

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Place a proviso on \$270,000 REET I in the Seattle Center Long Range Investment Plan CIP project for the development of a Memorial Stadium Action Plan

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Bagshaw; Conlin; Godden

Staff Analyst: Sara Belz

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

**Budget Action description:**

This green sheet would impose the following budget proviso:

“None of the money appropriated in the 2014 budget for Seattle Center’s Campuswide Improvements and Repairs BCL may be spent for the development of a Memorial Stadium Action Plan, which is funded under the Seattle Center Long Range Investment Plan project in the 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Program, Project ID S0703, until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Council’s Libraries, Utilities, and Center Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed consultant scope of work for the development of a Memorial Stadium Action Plan.”

**Background:**

Memorial Stadium occupies nine acres near the eastern edge of the Seattle Center campus. Seattle Center’s Century 21 Master Plan, which was adopted by the Council in 2008, imagines a transformed Stadium site that is orientated along a north-south axis and, in addition to serving as an athletic field and amphitheater, functions as a green lid over a new underground garage and transit center with 1,300 parking spaces. The estimated construction costs associated with that element of the Century 21 Mater Plan total \$188.4 million (2007 dollars). The combination of the economic downturn, stalled negotiations with Seattle Public Schools about the future ownership of the Stadium site, and the high cost of redeveloping the facility pursuant to the Century 21 Master Plan have led Seattle Center staff to consider other options for opening up and activating the Stadium.

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Most recently, Seattle Center has begun exploring renovation alternatives in the \$50 million range that do not include the construction of an underground parking garage.

Both the vision for Memorial Stadium described in the Century 21 Master Plan and the scaled-down design alternatives Seattle Center has considered more recently have only been explored at a high, conceptual level. Thus, the 2014-2019 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes \$270,000 in 2014 REET I revenues to support the creation of a more thorough Memorial Stadium Action Plan. The Memorial Stadium Action Plan would include in-depth analysis of a small number of design alternatives and provide Seattle Center staff and elected officials with detailed information that could help inform their future recommendations and decisions regarding the potential redevelopment of the Stadium site. It is expected that the final Memorial Stadium Action Plan developed by the selected consultants would include the following components:

- An architectural element;
- Market analyses and feasibility studies; and
- A public engagement strategy.

The intent of this green sheet is to assure the Council has an opportunity to review and approve the proposed scope of work for the Memorial Stadium Action Plan, including the design alternatives that would be studied, before funding is made available to execute an associated consultant contract.