



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE _____
COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2015 Budget; amending Ordinance 124648, which adopted the 2015 Budget; changing appropriations to the Seattle Department of Transportation and to the Human Services Department; creating both exempt and non-exempt positions; authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into an interlocal agreement with the State Department of Licensing; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by at least a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, in Resolution 12, the Governing Board of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) submitted a ballot measure (STBD Proposition 1) to the qualified electors of the STBD to authorize up to a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax and an annual vehicle license fee of up to an additional \$60 per registered vehicle with a \$20 rebate for low-income individuals, for the purposes of funding Metro Transit service in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, STBD Proposition 1 was approved by a majority of qualified electors of the STBD and authorized up to a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax and an annual vehicle license fee of up to an additional \$60 per registered vehicle with a \$20 rebate for low-income individuals, for the purposes of funding Metro Transit service in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2014, in Resolution 14, the Governing Board of the STBD imposed the revenue measures ratified by the approval of STBD Proposition 1 necessary to fund Metro Transit service in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2015, in Resolution 17, the Governing Board of the STBD amended the STBD's 2015 budget to appropriate the revenues from STBD Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle and the STBD entered into an interlocal agreement (authorized by STBD

Resolution 2) to formalize the relationship between The City of Seattle and the STBD in order to implement transportation improvements funded through the STBD; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2015 in Resolution 16, the Governing Board of the STBD authorized the STBD to amend the interlocal agreement with The City of Seattle to address new functions as a result of STBD Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 124648 adopted a budget, including a capital improvement program and position modifications, for The City of Seattle for 2015 including funds for the Seattle Department of Transportation 2015 Budget, but did not include appropriations for the implementation of STBD Proposition 1; NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In order to pay for necessary costs and expenses incurred, but for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that were not foreseen at the time of the making of the 2015 Budget, appropriations for the following items in the 2015 budget are increased from the funds shown, as follows:

Item	Fund	Department	Budget Control Level	Amount
1.1	Transportation Operating Fund (10310)	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	Mobility-Operations (10310-17003)	(\$41,783,145) <u>\$72,683,145</u>
1.2	Human Services Operating Fund (16200)	Human Services Department (HSD)	Community Support and Assistance (16200-H30ET)	(\$49,055,499) <u>\$49,233,499</u>
Total Change				(\$31,278,000) <u>\$31,078,000</u>

Of the amount in the Mobility-Operations BCL, \$8,500,000 is appropriated solely to pay for contract expenses that occur between the termination of the contract and the subsequent service change in the event that the subsequent service change falls on the following calendar year. Unspent funds so appropriated shall carry

forward to subsequent fiscal years until they are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

Of the money appropriated in the 2015 budget for the Seattle Department of Transportation's Mobility-Operations BCL and the Human Services Department's Community Support and Assistance BCL, \$100,000 in each BCL may not be spent until the chair of the City Council Transportation Committee files with the City Clerk his certification that the Executive has submitted a report to the Transportation Committee on how the money is proposed to be spent for the Vehicle License Fee rebate and the Low Income Access programs or whether it will instead be used for other transportation priorities consistent with Seattle Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1.

The report should include:

1. An accounting of how funds within the Human Services Department's (HSD) Community Support and Assistance BCL have been used to date to implement the Vehicle License Fee rebate and the Low Income Access programs, including:
 - a. The number of Vehicle License Fee rebate applications received by HSD and how many rebates have been issued by HSD;
 - b. The average processing time for Vehicle License Fee rebate applications and any backlog of applications; and
 - c. The number of Seattle residents enrolled in the ORCA Lift program by HSD.
2. An Outreach and Enrollment Plan for the Executive's future implementation of the Vehicle License Fee rebate and Low Income Access programs, including:
 - a. Short- and long-term goals related to outreach and marketing of both programs in order to increase awareness and increase enrollment in the programs;
 - b. Short- and long-term goals related to the number of Vehicle License Fee rebates and ORCA Lift cards to be distributed to Seattle residents on a monthly basis;
 - c. Strategies related to lowering the cost of processing and distributing Vehicle License Fee

rebates; and

- d. A list of relevant organizations and/or community groups that HSD and the Seattle Department of Transportation have met with to assist in developing strategy to promote the Vehicle License Fee rebate and Low Income Access programs.

Section 2. The following new position, which is exempt from Civil Service and Public Safety Civil Service rules and laws, is created in the Department of Transportation:

Item	Department	Position Title	Position Status	Positions
2.1	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	StratAdvsr2,Exempt	Full-time	1
Total				1

The Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation is authorized to fill this position subject to applicable personnel rules and laws.

Section 3. The following new positions are created in the Seattle Department of Transportation:

Item	Department	Position Title	Position Status	Positions
3.1	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	Transp Plnr, Sr	Full-time	1
Total				1

The Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation is authorized to fill this position subject to applicable civil service and personnel rules and laws.

Section 4. The Director of Finance is authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement with the State Department of Licensing to collect vehicle license fee revenues on behalf of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District.

Section 5. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after passage and prior to its

effective date is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. 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 a three-fourths vote of all the members of the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2015.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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