

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to automated traffic safety cameras; updating financial and fund policies related to the use of cameras and the name of the associated fund; and amending Ordinance 124230.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: On May 13, 2025, the City Council passed Council Bill 120971 (enacted as Ordinance 127213), amending Ordinance 124230 and City of Seattle Municipal Code, to clarify, simplify, and establish requirements for the ongoing operation of the Seattle Department of Transportation’s Automated Traffic Safety Camera Program. As originally proposed by the Executive, CB 120971 restricted the use of 20% of Red Light Camera Revenue to “safety, including traffic, student, bicycle, and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure projects; operational and maintenance investments that support traffic safety and Vision Zero; transportation improvements that support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities; transportation projects designed to reduce vehicle speeds, as well as pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns,” with a commensurate percentage required to be deposited in the Automatic Traffic Camera Safety Fund. During Council deliberations on the legislation, an amendment was adopted that modified the restricted use and increased the restricted percentage of Red Light Cameras to 30%, but did not also increase the deposit requirement to the same amount for the Automatic Traffic Camera Safety Fund.

The purpose of aligning the amount of restricted use revenues with an equal deposit requirement allows the Seattle Department of Transportation to more efficiently track, report, and deliver projects consistent with the legal restrictions on this revenue. There are no financial impacts of implementing this legislation. Additional costs to deliver projects consistent with these revenue restrictions may be incurred by the department were this legislation not implemented.

This legislation also renames the Fund to match the name of the Program.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

There are no other financial impacts to implementing this legislation.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

There are no costs to implementing this legislation.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

The Seattle Department of Transportation may incur additional unknown costs to track, report, and deliver projects that remain consistent with the legal restrictions of this revenue, if this legislation is not implemented.

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.

There are no impacts on other departments.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

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

No.

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.

Not applicable.

ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.

Not applicable.

- iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**
Not applicable.

e. Climate Change Implications

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**
Not applicable.
- ii. 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.**
Not applicable.
- f. 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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**
Not applicable.
- g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**
No.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.