounts for rental assistance are anticipated to be \$4.6 million. Additionally, HSD will receive investment earnings from the Housing Levy Rental Production and Preservation fund balances that must be used as rental assistance, as required in the Housing Levy Administrative and Financial (A&F Plan) Plan adopted by Council in 2024. That amount is anticipated to be \$1.9 million in 2025 (see HSD-001-A-1). With this CBA total appropriations for rental assistance in 2025 would be \$10 million.

Funding for this proposal would be drawn from fund balance in the JumpStart Fund. This fund balance is a one-time revenue source. This one-time spending will not impact the long-term sustainability of the JumpStart Fund in the future but will reduce the near-term fund balance. In addition, using the available fund balance for current needs means that it will not be available to address a situation in which JumpStart revenues fall short of forecast, or to address the year-to-year growth in costs associated with programs and services funded by JumpStart revenues. These were the specific purposes for which the Executive had designated the available fund balance.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
HSD	Addressing Homelessness	14500-BO-HS-H3000	2025		\$3,300,000



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

HSD-042-A

Increase HSD by \$250,000 JumpStart Fund (2025) for Housing Connector and decrease FG by \$250,000 JumpStart Fund (2025) for World Cup preparation

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Rob Saka, Tanya Woo

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Human Services Department (HSD) by \$250,000 JumpStart Fund in 2025 (one-time) for expansion of a pilot to develop a centralized, real-time system to identify affordable residential rental vacancies for persons at risk of homelessness. This CBA would reduce proposed appropriations to Finance General (FG) by \$250,000 JumpStart Fund in 2025 for World Cup preparation and support. The 2025 - 2026 Proposed Budget establishes a reserve for City-incurred costs related to hosting World Cup matches.

Council has identified Housing Connector for this funding and requests that the HSD Director waive the requirements of subsection 3.20.050.B, as authorized by subsection 3.20.050.C.

This CBA does not impact the projected ongoing operating GF deficit in the 2027-2028 biennium.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
FG	General Purpose	14500-BO-FG-2QD00	2025		\$(250,000)
HSD	Addressing Homelessness	14500-BO-HS-H3000	2025		\$250,000



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

HSD-043-A

Proviso \$29.5 million in funding for shelters serving people experiencing homelessness

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action would impose a proviso on \$29.5 million GF in the Human Services Department's (HSD) Addressing Homelessness BSL (HSD-BO-HS-3000). This amount is equivalent to six months of HSD GF funding for contracts for shelters for people experiencing homelessness; those contracts are administered by the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. The total appropriations for shelter contracts funded with GF in 2025 is \$59 million, so this CBA would impose a proviso on all but \$29.5 million of HSD's Addressing Homelessness BSL. The proviso would be lifted when HSD submits a report providing data on current shelter contract requirements regarding proactive outreach for substance abuse disorder treatments and Good Neighbor Agreements (GNAs).

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

"\$29.5 million of the money appropriated in the 2025 budget for the Human Service Department's (HSD) Addressing Homelessness BSL (HSD-BO-HS-3000) may not be spent for shelter contracts, until HSD has provided a report to the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee, that addresses the following questions regarding existing 2025 shelter contracts:

- 1) Do contracts require shelter providers to include a plan to proactively address substance use disorder (including via regular offers of medication assistance, mobile health clinic access, and assistance accessing treatment)? Is renewal of a contract contingent on the existence of such a plan? Is renewal contingent on compliance with this plan? How is compliance monitored?
- 2) Do contracts require a Good Neighbor Agreement that is in existence for the life of the project?
- 3) Are contract renewals contingent on documented compliance with the Good Neighbor Agreement?
- 4) What, if any, minimum standards are included in the contract regarding the parameters of Good Neighbor Agreements?
- 5) Do contracts require providers to engage with community members via regular community meetings, surveys, etc. to identify areas of concern by community members?
- 6) How is community input regarding provider compliance with GNAs gathered?

ATTACHMENT: No



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

OH-005S-A

Request OH to provide quarterly vacancy data reports on city-funded rental housing projects

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera, Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Office of Housing (OH) to provide the City Council with quarterly vacancy data reports on city-funded rental housing projects. The initial report would be due on April 1, 2025.

OH currently reviews vacancy information for the over 350 City-funded rental housing buildings containing over 18,000 units, as part of an annual reporting requirement for such buildings. This review is done as part of OH's asset management functions. When needed, OH staff work with other public funding entities from King County, the State Department of Commerce, and the Washington State Housing Finance Commission to address issues identified in the annual reports. In addition, OH has created a committee to discuss strategies to engage providers with particularly troubled projects. Finally, OH is working on improvements to vacancy reporting including collaborating with other public funders to improve the statewide web based annual reporting system (WBARS) that tracks project level performance data including vacancy rates. Modifications are being made to WBARS to track vacancy data even more accurately.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: April 1, 2025



2025 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

OH-007-A

Proviso \$7 million in OH for operating, maintenance, and services funding for Permanent Supportive Housing projects

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on funds equivalent to six months of Office of Housing (OH) funding for operating, maintenance and services (OMS) contracts for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The total appropriations for OMS PSH contracts in 2025 is \$14 million, so this CBA would impose a proviso on all but \$7 million of OH's Multi-Family Housing Budget Summary Level (BSL). The proviso would be lifted when OH submits a report providing data on current contract requirements regarding pro-active outreach for substance abuse disorder treatments and Good Neighbor Agreements (GNAs).

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

"\$7 million of the money appropriated in the 2025 budget for the Office of Housing's Multifamily Housing Budget Summary Level (OH-BO-HU-3000) may not be spent for operating, maintenance and services contracts for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects, until the Office of Housing has provided a report to the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee, or successor Committee, that addresses the following questions regarding existing 2025 PSH contracts:

- 1) Do contracts require PSH providers to include a plan to proactively address substance use disorder (including via regular offers of medication assistance, mobile health clinic access, and assistance accessing treatment)? Is renewal of a contract contingent on the existence of such a plan? Is renewal contingent on compliance with this plan? How is compliance monitored?
- 2) Do contracts require a Good Neighbor Agreement that is in existence for the life of the project?
- 3) Are contract renewals contingent on documented compliance with the Good Neighbor Agreement?
- 4) What, if any, minimum standards are included in the contract regarding the parameters of Good Neighbor Agreements?
- 5) Do contracts require providers to engage with community members via regular community meetings, surveys, etc. to identify areas of concern by community members?
- 6) How is community input regarding provider compliance with GNAs gathered?"

ATTACHMENT: No



2025 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

OPCD-004-A

Proviso \$350,000 JumpStart Fund in OPCD for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Comprehensive Plan

SPONSORS

Tammy Morales, Cathy Moore, Joy Hollingsworth

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$350,000 JumpStart Fund in the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan to study changes in Regional Centers and Urban Centers to consider additional density in those areas and to ensure that alternatives studied under the SEIS consider strategies to promote homeownership.

The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget for OPCD adds \$350,000 in JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax funds for development of an SEIS. The SEIS is intended to "support proposed zoning changes within existing Regional and Urban Centers with the goal of allowing more height and development capacity for housing." These changes were not part of the scope for the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan EIS, scheduled to be released in December 2024, and were therefore not analyzed. Many Urban Centers include areas where residents have owned their homes for decades, sometimes for generations. The proviso would require that any such SEIS identify where legacy homeowners reside and study alternatives that improve homeownership opportunities, including strategies to support legacy homeowners in staying in their homes, support homeowners in redeveloping their property if they desire, and support homeownership in new multifamily projects.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriation in the 2025 budget for the Office of Planning and Community Development's (OPCD's) Planning Budget Summary Level (PO-PC-X2P00), \$350,000 is appropriated solely to be used for the purpose of retaining a consultant or consultants to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to study zoning changes within Regional and Urban Centers, and other related changes OPCD determines should be studied. If it is determined that an SEIS is warranted based on the probable environmental impacts of those changes, OPCD shall contract for consultant assistance to prepare the SEIS. The appropriation may not be used for any other purpose.



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If OPCD determines that an SEIS is necessary for the zoning changes they are considering, the SEIS must include, but is not limited to:

1. A definition of legacy homeowner, and an analysis of where legacy homeowners reside in relation to the areas studied for rezoning under the SEIS;
2. At least one alternative that includes strategies to support legacy homeowners interested in staying in their homes;
3. At least one strategy to support homeowners in redeveloping their property if they desire; and
4. At least one strategy that incorporates tools to increase homeownership in multifamily zones and development.

The areas of study 2-4 identified above may be combined into one alternative or studied separately."

ATTACHMENT: No

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

OPCD-005S-A

Request that OPCD develop a plan to support small business economic development through the Equitable Development Initiative

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) work with the Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board (EDIAB) and the Office of Economic Development (OED) to develop and report to Council on a plan to 1) expand the eligibility of Equitable Development Initiative (EDI) funding specifically for small business development, support, and ownership through programs such as the Tenant Improvement Fund, the Business Community Ownership Fund, and others; and 2) support the creation of spaces designed to meet the needs of future small business tenants in EDI projects. The Council's intent is to support the growth of businesses owned by Black, Brown, and BIPOC, immigrants, and refugees to advance economic mobility and opportunity and prevent commercial displacement. Council requests that OPCD transmit its report by June 2nd, 2025 and provide a briefing to the Land Use Committee prior to issuance of any Request for Proposals (RFP) for EDI funding in 2025.

Background

The EDI program was developed to fund community-initiated and community-led equitable capital development projects in communities facing the risk of displacement. It funds projects that address more than one of the following six drivers of equity:

1. Advance economic mobility and opportunity;
2. Prevent residential, commercial, and cultural displacement;
3. Build on local cultural assets;
4. Promote transportation mobility and connectivity;
5. Develop healthy and safe neighborhoods; and
6. Enable equitable access to all neighborhoods.

To date, the EDI program has supported 75 unique, equitable development projects with grants of approximately \$116.5 million awarded over nine award cycles, including a dozen projects that provide space for small businesses as part of mixed-use buildings, often at the ground floor of low-income housing developments. Other EDI projects support economic development activities, such as workforce development programs or small business support. Projects that do not include commercial space are instead providing space for culturally relevant arts and culture programs, human services, health care, community-building, community open space, and other programs to maintain and support communities at risk of displacement.



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In the 2022 budget, the Council adopted SLI OED-011-A-001 asking OED, the Office of Housing (OH) and OPCD develop a plan to coordinate community investments. That report, contained in Clerk File (CF) 322498 has resulted in regular meetings between the three departments where they identify shared priorities and opportunities to leverage multiple and distinct City funding sources for equitable development projects.

In the summer of 2024, through Ordinance 127036, the Council requested that OPCD provide a status report on each project funded by the EDI program and results of a program evaluation. The report, contained in CF 323183, stated that approximately ten percent of EDI project sponsors who responded to a survey, were interested in more support for small businesses through policy and funding changes to increase economic opportunities for their communities.

OPCD intends to undertake a strategic planning process in 2025 that will engage grantees and program stakeholders on ways to turn recommendations for program improvements into actions and strategies that best support inclusive growth and anti-displacement in Seattle, particularly for marginalized communities most at risk.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Land Use

DUE DATE: June 2, 2025



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

SCL-001-A

Proviso \$1 million Light Fund in SCL for Pinehurst Underground Cable Replacement

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Rob Saka, Tanya Woo

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$1 million of Light Fund in Seattle City Light (SCL) to fund the survey, condition assessment and preliminary estimates for the replacement of aging underground power cables in the Pinehurst area. SCL would undertake this work in 2025 to inform a future underground cable reliability construction project and the related budget needs. SCL estimates that \$1 million in funding would be needed for this effort in 2025 with work likely continuing into 2026 along with a funding carry-forward.

The Pinehurst area is diverse and has experienced severe power outages resulting from failing underground power cables. The Mayor proposes Comprehensive Plan and associated zoning changes as part of the One Seattle Major Update that could result in significantly increased density, if adopted. If densities in the Pinehurst area do increase, then this cable replacement becomes even more critical to providing reliable power to the area.

SCL has prioritized the replacement of underground power cables in the utility's service area based on power outage data and customer feedback. Currently, Pinehurst, Capitol Hill, and View Ridge are among SCL's underground service areas where the utility needs to replace old systems of underground cables, but these areas aren't scheduled for system rebuilds in the next two years. Magnolia & Queen Anne are the next areas SCL currently plans to replace underground systems in, because those neighborhoods are where SCL has the greatest number of power outages due to the aging systems. A proviso of \$1 million in the Underground Equipment Replacements CIP Project for Pinehurst would not delay or negatively impact the work for other areas.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso: "Of the appropriations in the Seattle City Light's 2025 budget for the Seattle City Light's Underground Equipment Replacements CIP project (MC-CL-YR8353), \$1 million is appropriated solely for the survey, condition assessment and preliminary estimates for the replacement of failing underground power cables in the Pinehurst area and may be spent for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

SDCI-005-A

Increase SDCI by \$456,000 JumpStart Fund (2025) and \$456,000 JumpStart Fund (2026) to restore tenant services; and reduce OED by \$456,000 JumpStart Fund (2025) and \$456,000 JumpStart Fund (2026) for Downtown Activation Plan activation, intergovernmental coordination, and Metropolitan Improvement District support

SPONSORS

Tammy Morales, Joy Hollingsworth, Cathy Moore

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) by \$206,000 JumpStart Fund in 2025 and \$250,000 GF in 2025 and by \$206,000 JumpStart Fund in 2026 and \$250,000 GF in 2026, for a total of \$456,000 in 2025 and \$456,000 in 2026 to increase funding for tenant services grants and contracts.

The CBA would also decrease proposed appropriations to the Office of Economic Development (OED) by \$206,000 JumpStart Fund in 2025 and \$250,000 GF in 2025 and by \$206,000 JumpStart Fund in 2026 and \$250,000 GF in 2026, for a total of \$456,000 in 2025 and \$456,000 in 2026. Decreased appropriations to OED would partially reduce funding for Downtown Activation Plan (DAP) activities, including Westlake Park activation, South Downtown Intergovernmental coordination, and support to the Metropolitan Improvement District (MID).

The 2024 Adopted Budget appropriated \$2.5 million to SDCI for contracts and grants with tenant services organizations that provide education for landlords and tenants on the City's regulations, outreach, case management, eviction legal defense, and other services for tenants and landlords. The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget would appropriate \$1.8 million to SDCI for tenant services grants and contracts.

This CBA, together with SDCI-002-A, which would increase proposed tenant services appropriations by \$355,000 JumpStart Fund in 2025 and \$355,000 JumpStart Fund in 2026, would restore tenant services funding to 2024 baseline levels.

ATTACHMENT: No



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TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OED	Business Services	00100-BO-ED-X1D00	2025		\$(250,000)
OED	Leadership and Administration	14500-BO-ED-ADMIN	2025		\$(206,000)
SDCI	Compliance	00100-BO-CI-U2400	2025		\$250,000
SDCI	Compliance	14500-BO-CI-U2400	2025		\$206,000
OED	Business Services	00100-BO-ED-X1D00	2026		\$(250,000)
OED	Leadership and Administration	14500-BO-ED-ADMIN	2026		\$(206,000)
SDCI	Compliance	00100-BO-CI-U2400	2026		\$250,000
SDCI	Compliance	14500-BO-CI-U2400	2026		\$206,000



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V1

SDCI-006-A

Proviso appropriations in SDCI for tenant services grants and contracts

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera, Rob Saka

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose two provisos on all appropriations to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' (SDCI's) Compliance Budget Summary Level (SDCI-BO-CI-U2400-Compliance) for tenant services grants and contracts. The second proviso related to eviction legal defense limits spending consistent with federal and state indigent defense standards. The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget would appropriate \$1.8 million to SDCI for tenant services grants and contracts.

This CBA would impose the following provisos:

"Of the appropriations for tenant services grants and contracts in the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' Compliance Budget Summary Level (SDCI-BO-CI-U2400-Compliance), all appropriations are solely for education of tenants and landlords on landlord tenant law, staffing a live tenant hotline, referrals for and assistance with securing rental assistance, mediation, interpretation services, and eviction legal defense and may be spent for no other purposes."

"The appropriation for tenant services grants and contracts in the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' Compliance Budget Summary Level (SDCI-BO-CI-U2400-Compliance) for eviction defense legal proceedings is limited to clients with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and may be used for no other purpose. Income verification confirmation must be submitted quarterly to SDCI."

ATTACHMENT: No



2025-2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

SDOT-101-A

Eliminate Unsecured Funding (2030) in SDOT for the Culture Connector CIP project

SPONSORS

Robert Kettle, Rob Saka, Cathy Moore

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2025 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would remove reference to \$410 million of unsecured funding in 2030 for the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) Culture Connector Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project (MC-TR-C040). The impact of this CBA on the Culture Connector CIP page is shown in Attachment A. This CBA anticipates that the Executive will work to resolve any outstanding grant obligations related to the project, propose the abandonment of existing capital appropriations for the project in separate legislation, and work towards removing the Culture Connector from the CIP.

The Culture Connector (also known as the Center City Streetcar) would connect the South Lake Union Streetcar with the First Hill Streetcar through a 1.3 mile alignment in Downtown Seattle. The project was halted in 2018 due to concerns over cost escalation and design specifications. SDOT most recently reassessed the project in 2023 and identified a project cost estimate of \$410 million, which included \$74 million for utility relocation and \$90 million for structural upgrades to bridges, areaways, and roads to bear the weight of streetcar operations. The \$410 million cost estimate is reflected in the Culture Connector CIP Page as Unsecured Funding in 2030, and no appropriations are included in the 2025-2030 Proposed CIP.

ATTACHMENT: Yes

Culture Connector

Project No:	MC-TR-C040	BSL Code:	BC-TR-19003
Project Type:	Discrete	BSL Name:	Mobility-Capital
Project Category:	New Facility	Location:	Various
Current Project Stage:	Stage 3 - Design	Council District:	Council District 7
Start/End Date:		Neighborhood District:	Multiple
Total Project Cost:	\$460,000	Urban Village:	Multiple

The Culture Connector (formerly the Center City Connector) is a 1.27-mile segment of the Seattle Streetcar that will link the South Lake Union and First Hill Streetcar lines, creating a system that will connect over a dozen Seattle neighborhoods in Seattle's Center City. The project includes procurement of up to ten additional streetcars and design and construction of track and guideway; station shelters and platforms; overhead contact system; traction power substation; storage facility expansion; roadway and drainage; ADA curb ramps; curb space management; and urban streetscape. The project was put on indefinite pause in July 2020 in response to Citywide budget shortfalls caused by Covid-19.

Resources	LTD Actuals	2024 Revised	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
City Light Fund Revenues	805	4,447	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,251
Commercial Parking Tax	784	(284)	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Drainage and Wastewater Rates	2,393	1,179	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,572
Federal Grant Funds	13,720	(2,164)	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,556
Interfund Loan	412	588	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
LTGO Bond Proceeds	4,701	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,701
Street Vacations - CRSU	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Street Vacations - SVF	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Surplus Property Sales	2,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,450
Transportation Funding Package - Lid Lift	1,375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,375
Transportation Network Company Revenue	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Vehicle Licensing Fees	4,585	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,968
Water Rates	13,694	(483)	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,211
Total:	46,574	3,665	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,239
Fund Appropriations / Allocations *	LTD Actuals	2024 Revised	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
2017 Multipurpose LTGO Bond Fund	4,701	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,701
Bridging The Gap Levy Fund	1,375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,375
General Fund	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Transportation Benefit District Fund	4,585	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,968
Transportation Fund	34,358	3,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,640
Unrestricted Cumulative Reserve Fund	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Total:	46,574	3,665	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,239
Unsecured Funding:	LTD Actuals	2024 Revised	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
To Be Determined	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410,000	410,000
Total:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410,000	410,000

~~Unsecured Funding Strategy: SDOT will continue to work with the Mayor's office and City Council to determine the future of the project.~~

O&M Impacts: The Culture Connector would combine the two existing lines into a single Streetcar network. SDOT is currently working in collaboration with King County Metro on an operation plan for a single line. We expect to have an estimate of annual operating costs when the Center City Connector project reaches 30% design.



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SDOT-102S-B

Request that SDOT provide a plan for terminating South Lake Union Streetcar service, decommissioning South Lake Union Streetcar assets, and identifying alternative South Lake Union transit options

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Cathy Moore, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Executive provide a plan for terminating South Lake Union Streetcar service and decommissioning South Lake Union Streetcar assets. The plan should identify the administrative and legislative steps necessary to terminate service, including any actions to conclude partnership, advertising, and operating agreements related to the South Lake Union Streetcar. The plan should also identify the administrative and legislative steps necessary to decommission and dispose of South Lake Union Streetcar assets, including the South Lake Union Streetcar maintenance base, trolley vehicles, tracks, and traction power infrastructure. The SLI response should include a timeline for termination of service and decommissioning, and it should identify any costs associated with these actions.

In addition, the SLI response should document the availability and performance characteristics of existing transit service and the future expansion of transit service serving South Lake Union, including RapidRide J service, the future Sound Transit light rail station near Denny Way, and anticipated impacts and significant multi-year disruptions to South Lake Union Streetcar service due to light rail construction. The SLI response should explore utilizing Seattle Transit Measure funds currently used to support the South Lake Union Streetcar operations to purchase additional King County Metro bus service serving South Lake Union as a means to transition from streetcar service to other transit alternatives.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

DUE DATE: September 15, 2025

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SDOT-104S-B

Request that SDOT provide a report on the performance measures and evaluation criteria used for consideration of bus-only lanes

SPONSORS

Sara Nelson, Rob Saka, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide a report documenting the performance measures and evaluation criteria that SDOT uses when considering bus-only lanes on SDOT corridor projects outside of Regional Centers. The report should use SDOT's experience on the Route 40 and RapidRide R projects as examples to describe SDOT's decision-making regarding bus-only lanes in these locations.

The report should detail the specific evaluation criteria used, such as: existing transit ridership and projected transit ridership after the bus-lanes are installed, expected travel time savings (using non-aggregated, local data), improved transit speed and reliability, impact on general traffic capacity and congestion (using local data), and freight access and mobility considerations. The report should describe the environmental and economic impacts considered, such as impacts to adjoining small businesses, net impact to carbon emissions including potential vehicle idling time, and neighborhood construction impacts. Using this data, the report should then identify how SDOT predicts the anticipated performance of bus-only lanes, how SDOT measures the delivered outcomes after deployment, and any measures SDOT may take to mitigate potential underperformance.

The report should also identify SDOT's current understanding of mobility priorities for bus-only lanes given current commuting patterns in a post-pandemic environment.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

DUE DATE: June 2, 2025



2025 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

SDOT-107-B

Proviso \$1 million Transportation Levy Fund in SDOT for transit security services

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$1 million of Transportation Levy appropriations in the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) budget in 2025 for Transit Passenger Safety, as identified in CBA SDOT-001-A. The proviso would restrict funding to provide for transit security services and transit police. The intent of this proviso is to provide targeted deployment of security personnel to specific hot-spots and known problem areas, such as 3rd Avenue in Downtown Seattle.

The Transportation Levy spending plan (Attachment A to Ordinance 127053) identified \$9 million over the 8-year term of the levy for Transit Passenger Safety, described as "Invest[ments] in strategies that increase transit rider safety and security, including transit and public safety personnel services in coordination with King County Metro, Sound Transit, and/or other transit agencies." This Transportation Levy funding is separate and distinct from the Seattle Transit Measure, which provides funding for additional transit service, supports increased access to transit, and addresses emerging mobility needs.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the Transportation Levy appropriations included in the 2025 budget for the Seattle Department of Transportation, \$1,000,000 is appropriated solely for transit security and transit police, and may be used for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SDOT-107S-A

Request that SDOT provide a report on implementing transit security improvements, services, and policy

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide a report detailing the City's past efforts and future plans to implement transit security improvements and services to benefit transit riders and operators while riding transit. The report should describe how SDOT partners with King County Metro to support more King County Metro Police, as well as plans to ensure there are more social workers, security services, and transit ambassadors serving transit riders in Seattle. The report should describe the anticipated uses of available funding, including the Seattle Transit Measure and the Transportation Levy.

The report should identify the jurisdictional boundaries between the City and transit agencies in addressing transit safety concerns. The report should identify the regional governing bodies that establish transit safety policy and the City's representation/participation in these forums. The report should describe the City's internal efforts to address public safety coordination between SDOT, the Seattle Police Department, and any other affected departments. The report should document and disclose the actual reported and any suspected security and safety incidents occurring on King County Metro and Sound Transit service that runs through Seattle from 2023 through 2025 (as 2025 data is available), broken out by quarter, and broken out by the type of security and safety incident such as assaults, robberies/thefts, hate crimes, brandishing a weapon, etc.

The SLI response should 1) compare the adopted policies, protocols, and implementation approaches of King County Metro and Sound Transit with regard to the safety and security of transit riders and operators, and 2) specifically note any variances in the respective policies, protocols, and implementation approaches for each. The SLI response should develop a proposal for consideration in the 2026 budget for a leadership position to a) coordinate the City's work on transit passenger and operator safety while riding and operating transit, and b) engage with transit partners in aligning regional transit safety and security policies and protocols. The SLI response should provide for improved public transparency and help drive consistency in the City's efforts to enhance transit safety and address transit security disparities.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

DUE DATE: June 2, 2025



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SPD-109S-A

Request that SPD study childcare options for sworn employees

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Rob Saka, Maritza Rivera

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) engage with a consultant to study childcare options for SPD employees, as recommended by the Chief and in accordance with the goals of the 30x30 Initiative. The study should examine childcare options that:

- (1) Provide flexible drop-off and pick-up times to accommodate irregular work hours;
- (2) Provide round-the-clock services to accommodate varying shift schedules;
- (3) Establish a City-run facility, or locate community-run facilities that could secure spots for SPD families; and
- (4) Identify SPD families or friends that are interested in developing in-home childcare businesses.

It is the Council's intent that SPD notify all members of the Public Safety Committee when the consultant is hired and when the consultant's study is complete. No other reporting is required by this SLI.

*Background: The 30x30 Initiative is a national initiative to advance the representation and experiences of women in policing in agencies across the United States. The initiative, which was launched in 2021, is a national coalition of police leaders, researchers, and professional organizations that share the common goals of: (1) increasing the representation of women in police recruit classes to 30 percent by 2030; and (2) ensuring that police policies and culture intentionally support the success of qualified women officers throughout their careers.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE:



2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SPD-111S-A

Request that SPD report on automated sound enforcement technology

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Cathy Moore, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) collaborate with vendors that produce automated vehicle noise enforcement technology to report on (1) how the technology works to combat illegal vehicle noise through the use of camera and microphone systems that detect and measure sound pressure; and (2) policy considerations of using the technology, including how SPD would determine which Seattle neighborhoods could benefit from the technology. The report should identify:

- (1) The feasibility of using the automated sound enforcement technology, and potential limitations for deployment, including placement of cameras where industrial or other environmental noise could interfere with the technology;
- (2) The potential to use automated sound enforcement technology to combat illegal street racing;
- (3) Whether SPD would use the technology in a manner that differentiates enforcement for (a) vehicles that were manufactured to create high noise levels such as certain types of motorcycles, (b) vehicles that were modified to create additional exhaust noise, (c) vehicles that are in temporary disrepair (e.g., broken mufflers); or vehicles that play extremely loud music;
- (4) SPD recommendations on whether the technology should be used for non-vehicle enforcement (e.g., loud music in parks or beaches);
- (5) Impacts to vulnerable communities based on SPD's recommended use of automated vehicle noise enforcement technology;
- (6) SPD recommendations on where the City might deploy automated vehicle noise enforcement technology, to include areas that are acutely affected by noise complaints and violations such as Harbor Ave or Alki Beach in West Seattle; and
- (7) State and City code changes that are required for deployment of automated vehicle noise enforcement technology.

SPD should submit the report to the relevant committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: July 15, 2025