SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:
AN ORDINANCE relating to surveillance technology implementation; authorizing approval of uses and accepting the 2025 updated surveillance impact report and 2025 executive overview for the Seattle Police Department's use of Closed-Circuit Television Camera Systems.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: The original Surveillance Impact Report (SIR) for Closed-Circuit Television Camera Systems (Ordinance 127110) was adopted by the City Council on October 8, 2024. Subsection 14.18.020.F of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) states that "[a]ny material update to an SIR, such as to change the purpose or manner in which a surveillance technology may be used, shall be by ordinance."

The CCTV pilot deployment areas authorized in the 2024 SIR were Aurora Avenue North, Belltown, and the Downtown Commercial Core. The material update adds the Stadium District, Garfield High School, and the Capitol Hill Nightlife District to the list of eligible CCTV deployment areas and clarifies the retention policy to 30 days after date of recording, or until determined that no security incident has occurred before being deleted.

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.

SPD was budgeted at $1.7 million for the Technology Assisted Crime Prevention Pilot project to implement Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC), and Closed-Circuit Television Camera Systems (CCTV). The pilot locations for RTCC and CCTV are in the Chinatown-International District, Downtown Core, and Aurora Avenue North from 93rd to 130th. An additional $200,000 was added by the City Council to expand the Aurora

Avenue North installation southward to 85th and northward to 145th street. The annual maintenance and licensing costs are $40,000 for the pilot locations. An additional $425,000 is included in the 2025 budget to expand CCTV to the additional Garfield High School location. The 2026 FIFA World Cup budget proposal includes a $200,000 budget request to expand CCTV to the Stadium District location. The proposed Capitol Hill Nightlife District CCTV expansion does not have funding currently identified, but preliminary cost estimates are $400,000 one-time and $35,000 for annual maintenance and licensing. The annual maintenance and licensing costs are $40,000 for the Garfield High School location and $20,000 for the Stadium District location. The use of CCTV may help mitigate SPD's shortage of sworn staffing by more effectively deploying patrol resources to incidents and follow-up investigations. However, use of the CCTV and the other related technologies being assessed does not necessarily correlate to direct cost savings.

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.

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

There are expected to be impacts in the form of efficiencies in deploying patrol officers and assisting with investigations. These impacts will be explored as part of the planned evaluation of the pilot.

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?
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.
The original 2024 Surveillance Impact Report as required by the Surveillance Ordinance includes a Racial Equity Toolkit.

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

iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?
The SIR documents were translated into the recommend languages and were posted online.

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.
No.

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.
No.

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?
The pilot will be evaluated under a Continuous Impact Assessment framework. Outside academic subject matter experts will be retained to design and manage an evaluation plan with an assessment at the end of one year and another at the end of year two.

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.