



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to renovating KeyArena at the Seattle Center; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designees to execute an Agreement with Seattle Arena Company, LLC, to establish roles and responsibilities for coordinating the design and constructing the transit-only lanes on Queen Anne Avenue North and 1st Avenue North, a transit queue jump at 1st Avenue North and Republican Street, design upgrades for the Protected Bicycle Lanes, and additional improvements to Thomas Street.

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle and Oak View Group, LLC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on December 4, 2017, and passed by the Seattle City Council by Ordinance 125480 on December 4, 2017, regarding redeveloping KeyArena; and the Seattle City Council passed Ordinance 125669 on September 24, 2018, authorizing the Mayor of Seattle to execute Agreements with Seattle Arena Company, LLC ("ArenaCo") for renovating and leasing KeyArena; and

WHEREAS, under the land use code, ArenaCo is required to install improvements for people walking and biking along Queen Anne Avenue North and 1st Avenue North; and

WHEREAS, the Master Use Permit requires ArenaCo to provide a proportional payment of \$594,000 to the City for transit-related speed and reliability improvements ("Transit Improvements") in the same area; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of ArenaCo's Master Use Permit for the Arena Project, the Transit Improvements must be completed before the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections issues a Certificate of Occupancy to ArenaCo; and

WHEREAS, other improvements related to the project that ArenaCo will install for the Seattle Department of

Transportation when the Transit Improvements are installed allow for project efficiencies that include: design upgrades along Queen Anne Ave N and 1st Ave N, and improvements on Thomas St between 1st Ave N and Queen Anne Ave N (the “Additional Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, the Arena Project is on an accelerated schedule, and the most efficient way to maximize construction efficiencies and minimize public impacts is for all elements of the Arena Project including the Transit Improvements and Additional Improvements to be designed and constructed together; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Transportation may credit up to \$300,000 in use fees from an individual project in exchange for voluntary transportation improvements of equal value under Seattle Municipal Code Section 15.04.100; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may through legislation allow further credits beyond \$300,000 in use fees as is provided for in the “Agreement Between the City of Seattle and Seattle Arena Company, LLC, for Designing and Constructing Transit Improvements and Additional Improvements for the Seattle Center Arena Renovation Project.”; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor or the Mayor’s designees are authorized to execute, for and on behalf of The City of Seattle (City), the “Agreement Between the City of Seattle and Seattle Arena Company, LLC, for Designing and Constructing Transit Improvements and Additional Improvements for the Seattle Center Arena Renovation Project,” between the City and Seattle Arena Company, LLC, substantially in the form attached to this ordinance as Attachment 1.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2020.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Agreement Between the City of Seattle and Seattle Arena Company, LLC, for Designing and Constructing Transit Improvements and Additional Improvements for the Seattle Center Arena Renovation Project