

## **BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE**

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### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

#### **Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the First Hill Streetcar project; authorizing the Director of the Department of Transportation to acquire, accept, and record, on behalf of the City of Seattle, various easements granted to the City of Seattle for a portion of Blocks 5, 6, 11, 12, and 14 of the Town of Seattle, as laid out by D. S. Maynard, Commonly known as D. S. Maynard's Plat of Seattle, and Blocks 138 and 139 of A. A. Denny's Broadway Addition to the City of Seattle, to install, construct, erect, alter, improve, repair, and maintain permanent streetcar cable eyebolts to various buildings or structures; placing such easements under the jurisdiction of the Seattle Department of Transportation; and ratifying and confirming certain acts.

#### **Summary and background of the Legislation:**

This legislation authorizes acquisition, acceptance, and recording of easements by the Director of Transportation granted by various property owners in connection with the First Hill Streetcar project ("Project") and places the easements under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation. The easements are necessary for the installation and maintenance of eyebolt attachments for those buildings or structures requiring eyebolt support for the cables.

The Project consists of a modern low-floor streetcar system that will connect First Hill employment centers to Sound Transit's regional Link light rail system, including but not limited to the International District/Chinatown Station and the future Capitol Hill Station at Broadway and East John Street which is currently under construction.

The route is approximately two and one half miles that will operate primarily on Broadway, Yesler Way, and South Jackson Street with ten proposed stop locations.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Project I.D.:</b>	<b>Project Location:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>
First Hill Streetcar Project	TC367100	Various	Q2/2009	Q4/2014	

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

  X   This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?

The City is not paying anything for the easements. The benefits are mutual and offsetting.

- Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

If eyebolts are not used to hold the cables for this Project, new poles would need to be erected for the cables. The cost for this alternative is estimated to be \$35,000 per attachment, totaling \$350,000 for the Project. Additionally, use of any alternative method would violate the Pioneer Square Preservation Board’s approval of the Project.

- Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No

- Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No

- **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

Yes, the City is acquiring easement rights for certain properties to install and maintain the cables necessary to power the First Hill Streetcar.

- **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.**

N/A

- **Other Issues:**

None

**List attachments below:**

Attachment A: First Hill Streetcar Permanent Easements Map.