

Resolution No. 31091

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Resolution sponsored by: Jan Drago

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	SG, JD, SC, RM, TB - PASS	
	NL, RM - Do not pass	

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Full Council Action:

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WHEREAS, In Resolution 31042 and Ordinance 122627 the City Council approved a streetcar network concept map and a work program for further study and analysis by SDOT; and

WHEREAS, based on technical, financial, and operational feasibility and economic development opportunity, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has identified four routes that are considered "most promising" for the initial development of a streetcar network; and; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The City Council supports the development of a streetcar network as shown in Attachment A.

Section 2. Of the four routes identified in Attachment A, the City Council believes that the "Central" line and "First Hill" lines should be prioritized as capital funding for these lines is more likely to be forthcoming in the future.

Section 3. It is the Council's intent that Sound Transit funds be used to fund the capital and operating costs of the "First Hill" streetcar line from the International District to the Capitol Hill station except for streetscape improvements that would complement the streetcar line.

Section 4. Except for the funding necessary to provide the additional information requested in this section, the City Council will not consider approving appropriation authority for any funding for additional streetcar lines without the following:

- a. A clear demonstration of secured or committed funding for capital costs associated with constructing a specific streetcar line and a fully developed plan for operating revenues that clearly identifies and limits the use of any City funding;



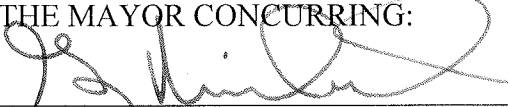
- b. An updated version of the Seattle Transit Plan with a clearly articulated vision of how a specific streetcar line or network would meet the City's overall transit goals and how the City's transit system would benefit, including how a line or a network would provide specific measurable improvement toward meeting the overall Urban Village Transit Network (UVTN) goal of service every 15 minutes, 18 hours a day, 7 days a week in UVTN corridors;
- c. A written summation of how the quality of transit service for a particular corridor or neighborhood would be impacted by the development of a streetcar line and a quantitative assessment of the overall increase or decrease in transit service hours that would be provided along a streetcar line; and
- d. A written confirmation from SDOT that there is an agreement between Metro Transit and SDOT on the assumptions made with regard to restructuring of bus service hours for the purposes of operating streetcar line(s), including the impacts on service quality, the specific bus route restructuring necessary to accommodate a new streetcar line, the total number of hours available for restructuring, and the financial value of those bus service hours translated into streetcar service hours.

Adopted by the City Council the 8th day of December, 2008, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 8th day of December, 2008.



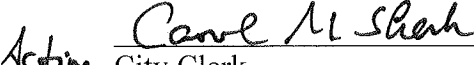
President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:



Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 15th day of December, 2008.



Acting City Clerk

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Attachment A: Seattle Streetcar Network

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	DOF Analyst/Phone:
Legislative	Mike Fong/5-1675	N/A

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION stating the City Council's support for developing a streetcar network in the City of Seattle and identifying the most promising streetcar routes for the City to pursue.

- **Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation expresses the City Council's support of the Executive's streetcar network map as proposed in the "Seattle Streetcar Network Development Report" (report) released in May of 2008 by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). In addition, Council expresses its support for the "Central" and "First Hill" lines in the report as the priority routes for development.

- **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

In February of 2008, Council adopted Resolution 31042 and Ordinance 122627 approving a work program and a streetcar network concept map for further study and analysis by SDOT. At that time, Council expressed its intent to consider information provided by SDOT in response to these two pieces of legislation and possibly determine whether and how to proceed further with expansion of Seattle's streetcar network.

In May of 2008, SDOT released the "Seattle Streetcar Network Development Report" designating four routes/alignments as the "most promising." Council reviewed the content of the Executive's report, held a series of four public forums targeted at soliciting feedback on each of the proposed routes and retained Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates to conduct an analysis of different modes of transit, various trade-offs and how each mode helps meet the City's stated and adopted transit goals. Subsequent to this review, Council is adopting this resolution to provide further guidance to the Executive and SDOT related to this project.

- *Please check one of the following:*

X **This legislation does not have any financial implications.** *(Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*

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of _____, 2008.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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Attachment A: Seattle Streetcar Network

STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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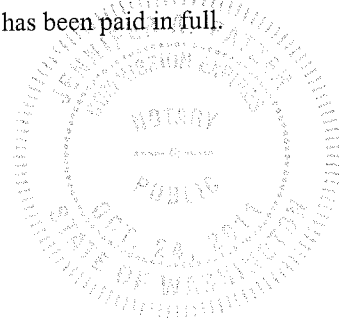
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Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

TITLE-ONLY PUBLICATION

The full text of the following resolutions, passed by the City Council on December 8, 2008, and published here by title only, will be mailed, at no cost, on request for two months after this publication. For further information, contact the Seattle City Clerk at 684-8344.

RESOLUTION NO. 31100

A RESOLUTION assigning City of Seattle owned or leased motor vehicles to certain City of Seattle officials and employees, and authorizing those vehicles to be garaged during non-working hours at the residences of the individuals to whom assigned for a period beginning on the date

of passage of this Resolution and ending when the City Council adopts a superseding Resolution, a period anticipated to be approximately one year.

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Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN,
City Clerk

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