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Amendment B to CB 121226 – Seattle Transit Measure

Sponsor: Council President Hollingsworth

Co-sponsors: Councilmembers Kettle, Rinck, and Rivera

Requesting a report on expanding access to the Transit Access Program

Effect: This amendment would request the Seattle Department of Transportation, in partnership with King County Metro, provide a report on the possible pathway for the City of Seattle to expand the transit access program to include additional low-income populations, including but not limited to providing support to the participants of City-run income-verified programs such as the Utility Discount Program, Seattle Preschool Program, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, or others.

Add a new Section 8 of CB 121226 as follows, renumbering subsequent sections:

Section 8. One-time reporting. The Seattle Department of Transportation, in partnership with King County Metro, is requested to provide a report that includes analysis and recommendations for an implementation plan to extend Transit Access Program (TAP) benefits to additional low-income populations, including, but not limited to, those participating in City-run, income-verified programs such as the Utility Discount Program, Seattle Preschool Program, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program. Additional analysis regarding expanding the TAP to Seattle households receiving support to access low-income housing services is also requested. The report should include cost and funding scenarios, enrollment and eligibility pathways, demographic and equity impacts, administrative feasibility, and risks, barriers, and mitigation strategies. The report should be provided to the City Council by March 31, 2028.