

2017 - 2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. xxxx SDOT Grant Applications

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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Councilmembers: O'Brien

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Council Bill or Resolution: Draft ORD

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	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of C.B. xxxx that (a) establishes a list of approved projects for which SDOT may seek grant funding and (b) prohibits SDOT from applying for any other grants of \$5 million or more in 2017 without a future ordinance.

When applying for a grant, SDOT represents the City's commitment to use the grant funding (if awarded) to build a planned project. Currently, there is no formal, comprehensive mechanism to document Executive and Council support prior to a grant application.

In 2015, SDOT applied for a federal grant that included \$15 million for bike share expansion. Council did not become aware of the application until budget deliberations and included a spending proviso in the 2016 budget to prohibit SDOT from spending funds on bike share expansion until authorized by future Council action. This legislation is intended to promote early communication between SDOT and Council regarding soliciting grant funding for \$5 million or more.

The ordinance would itemize the list of CIP projects for which SDOT is authorized to submit grant funding applications. The ordinance is intended to be permissive: SDOT may seek grants for any of the listed projects, but SDOT is not required to seek grants for any or all of the listed projects. The ordinance could be amended during the course of the year through a separate future ordinance in the event that SDOT determines that there are new projects or new grant opportunities, and the intent is that it would become new standard budget legislation for SDOT.

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