

Amendment 17 Version # to CB 121028 – B&O Tax Ordinance

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Add transportation projects as an eligible use for net revenue that can be used to offset federal funding reductions

Effect: CB 121028 would allow up to \$30 million of net revenue to be used to mitigate the impact of federal funding reductions in four categories: housing stability for low-income tenants, food insecurity, financial stability for affordable housing providers and properties and emergency shelters and homelessness. This amendment would add transportation projects as an eligible use to this list.

SDOT's entire 2025 Adopted Budget is \$674.9 million (\$345.4 million operating plus \$329.5 million capital). Federal grants account for \$42.5 million or 6.3% of SDOT's 2025 Adopted Budget. This reflects a one-year perspective. SDOT has approximately \$434 million of awarded direct and indirect multi-year grants that could be at risk of federal policy changes. The \$434 million of SDOT's awarded direct and indirect multi-year federal grants includes the \$42.5 million of federal grants that were included in SDOT's 2025 Adopted Budget, plus additional federal grants that we anticipate will be appropriated in the 2025 carryforward ordinance and not-yet-budgeted CIP funding in 2026, 2027, and beyond.

Amend subsection 5.C.2 of CB 121028 as follows:

Section 5. Subject to and contingent upon approval of the qualified voters of the City:

A. Proceeds of the business and occupation tax will continue to be deposited into the City's General Fund. The increases in business and occupation tax rates authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be dedicated for the uses described in subsections 5.B and 5.C of this ordinance. At least three months prior to the Mayor submitting the annual budget, the Executive shall consult with the City Council on the impact of actual and anticipated revenue reductions and federal funding cuts on the programs identified in subsections 5.B and 5.C of this ordinance to inform how the new revenue generated by this ordinance is to be utilized. The Mayor shall submit to the City Council at the same time the budget is transmitted a written proposed plan outlining how the new revenue generated by this ordinance is to be utilized in these areas.

B. The proceeds shall be used:

1. For the business and occupation tax threshold lift and deduction for small businesses.

2. To fund City General Fund investments in the following program areas:

- a. Food access;
- b. Gender-based violence;
- c. Small business supports;
- d. Emergency shelter;
- e. Homelessness prevention; and
- f. Support for workers' rights and protections.

C. Up to \$30 million in proceeds may be used:

1. For implementation costs and ongoing administration of the tax.

2. To mitigate the impact of federal funding reductions in the following program areas:

- a. Housing stability for low-income tenants;
- b. Food insecurity;
- c. Financial stability for affordable housing providers and properties; ~~and~~
- d. Emergency shelters and homelessness ~~;~~ and
- e. Transportation projects.