

January 27, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Finance and Housing Committee
From: Edin Sisic, Analyst
Subject: 2023 Capital Project Watch List

On February 1, 2023, the Finance and Housing Committee will discuss the proposed list of capital projects for which the Executive will provide enhanced quarterly reporting during 2023 (“2023 Watch List”). At the Committee’s following meeting, on February 15, the Committee will consider and possibly vote on a resolution memorializing the 2023 Watch List. This memorandum describes the proposed list of capital projects, provides background information on prior Council action, and summarizes next steps.

Summary

Consistent with [Resolution 31853](#), adopted in November 2018, the Executive submitted a proposed 2023 Watch List on January 13, 2023. The Executive’s proposed 2023 Watch List will be reflected in a forthcoming resolution as a starting place for the Council’s consideration. The Committee can add to or otherwise change the list by amending the resolution. However, given the level of effort it takes to compile the enhanced quarterly reports, the Executive is interested in the list of projects being kept to a manageable size. Table 1 contains the proposed list of projects.

Table 1. Proposed 2023 Watch List

Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) | Information Technology Department (ITD) | Seattle City Light (SCL) | Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) | Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) | Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)

	Dept	CIP ¹ Project ID	Project Title
1.	FAS	MC-FA-FS31	Fire Station 31 Replacement
2.	FAS	MC-FA-HCMSYS	Human Capital Management System
3.	ITD	MC-IT-C6304	Criminal Justice Information System Projects
4.	SCL	MC-CL-YR8351	Overhead Equipment Replacements
5.	SCL	MC-CL-ZT8307	Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement – Utility Relocations
6.	SDOT	MC-TR-C013	RapidRide J Line
7.	SDOT	MC-TR-C040	Center City Streetcar Connector
8.	SDOT	MC-TR-C051	Madison BRT – RapidRide G Line
9.	SDOT	MC-TR-C054	SPU Drainage Partnership – South Park
10.	SDOT	MC-TR-C072	Alaskan Way Main Corridor
11.	SDOT	MC-TR-C073	Overlook Walk and East-West Connections Project
12.	SDOT	MC-TR-C096	Georgetown to South Park Trail
13.	SDOT	MC-TR-C102	Northlake Retaining Wall

¹ CIP = Capital Improvement Program

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14.	SPR	MC-PR-21005	Smith Cove Park Development
15.	SPR	MC-PR-21007	Parks Central Waterfront Piers Rehabilitation
16.	SPR	MC-PR-41040	Lake City Community Center Redevelopment
17.	SPU	MC-SU-C3614	Ship Canal Water Quality Project
18.	SPU	MC-SU-C3806	South Park Stormwater Program

The starting point for the 2023 CIP Watchlist is the approved 2022 Watch List, adopted by [Resolution 32047](#). The Executive’s proposed list for 2023 would remove three SDOT projects that were included in the list adopted by the Council for 2022: Delridge Way SW – RapidRide H Line (MC-TR-C042), Route 7 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor Project (MC-TR-C053), and West Seattle Bridge Immediate Response (MC-TR-C110). All three projects have either been completed or will reach substantial completion before the end of February 2023. The proposal does not include adding any projects in 2023. For all remaining projects on the list, the Executive will, consistent with Resolution 31853, submit an enhanced quarterly report for each project. Additionally, the Executive will provide summary level information about other discrete capital projects and ongoing capital programs.

Background

The Council established expectations for enhanced reporting requirements for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects in 2018 through Resolution 31853. The resolution establishes a detailed format for the quarterly reports and a process for determining an annual “Watch List” of projects for which the Executive would provide quarterly reports. Specifically, by January 15 of each year, the Executive is requested to propose a list of projects for inclusion on the annual Watch List. The Council communicated its intent to establish a final annual Watch List by resolution and has done so in each subsequent year.

Next Steps

After Committee discussion of the Executive-proposed 2023 Watch List of February 1, the resolution will be prepared for introduction. Councilmembers interested in proposing amendments to add or remove projects from the 2023 Watchlist should notify Central Staff by February 6.

The Committee will continue discussion of the 2023 Watch List and will possibly vote on the resolution and any proposed amendments at its February 15 meeting.

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