

Seattle City Council Select Budget Committee
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Seattle Municipal Court (SMC)

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2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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SMC-010-A

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SPONSORS

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BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	
Other Funds	\$(500,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(500,000)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase appropriations to the Seattle Municipal Court (SMC) by \$500,000 Automated Traffic Safety Camera (ATSC) Fund in 2026 for expanded staff and operational costs associated with anticipated increases in traffic camera enforcement activities. This CBA would add the following 3.0 FTE positions in SMC: two Admin Specialist II, and one Magistrate. This CBA would also include approximately \$34,000 for postage and related expenses to cover increased tickets and notices.

This CBA would utilize available fund balance in the ATSC Fund to fund these on-going costs. The ATSC Fund is funded by traffic infraction penalties resulting from automated traffic camera enforcement.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
SMC	Court Operations	18500-BO-MC-2000	2026		\$500,000

POSITIONS

Dept	BCL	Year	Position Title	Positions	FTE
SMC	18500-BO-MC-2000	2026	Administrative Specialist II-MC	2	2.0
SMC	18500-BO-MC-2000	2026	Magistrate	1	1.0