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BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:
A RESOLUTION relating to the State Route 520, Interstate 5 to Medina Bridge Replacement and High Occupancy Vehicle Project; recognizing the completion of a design refinements effort and a recommendations report for the west side portion of the project and recommending actions by the City of Seattle and State of Washington based on results of this effort.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation follows the completion of a design recommendations report called for by the State Legislature that focuses on specific design refinements identified by the City. The resolution expresses the City's concurrence with the design recommendations included in the SR 520 Westside Final Concept Design report. This legislation also identifies mobility improvements to be made instead of a second Montlake bascule bridge, in line with Council Resolution 31411. In addition, the legislation addresses additional refinements to be made as the project design progresses and identifies City priorities for investment should the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) receive only a portion of funding to move forward with remaining west side design elements.

In 2011, WSDOT and the City of Seattle identified roles and responsibilities for the State Route 520, Interstate 5 to Medina Bridge Replacement and High Occupancy Vehicle Project as part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorized in Ordinance 123733. Section 2.3.5 of the MOU identified the Seattle Community Design Process (SCDP), a joint effort between the State and the City, in coordination with its partners, addressing community amenity and lid design features within the project limits.

In 2012, the State issued a final report on SCDP and through Resolution 31427, adopted in February 2013, the City endorsed the general vision expressed in the Resolution and requested that the State and City continue to develop and evaluate options related to certain project elements including the Roanoke area, Portage Bay Bridge, Montlake Area and bicycle, pedestrian and multimodal connections.

In 2014, state lawmakers directed WSDOT to continue work with the City to build on results of the 2012 Seattle Community Design Process. The Mayor's Office directed Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to engage with the State's efforts. This work focused on design refinements for Seattle-area elements that remained unresolved in prior design efforts, including the Portage Bay Bridge type, the functionality of the Montlake Lid, the appropriate long term mobility solution for the Montlake Cut crossing, and connections for bicycle, pedestrians and transit.

In Summer 2014, a team of design professionals, in consultation with the Seattle Design Commission and supported by city and WSDOT staff, explored design solutions for these areas and presented refinements to the public in September 2014. The Seattle Design Commission provided their recommendations to Council in September 2014. City staff has heard widespread support for the refinements from neighborhood representatives and advocacy groups.

This legislation addresses City policy related to the SR 520 project. The legislation:

- Concurs with recommendations included in the SR 520 Final Concept Design Report including Portage Bay Bridge, Montlake Lid Area and multimodal connectivity.
- Requests that the State further study and evaluate options for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Montlake Cut crossing.
- Requests that the State utilize resources currently identified for a second Montlake bascule bridge for a set of mobility investments including: a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Montlake Cut, transit priority treatments to improve reliability and travel time for buses, traffic enhancements to increase pedestrian safety and improve traveler information in the Montlake and 23rd Avenue corridors, and completion of bicycle and pedestrian connections provided by the State into the City's network.
- Requests additional design refinements as the project advances including use of high quality materials and further improvements to intersections and pedestrian crossings.
- Requests that if the State receives only a portion of project funding for the remainder of the SR 520 west side project elements, that the funding be used to implement mobility improvements outlined by the City.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

____ This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

Project Name:	Project I.D.:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:	Total Cost:

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

__X_ This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?
Yes, if transit improvements, traffic enhancements and multimodal network enhancements identified in this resolution are not funded by the State, additional funding would be required for these projects to be implemented.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
None

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
Yes, if the SR 520 project design advances to preliminary engineering, additional coordination will be required with the Department of Planning and Development, Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
No

e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No

f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
No

g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?
No

h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

i) Other Issues:

List attachments below: