

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

- a. **Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION affirming The City of Seattle’s commitment to racial equity and social justice and recognizing the Seattle Department of Transportation’s Transportation Equity Program, created to provide safe, environmentally sustainable, accessible, and affordable transportation options that support communities of color, low-income communities, immigrant and refugee communities, people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, LGTBQ people, women and girls, youth, and seniors to thrive in place in vibrant and healthy communities, and eliminate or mitigate racial disparities and the effects of displacement.

b. Summary and background of the Legislation:

The intent of the Transportation Equity Resolution is to reaffirm the City’s commitment to racial equity and social justice and recognize the Seattle Department of Transportation’s recently established transportation equity program. The program was created to address the city’s affordability crisis by providing access to affordable transportation options and thereby reduce transportation costs. Transportation is the second highest household cost in Seattle, especially for cost-burdened households; the only higher household cost is housing. The resolution also outlines principles that frame the process and identifies partners through which SDOT intends to create a broader transportation equity agenda.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. **Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** ___ Yes ___X___ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?** ___ Yes ___X___ No
- b. **Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

SDOT plans to use existing funding, including Seattle Transportation Benefit District funds, car share funds, and transportation demand management funds to support this program.

- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**
No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

SDOT is working with the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) on this body of work via an existing Memorandum of Agreement. No additional financial impacts to DON are anticipated.

- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

No.

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

No.

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

No.

- f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

Yes. The Purpose of this Resolution is to recognize the Transportation Equity Program, which was created to specifically addresses transportation affordability. This has implications for vulnerable, historically disenfranchised and marginalized communities. The intent is to use the Racial Equity Toolkit to create the program, including the process by which a broader transportation equity strategy is created.

- g. 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).**

The Resolution is intended to recognize a newly established Transportation Equity Program housed within the Seattle Department of Transportation. This program has been created to address the city's growing affordability crisis by providing access to affordable transportation options to cost-burdened households and individuals. Additionally, through a community informed process, a broader transportation equity strategy will be developed. The development of the broader transportation equity strategy will include a robust community process that identifies goals, objectives, outcomes and a set of performance measures.

SDOT intends to collaborate with local agencies and city departments to leverage and align citywide and community-vetted transportation equity interests related to affordability. SDOT will work with the Department of Neighborhoods, Office of Civil Rights, the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, the Office of Planning and Community Development, the Office of Immigrants and Refugee Affairs, Seattle Human Services Department, Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities, King County Metro, King County Public Health, Seattle Housing Authority, and Sound Transit. In addition to working with these agencies, SDOT will engage community based organizations such as Transportation Choices Coalition, Sage, and One America to develop indicators and measures by which the success of the program will be evaluated.

h. Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below: