

2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: West Seattle Bridge Corridor Improvements

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) prepare a written progress report on the implementation of initiatives described in the West Seattle Bridge Corridor Whitepaper and Priority Investment List.

The report should describe the Executive's planning and progress implementing the 2015 West Seattle Bridge Whitepaper and Priority Investment List (the Investment List) recommendations to the Transportation Committee or the appropriate Council committee. The report should be transmitted to the Council no later than March 31, 2016 and should include the following information:

- 1) A description of all anticipated 2016 SDOT maintenance and capital project activities planned for the West Seattle Bridge Corridor (the Corridor). The report should identify all planned Corridor project activities included in the Investment List and any planned Corridor project activities not included in the Investment List.
- 2) A comprehensive schedule review defining SDOT's timing for implementing the Investment List's recommendations including any multi-year initiatives or projects that may not have full funding.
- 3) Estimated total investment of City resources in both staff and funding to carry out Investment List recommendations in 2016 and beyond.

- 4) A description of the on-going metrics SDOT will use to measure the effectiveness of the recommended investments and a Corridor-wide assessment of traffic conditions for all modes in 2016.

Background

The crossing over the Duwamish River that connects West Seattle neighborhoods, the Duwamish Industrial Area and Port of Seattle terminals to downtown Seattle and the overall regional transportation network has long been one of the City's busiest and most fragile travel corridors. Over the past year, SDOT, working in collaboration with the Council and the Seattle Police Department, developed a list of potential initiatives to address congestion throughout the West Seattle Bridge Corridor. The Investment List provides a detailed compilation of feasibility studies, targeted capital investments and right-of-way operational improvements that SDOT believes will lead to or directly improve traffic conditions.

Although a number of the initiatives described in the Investment List are funded, the Council is interested in a comprehensive understanding of the Mayor's intention for completing all elements of the Investment List and the anticipated timing to complete each element.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2016