2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Cut $500,000 from SDOT's Street Maintenance BCL related to emergency response, transfer $350,000 to GSF, and impose a budget proviso.

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

Staff Analyst: Michael Fong

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	SC	TR	JG	NL	RC	TB	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2012 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund	
General Subfund Revenues	*$350,000*
General Subfund Expenditures	*$0*
Net Balance Effect	***$350,000***
Other Funds	
Transportation Operating Fund (10310)	
Revenues	*$0*
Expenditures	*($150,000)*
Net Balance Effect	***$150,000***
Total Budget Balance Effect	***$500,000***

Budget Action description:

This green sheet would cut $500,000 from the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) Street Maintenance BCL for emergency response and transfer $350,000 to the General Subfund.

This green sheet would also impose the following proviso:

> "Of the appropriation in the 2012 budget for the Department of Transportation's Street Maintenance BCL, $2.2 million is appropriated solely for emergency response and may be spent for no other purpose."

**** Has Proviso***

The Council requests SDOT to provide a written update by April 30, 2012 on year-to-date expenditures related to emergency response for the first quarter of 2012. This report should include an itemized inventory of expenditures, a comparison of first quarter spending from prior years and projected spending for the remainder of 2012 based on historical data and any other relevant information.

Background Information: In the Mayor's Proposed 2012 Budget, an additional $1.14 million was allocated from the proceeds realized from the sale of a parcel of land to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) known as the "Rubble Yard" to increase SDOT's budget for emergency response activities in 2012. With this additional funding, SDOT's proposed budget for emergency response totals approximately $2.7 million.

The department has averaged $1.9 million in annual emergency response expenditures since 2006. Cutting $500,000 would leave SDOT with an emergency response budget of $2.2 million for 2012, which includes approximately $340,000 in one-time snow and ice readiness enhancements. This would budget emergency response to the 5-year expenditure average as opposed to nearly the worst case scenario in 2009 when the City experienced several severe winter storms. With this reduction, SDOT's emergency response budget would be $580,000 more than it was in 2011 and nearly $1.5 million more than it was in 2010.

Reducing this funding will not compromise SDOT's emergency response activities. The 2012 Proposed Budget for the City's Emergency Subfund is $44.3 million. If necessary, these resources are available to fund costs associated with emergency response that exceed the department's budget allocation. Furthermore, SDOT retains flexibility within its budget to reallocate the department's existing resources to meet, in a timely fashion, any emergency response needs as they emerge.

Council has requested through this green sheet additional information at the end of the first quarter related to SDOT emergency response expenditures. This information will help inform the Council as to whether the full appropriation of funding will be necessary for the remainder of 2012.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Reduce emergency response funding.				SDOT	Street Maintenance	17005	10310	2012		($150,000)
2	Increase fund balance from emergency response.				SDOT	Use of (Contribution to) Fund Balance	379100	10310	2012	($150,000)	
3	Transfer from emergency response.				GSF	Transfer from - Transportation Operating Fund	587900	00100	2012	$350,000	