



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL  
**CENTRAL STAFF**

# **CB 121226 (Seattle Transit Measure): Council Amendments**

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# Council Amendments: Categories

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- Recitals - 4
- Duration of Tax, Tax Rate - 2
- Clarifications of Current Bill Language - 2
- No Supplanting of Existing Funds - 1
- Impacts of Potential New or Newly Expanded Revenue Sources - 2
- Oversight and Reporting - 8
- Eligible Uses of Seattle Transit Measure Revenue/  
Percentage of Revenue for Transit Service - 12

**31 Individual proposed  
changes to CB 121226**

**23 Council amendments**

# Chair's Amendments to CB 121226

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- Amendment 1, *Transit safety and security*
  - Eligible Revenue Uses, No Supplanting of Existing Funds, Recitals
- Amendment 2, *Prioritizing electric bus usage in the Duwamish Valley and South Seattle*
  - Eligible Revenue Uses, Recitals
- Amendment 3, *Directing the use of unspent appropriations for transit service*
  - Eligible Revenue Uses
- Amendment 4, *Requiring annual reporting and annual approval of all transit service purchases by service hours and routes*
  - Oversight and Reporting
- Amendment 5, *Amend term of Seattle Transit Measure*
  - Duration of Tax

## CB 121226 Amendment Focus: Tax Rate

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- Amendment 13, *Amend sales and use tax rate to 0.2% and remove capital spending as an eligible use (CM Kettle)*
  - Would also amend Eligible Revenue Uses, Recitals

# CB 121226 Amendment Focus: Clarification

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- Amendment 16, *Ensuring eligibility of transit funding on night service* (Vice Chair Rinck)

# CB 121226 Amendment Focus: Impacts of Potential New/Expanded Revenue Sources

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Section 4. If the King County Transportation Benefit District enacts a countywide transit funding measure, the City reserves the right to pass an ordinance that reduces the sales and use tax enacted pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance and/or modifies the restrictions in Section 3 of this ordinance.

- Amendment 11, *Stating intent to advocate for new state progressive revenue sources and conditioning future Council action on their authorization*  
(CM Lin)
  - Would also amend Recitals
- Amendment 17, *Stating intent to advocate for new local progressive revenue sources and conditioning future Council action on their authorization*  
(Vice Chair Rinck)
  - Would also amend Recitals

## **CB 121226 Amendment Focus: Oversight and Reporting (1)**

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- Amendment 6, *Midterm evaluation of programs* (CM Foster)
- Amendment 14, *Requesting a report on Metro's use of smaller buses and on increasing their use* (CM Kettle)
- Amendment 21, *Requesting a report on the performance outcomes of bus routes #62 and #65* (CM Rivera)

## **CB 121226 Amendment Focus: Oversight and Reporting (2)**

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- Amendment 22, *Requesting a report on the outcomes of the Waterfront Shuttle pilot program* (CM Kettle)
- Amendment 23, *Requesting a report on Metro's implementation of bus stop spacing* (CM Kettle)
- Amendment 25, *Fare recovery and performance reporting* (CM Rivera)
- Amendment 28, *Requesting a report on expanding access to the Transit Access Program* (CP Hollingsworth)

# CB 121226 Amendment Focus: Revenue Uses (1)

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- Amendment 8, *Allow contracted transit spending outside of King County Metro* (CM Strauss)
- Amendment 10, *Add transit investments in Regional Centers as eligible expenditures* (CM Strauss)
- Amendment 20, *Promoting and protecting accessibility* (CM Juarez)
  - Would also clarify current bill language

## CB 121226 Amendment Focus: Revenue Uses (2)

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- Amendment 24, *Reduce capital spending, allow capital spending on Sound Transit 3 projects, and increase minimum spending on transit service* (Vice Chair Rinck)
- Amendment 26, *Expanding eligibility for the Transit Access Program* (CP Hollingsworth)
- Amendment 27, *Expanding access within the Transit Access Program to trade school students* (Vice Chair Rinck)
- Amendment 29, *Raise minimum spending on transit service* (CM Strauss)

# Next Steps

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- **Monday, July 13:** Public Hearings on CB 121226
  - 9:30 a.m. (remote)
  - 5:00 p.m. (Council Chambers)
- **Thursday, July 16, 9:30 a.m.:** Next meeting of the Select Committee on the Seattle Transportation Benefit District
  - Possible additional/revised amendments for discussion
  - Final vote on CB 121226, as amended, by the Select Committee
- **Tuesday, July 21:** Last day for City Council to vote on Ordinance
- **Tuesday, August 4:** Last day to file ballot measure with King County
- **Tuesday, November 3:** General Election voting day

**Questions?**

# CB 121226: Overview

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- Executive legislation, discussed in this committee on June 18
  - Presentation
  - Questions for Central Staff
- The bill would authorize the placement on the November ballot of the Seattle Transportation Measure (STM) Replacement
  - Seattle Transit Measure was a six-year, 0.15% tax passed by voters in 2020
    - \$50M+ per year primarily funds expanded King County Metro service
    - Revenue also supports Streetcar operations, transportation access programs, transit capital projects, and emerging mobility needs (e.g., West Seattle Bridge closure)
- CB 121226 proposes a ten-year, 0.3% tax, with annual revenue approximately \$138M
- Amendments will be discussed today, and the bill will be up for a vote on July 16

# CB 121226: Anticipated Annual Allocation of Revenue

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