

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; declaring certain real property surplus to the needs of the City Light Department; authorizing the sale of a portion of City Light Department real property for road purposes to Snohomish County; reserving an easement for electric transmission line purposes; and accepting the payment of fair market value for the property sold, and deposit of the payment into the Light Fund.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

Seattle City Light owns real property adjacent to 43rd Avenue SE in Snohomish County, Washington. The real property is part of City Light’s transmission corridor immediately north of the Bothell Substation.

Snohomish County is widening 43rd Avenue SE. To do this Snohomish County needs to purchase narrow strips of City Light real property alongside the roadway. Seattle City Light engineers have reviewed Snohomish County’s plan and have stated that there is no conflict between the road project and Seattle City Light’s electric transmission corridor. Seattle City Light can sell the surface rights in the real property to Snohomish County while retaining all aerial rights for the continuing operation and maintenance of Seattle City Light transmission lines.

This legislation is necessary because the Seattle City Charter requires that all acquisition and disposal of real property interests must be ordained and approved by the Seattle City Council. Furthermore, RCW 35.94.040 requires that land originally acquired for public utility purposes must be sold at fair market value and approved by the legislative authority.

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.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2026 Revenue	2027 Estimated Revenue
Light Fund (41000)	SCL	Snohomish County		\$452,216
TOTAL				\$452,216

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes: Proceeds from selling property to Snohomish County.

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.

This land transfer will decrease the need for City Light maintenance along the corridor and the costs associated with that maintenance.

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.

N/A

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

Not implementing the legislation would impede completion of Snohomish County’s road improvement project and delay City Light’s receipt of just compensation.

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

N/A

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

Yes.

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

Not applicable

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

Yes, maps showing locations, all within Snohomish County, are attached.

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

There are no perceived impacts. Not applicable.

e. Climate Change Implications

i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

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?

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?

Not applicable.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments:

Summary Attachment 1 – Snohomish County 43rd Ave SE Summary Maps