2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. 117312, South Lake Union Streetcar Capital Interfund Loan Ordinance

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Council Bill or Resolution: 117312, Tab 21 in gray notebook

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Budget Action description:
This green sheet recommends passage of C.B. 117312, the South Lake Union (SLU) Streetcar (or Seattle Streetcar) Capital Interfund loan Ordinance. This C.B. extends the SLU Streetcar inter-fund loan of $5.9 million for streetcar capital costs from December 2012 to December 2014. The capital loan for SLU Streetcar construction costs is intended to be repaid with proceeds from surplus property adjacent to, and air rights above, the South Lake Union Streetcar Maintenance Facility. Currently, this property is being used as the construction field office for the Mercer Corridor project through 2013.

Background on SLU Streetcar Interfund Capital & Operating Loans
This C.B. only pertains to the $5.9 million interfund loan associated with outstanding capital costs for the SLU Streetcar project. Another interfund loan of $3.65 million for outstanding *operating* costs associated with the SLU Streetcar may also need to be increased next year. A brief outline showing the history of the capital and operating interfund loans is provided below for context.

<u>Capital Loan: $5.9 million</u>
December 2007: Ordinance 122603 authorizes the Executive to execute a $5.9 million inter-fund loan (from the City's consolidated cash pool) to pay-off capital construction costs associated with the South Lake Union Streetcar. Loan is to be repaid December 2009.

December 2009: Ordinance 123164 extends the SLU Streetcar inter-fund loan for streetcar capital costs through December 2012.

October 2011: Proposed C.B. extends the SLU Streetcar inter-fund loan for streetcar capital costs from December 2012 to December 2014.

Operating Loan: $3.65 million

The operating loan for SLU Streetcar operating costs is intended to be repaid with sponsorship revenues, which have failed to meet expectations.

June 2007: Ordinance 122424 authorizes $2.2 million inter-fund loan to SLU Streetcar project to pay for operating costs. Loan is to be repaid December 2018.

September 2009: Ordinance 123102 increases inter-fund loan to SLU Streetcar project for operating expenses from $2.2 million to $3.65 million. Ordinance does not revise repayment deadline of 2018 though financial plan shows revised loan balance will not be repaid until 2023.