

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 supporting the development of lids across Interstate 5.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This resolution states the City’s support for lids across Interstate 5 (I-5). It follows a study by the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) that determined that lids connecting neighborhoods across I-5 could be feasible. It asks OPCD and the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to work with state and federal agencies, elected officials and Lid I-5, an advocacy organization, to develop a plan to integrate lids into plans and projects related to I-5. The resolution also suggests creating a Public Development Authority to support this work.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X 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?

The resolution would ask OPCD and SDOT to continue working on developing a plan to lid I-5 in Seattle. This work will require staff time by these departments that would need to be redirected from other priorities. Washington State planning around improvements to the I-5 corridor is anticipated. The City will want to direct staff resources to advocate for the City’s priorities in any I-5 project and much of this work will be done in that context.

If lidding I-5 is determined to be feasible, the City may be asked to help contribute funding for the project, or to commit to maintenance and upkeep of any lids.

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

None identified.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

Yes, it asks OPCD and SDOT to continue to work to explore the development of lids across I-5.

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?

This legislation relates to Interstate 5 as it runs through the City of Seattle.

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?

Many of the areas near I-5 have high to very high proportions of people of color, higher than average poverty levels, and higher than average percentages of BIPOC residents. This is especially true for the University District, near the section of Interstate 5 between NE 45th Street and NE 50th Street, and the Chinatown-International District, divided by Interstate 5 between Yesler Way and South Dearborn Street. The proposed lids are intended to provide opportunities to knit communities together across the interstate and provide opportunities for community-serving uses such as open space and low-income housing, as well as market-rate development that can help to subsidize the lidding.

f. Climate Change Implications

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

Adding lids is intended, in part, to make it safer and easier to walk and bicycle across the interstate, increasing the feasibility of relying on non-automotive transportation to reach Downtown and the University District. The lids will also need to incorporate systems to collect and treat exhaust, thereby reducing carbon emissions from the interstate.

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.

Lids would increase the seismic stability of the interstate in areas where it cuts through the City, increasing the City's resiliency and ability to get goods, services, and support after disasters.

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)?

The goals of the resolution are enumerated in the recitals to the resolution and include:

- Providing opportunities to reconnect neighborhoods;
- Providing amenities such as affordable housing, open space and pedestrian and bike connections to transit stations;

- Supporting neighborhood cohesion and pedestrian activity in abutting neighborhoods;
and
- Reducing the impacts of interstates on abutting neighborhoods.

Summary Attachments (if any):

None