2016 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add $1 million to provide transit passes to income-qualified youth in Seattle Public Schools

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Harrell; O'Brien; Sawant

Staff Analyst: Calvin Chow

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	JO	TR	NL	TB	JG	MO	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2015 Increase (Decrease)	***2016 Increase (Decrease)***
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	*$0*	*$0*
General Subfund Expenditures	*$0*	*$0*
Net Balance Effect	***$0***	***$0***
Other Funds		
Transportation Operating Fund (10310)		
Revenues	*$0*	*$1,000,000*
Expenditures	*$0*	*$1,000,000*
Net Balance Effect	***$0***	***$0***
Total Budget Balance Effect	***$0***	***$0***

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Budget Action description:

This green sheet would add $1,000,000 in Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) funds to expand the Seattle Public Schools' ORCA Passport program with Metro to low-income students. The additional funding would support transit passes for income-eligible students (identified by eligibility for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program) who live within two miles of their school. Council intends for this funding to continue through the term of STBD Proposition 1, which expires on December 31, 2020.

As approved by voters, STBD Proposition 1 allows up to $2,000,000 to be spent annually to improve and support transit service for low-income transit riders. The Mayor's proposed budget includes $1,000,000 of STBD funds for this purpose; this green sheet authorizes the full amount allowed.

Council requests that Executive staff work with King County Metro and Seattle Public School to develop an implementation plan for using the additional funds and distributing passes in an equitable fashion. It is Council's intent that the additional funds first be used to provide passes to low-income high school students within their schools' walk-zone. If additional funds remain, Council's intent is to distribute remaining passes to low-income middle-school students within their schools' walk-zone.

In addition, the Council is interested in developing a plan for subsidizing Orca passes to low-income youth, such as by expanding the Orca Lift program to include free passes for all children of adult participants. It is Council's desire that a youth bus pass option be incorporated into Metro's low-income fare program.

This green sheet includes the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the 2016 budget for the Mobility-Operations BCL, $1,000,000 is appropriated solely for the provision of transit passes to income-qualified students in Seattle Public Schools and may be spent for no other purpose."

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Transfer $1,000,000 in STBD Revenues to Transportation Fund				SDOT	Operating Transfer In-From Transportation Benefit Distric Fund Prop 1 - .1% Sales Tax	587199	10310	2016	$1,000,000	
2	Add $1,000,000 to provide transit passes to income-qualified students in Seattle Public Schools				SDOT	Mobility-Operations	17003	10310	2016		$1,000,000