

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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Legislative	Whitson/x5-1674, Chow/x4-4652	N/A

** 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

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION endorsing the goals of the Downtown Seattle Association’s Third Avenue Vision; and stating the intent of The City of Seattle to work collaboratively with the Downtown Seattle Association, King County Metro, and Sound Transit to pursue improvements to Third Avenue in Downtown Seattle.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This legislation supports the goals of the Downtown Seattle Association’s “Third Avenue Vision – A Road of Possibilities” report, which calls for reevaluating the configuration of Third Avenue through Downtown Seattle to improve the pedestrian environment while maintaining transit capacity on this critical transit corridor.

The resolution requests the Office of Planning and Community Development, the Seattle Department of Transportation, and the Office of Economic Development to work with interjurisdictional partners on the development and implementation of transit and street improvements on Third Avenue.

Specifically, the resolution calls for the working group to:

- Analyze transit volume projections for Downtown Seattle;
- Assess the scenarios put forward as part of the Third Avenue Vision in the context of the updated transit volume projections and other transit projects underway;
- Conduct a retail and return-to-office study for Downtown;
- Use the technical data gathered from 1-3 above to inform the development of a work plan for a study of a preferred design concept;
- Identify short-term changes that can improve the pedestrian environment and travel experience along Third Avenue, and
- Evaluate funding opportunities for design and construction of the preferred design concept.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

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?

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The Executive anticipates that the identified scope of work can be accomplished within the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget submittal.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

No direct financial costs of not implementing the legislation have been identified. The Third Avenue Vision finds that the high volume of transit on Third Avenue has impacted the pedestrian experience and, indirectly, the viability of adjacent businesses.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

The legislation requests that the Office of Planning and Community Development, Seattle Department of Transportation, and the Office of Economic Development work with the Downtown Seattle Association, King County Metro, and Sound Transit to develop a Third Avenue workplan.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No public hearing is required.

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

No published public notice is required.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

The legislation requests that design alternatives be developed for Third Avenue. Different design alternatives may have implications for property abutting Third Avenue, but no direct impacts to property are anticipated with this legislation.

- e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

No Race and Social Justice Initiative implications have been identified with this legislation. The legislation requests development of a workplan to refine design alternatives and pedestrian improvements to Third Avenue which may identify impacts to vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

f. Climate Change Implications

- 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

The Third Avenue Vision is intended to promote pedestrian and transit use of Third Avenue right-of-way in support of broader efforts to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector.

- 2. 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.**

No direct impacts to Seattle's climate resiliency have been identified.

- 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)?**

This legislation endorses the goals of the DSA's Third Avenue Vision and requests the development of a work plan to evaluate alternatives to reconfigure Third Avenue to better promote pedestrian and transit use. Specific goals and measurable outcomes would be identified in the evaluation process.

Summary Attachments:

None.