

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Tuesday, July 9, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Sara Nelson, Council President

Joy Hollingsworth, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Cathy Moore, Member

Tammy J. Morales, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Tanya Woo, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in Seattle, Washington, on July 9, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Late Arrival: 1 - Hollingsworth

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Hollingsworth joined the meeting.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Kathleen Brose
Kelly Rula
Alex Tsimerman
Lars Erickson
Arianna Riley
Hao Shen
Jason Ogulnik
Alex Kim
Alberto Alvarez
Steven Rubstello
Akira Ohio
Jesse Cervantes
Marianna Hyke

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 444](#)**July 9, 2024**ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the Introduction and Referral Calendar.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to amend the Introduction and Referral Calendar to add Appointments 2908 through 2914 and refer the items to the Governance, Accountability, and Economic Development Committee.

Appt 02908, Reappointment of Danielle Alvarado as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2026.

Appt 02909, Reappointment of Billy Hetherington as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2025.

Appt 02910, Appointment of Samuel Hilbert as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2025.

Appt 02911, Reappointment of Tom Lambro as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2026.

Appt 02912, Appointment of Amanda Powter as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2025.

Appt 02913, Appointment of Bobby Forch as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2026.

Appt 02914, Appointment of Jonathan Schirmer as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2025.

By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted as amended.

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:**1. [Min 480](#) July 2, 2024**

The Minutes were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

Bills:**2. [CB 120809](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of June 24, 2024 through June 28, 2024 and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Council Bill (CB) was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

Appointments:**LAND USE COMMITTEE:****3. [Appt 02904](#) Appointment of Fynnieceko Glover Jr. as member, Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board, for a term to February 28, 2026.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Morales, Moore, Rivera, Woo

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

- 4. [Appt 02905](#) **Appointment of Eliana Horn as member, Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board, for a term to February 28, 2026.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Morales, Moore, Rivera, Woo

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

- 5. [Appt 02906](#) **Appointment of Tiffany Kelly-Gray as member, Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board, for a term to February 28, 2026.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Morales, Moore, Rivera, Woo

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SELECT COMMITTEE ON 2024 TRANSPORTATION LEVY:

1. [CB 120788](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to transportation; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes for up to eight years in excess of the limitation on levies in chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of providing City facilities and services, including transportation improvements, both capital and operating, with possible debt financing; creating a new oversight committee; applying RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 8 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Woo

Opposed: None

Abstain: 1 - Strauss

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Strauss, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 120788 as presented on Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

2. [Res 32137](#) **A RESOLUTION** relating to transportation; accompanying an ordinance requesting the 2024 Transportation Levy for citywide transportation maintenance and improvements, and providing further direction regarding reporting and implementation of the programs to be funded by the levy.

The Committee recommends that City Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 9 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution (Res):

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

LAND USE COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 120761](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to conversions of existing nonresidential structures to residential use; adding a new Section 23.40.080 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Morales, Moore, Rivera, Woo

Opposed: None

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Woo

Opposed: None

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Moore was excused from the July 23, 2024 City Council meeting.

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Morales was excused from the July 23, 2024 City Council meeting.

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Strauss' excused absence from the July 9, 2024 City Council meeting was rescinded.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Emilia M. Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on July 16, 2024.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council

Attachment: Att 1 to Action 1 of Council Bill 120788

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Amendment A to CB 120788 – 2024 Transportation Levy

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Complete the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link

Effect: This amendment would make the following revisions to Attachment A (Transportation Levy Spending Breakdown) to CB 120788:

- Create a new category for completing the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link along NW Market St and NW Leary Ave in the Bicycle Safety element and add \$20 million for this purpose.
- Reduce \$20 million in Arterial Roadway Maintenance in the Street Maintenance and Modernization element. This would reduce the amount of funds available for grant match and project readiness within the Arterial Roadway Maintenance program. The Executive’s levy proposal assumed \$26 million for this purpose.

This amendment would also adjust the eight-year appropriation requirements in Section 6 to reflect the \$20 million shift in spending between the Street Maintenance and Modernization element and the Bicycle Safety element.

Amend the Bicycle Safety element of Attachment A (Transportation Levy Spending Breakdown) to CB 120788 as follows:

Bicycle Safety: Expand Seattle’s protected bike lane network; connect schools to bike lanes, paths, and neighborhood greenways; and maintain and upgrade existing bike lanes		
Category	Estimated Investments	Levy Funding
<u>Complete the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Support design and construction completing the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link along NW Market St and Leary Way NW</u> 	<u>\$20M</u>
Bike Lane Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing protected bike lanes with regular sweeping and barrier repair 	\$8M
Protected Bike Lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add concrete-protected bike lanes as part of paving projects, closing gaps in all ages and abilities bicycle network with a focus on improving bicycle connections throughout South Seattle. Initial projects include segments along the following corridors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ N 130 St ○ S Henderson St ○ Beacon Ave S (Middle and Southern segments) ○ Highland Park Way SW 	\$67.5M

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cleveland High School Swift Ave S protected bike lane and Georgetown S Albro Pl Connection ○ Chief Sealth Trail: S Myrtle St to S Webster St ○ 12th Ave/12th Ave S: E Madison St to Jose Rizal Bridge ○ Protected Bike Lane Project in West Seattle to be named in honor of Steve Hulsman 	
Upgraded Bike Lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upgrade 30% of existing protected bike lanes with improved barriers or buffer areas 	\$8M
Bike Spot Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make safety improvements to existing bike lanes, trails and neighborhood greenways 	\$10M
Levy Funding		\$113.5M <u>\$133.5M</u>
Expected Additional Leverage		\$24M - \$30M

Amend the Street Maintenance and Modernization element of Attachment A (Transportation Levy Spending Breakdown) to CB 120788 as follows:

Street Maintenance and Modernization: Repave arterial streets that carry the most buses, trucks, and cars, and improve infrastructure for people walking, rolling, biking, and taking transit.		
Category	Estimated Investments	Levy Funding
Arterial Roadway Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Repave approximately 15 major corridors. This will include a combination of roadway reconstruction and preservation projects. Initial projects are anticipated to include portions of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ N 130th St: 1st Ave NW to I-5 ○ Roosevelt Way NE: NE 92nd St to Pinehurst Way NE ○ E Marginal Way S: 1st Ave S to 16th Ave S ○ Rainier Ave S: S Walden St to S Jackson St ● Additional corridors that will be evaluated for specific paving extents through a design process include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15th Ave NE: Pinehurst Way NE to NE 145th St ○ Pinehurst Way NE: Roosevelt Way NE to 15th Ave NE ○ NE 65th St: 2nd Ave NE to 35th Ave NE ○ NW Market St: 15th Ave NW to 24th Ave NW ○ 23rd Ave E/24th Ave E: E John St to Lake Washington Blvd ○ Elliott Ave/Western Ave: Bell St to Thomas St ○ James St: 3rd Ave to Broadway ○ Beacon Ave S to support Route 36 improvements ○ 35 Ave SW: SW Alaska St to SW Morgan St 	\$350M <u>\$330M</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ S Albro Pl, Corson Ave S, and Ellis Ave S: E Marginal Way S to I-5 ○ Olson Pl SW/1st Ave S: 2nd Ave SW to SW Cloverdale St ○ S Henderson St: MLK Jr Way S to Seward Park Ave S ○ Fautleroy Way SW: 35th Ave SW to SW Alaska St, to keep roadway functional during light rail construction by making street repairs and spot improvements 	
Paving Spot Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Repair approximately 400 locations, totaling about 50 lane-miles of pavement on arterial streets ● Fill 80% of reported potholes within 72 hours 	\$67M
Markings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Remark up to 3,600 crosswalks and refresh pavement markings on at least 2,100 miles of roadway 	\$6M
Levy Funding		\$423M \$403M
Expected Additional Leverage		\$19M-\$24M

Amend Section 6 to revise spending requirements for Levy Proceeds as follows:

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The City anticipates collecting \$1.55 billion in Levy Proceeds over an eight-year span.

The City shall appropriate the following eight-year amounts of Levy Proceeds for each category of spending in Attachment A to this ordinance as follows:

- i. \$160.5 million for Vision Zero, School and Neighborhood Safety;
- ii. ~~\$423 million~~ \$403 million for Street Maintenance and Modernization, including no less than ~~\$350 million~~ \$330 million for Arterial Roadway Maintenance;
- iii. \$221 million for Bridges and Structures;
- iv. \$151 million for Transit Corridors and Connections;
- v. \$193 million for Pedestrian Safety, including no less than \$111 million for New Sidewalks and Sidewalk Alternatives and no less than \$34 million for Sidewalk Safety Repair;
- vi. \$100 million for Signals and Operations;
- vii. ~~\$113.5 million~~ \$133.5 million for Bicycle Safety;

viii. \$66.5 million for People Streets and Public Spaces;

ix. \$69 million for Climate and Resiliency, including no less than \$32 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure;

x. \$45 million for Freight and Goods Movement; and

xi. \$7.5 million for Good Governance & Equitable Implementation Initiative.

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