



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
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Seattle Center Capital Funding Resolution

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Seattle Center is one of the City's most iconic and widely used public spaces, serving as a hub for arts, culture, education, entertainment, sports, and community gathering.

Council, the Mayor concurring

- **Affirming** the importance of Seattle Center as a central civic, cultural, and economic asset for The City of Seattle;
- **Acknowledging** the urgent imperative to restore its aging infrastructure and grounds, renovate its buildings, and revitalize the Seattle Center Campus;
- **Requesting** that the Mayor direct City departments in a capital planning effort for Seattle Center;
- **Anticipating** a decision on a bond measure to fund its capital investment by the end of 2027;
- **Committing** to exploring all viable funding options to support its modernization;
- **Declaring** Council priorities; and
- **Calling** upon the Executive to direct departmental resources and budget allocations in support of its capital improvements.

Multi-department, coordinated effort

- **Assess** Seattle Center's long-term capital and infrastructure needs;
- **Identify** priority projects necessary to maintain safety, accessibility, and operational continuity;
- **Consider** areas for modernization of facilities, amenities, and other capital assets; and
- **Develop** ongoing approaches to future investments.

Advance projects

- **Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities, & other Depts;**
- **Decarbonize;**
- **Modernize;**
- **Enhance** grants and legislative appropriations; and
- **Special focus** on Climate Commitment Act funding from Washington State

Bond measure on the ballot in 2027

- **Consider and take action** on future legislation to place a **bond measure** on the ballot for voter approval **by the end of 2027** to support Seattle Center capital investment and
- **Condition the amount of bond issuance**, up to the maximum specified in the bond measure, upon **commensurate funding** from private and other non-City sources.

Explore all funding options...

- **To support capital investment in Seattle Center** in tandem with a voter-approved capital bond measure, including:
 - Existing capital funding sources;
 - County, state and federal grants;
 - Public and private partnerships; and
 - Partnership with Seattle Public Schools related to the Center School

Budget development

- **High return on investment** for the next 60-plus years;
- **Balance allocations** to Seattle Center capital needs with other City priorities; and
- **Consider the impacts** of City taxes, levies, and bonds on affordability

2027-2028 Proposed Budget expectations

- **Appropriations and position authority** for Seattle Center capital projects;
- Examples:
 - **30-percent design** for the project to modernize the **Seattle Center Armory**;
 - **Public engagement and scoping for an expanded Veterans Memorial** to honor all of Seattle's fallen and missing-in-action service members; and
 - Contracting with **contractors that have expertise with union partnerships** and a demonstrated history of **compliance with all labor laws**

Questions?