

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program (CHHIP), a public corporation chartered by The City of Seattle; approving the extension of an agreement with CHHIP approved by Ordinance 125045 for three additional months to continue funding the Capitol Hill Housing Low Income Transportation Demand Management Pilot Project; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) partnered with Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program to implement a pilot demand management program that increases access to transportation options to income eligible residents. The pilot project included the purchase and distribution of ORCA Residential Passport passes (new ORCA product), to income eligible residents of 122 low income units in Capitol Hill. SDOT contributed 50% of the cost of purchasing and distributing one ORCA Residential Passport pass to each participating residential unit. The one-year pilot, which expired on March 31, 2017, also included the development of a shared parking strategy to raise sustainable funding to continue the pilot beyond 1-year.

Sixty-nine (69) residential units participated in the Pilot, and according to information from King County Metro the number of transit trips taken by these users at the end of the 1-year pilot were 80% higher than the assumed baseline prior to the beginning of the pilot. Although CHHIP anticipated to be able to secure sustainable funding from a shared parking strategy in order to continue funding the program beyond the 1-year pilot, it has not happened, and CHHIP has requested an extension of the pilot for additional 3-months until such funding source is identified. The 3-month extension is needed to avoid interruption on the ability of participating residents to continue to use their ORCA Residential Passport cards.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to approve the amendment to the MOA between SDOT and CHHIP to extend the Project for additional three (3) months, from April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017, and to establish the requirements to be completed by CHHIP as a condition for extending the pilot to June 30, 2017. SDOT will reimburse CHHIP for up to \$11,000 for the purchase and distribution of ORCA Residential Passport passes until the end of the pilot in June 30, 2017. As part of the amendment, CHHIP is also being required to provide a final report to SDOT by no later than May 31st, 2017 with the following information:

- Final comparison, analysis, and summary of before and after survey results

- Description of ORCA Residential Passport pass administration and lessons learned during the pilot
- Status of planning for and implementation of CHHIP's off-street shared parking pricing strategies, tenant parking pricing options, and/or other sustainable funding strategy to continue the program beyond June 30, 2017
- Other recommendations for long-term program implementation

SDOT is interested in the development of a broader ORCA Residential Passport Program that can be available to low income development in Seattle. Information collected as part of this pilot will inform the development of such a program in the future. However, funding the continuation of the Program beyond June 30th will be under the administrative and financial responsibility of CHHIP until such a time a broader City-wide ORCA Residential Passport Program is ready for implementation.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**
No
- b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
No
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No
- d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No
- e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**
No
- f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No
- g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No

h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

Yes, the legislation is consistent with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative in that it provides for the distribution of ORCA Residential Passport cards to income eligible residents, which substantially reduce their transportation costs.

i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

No. It is needed to extend the 1-year pilot program.

j) Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below:

None