

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE related to the City Light Department and Seattle Public Utilities; transferring jurisdiction of the former Wabash Substation Property from the City Light Department to Seattle Public Utilities for water, drainage, and other utility purposes.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation will transfer jurisdiction over Seattle City Light’s former Wabash Substation from City Light to Seattle Public Utilities for water, drainage, and other utility purposes, in consideration of a payment of \$157,500 to the City Light Fund from the Drainage and Wastewater Fund.

**Background:**

The former Wabash Substation became surplus to City Light’s needs as part of the system-wide conversion from a 4 kV to a 26 kV electric distribution system.

In 2011, by Resolution 31317, the City Council requested City Light to conduct a Surplus Property Disposition Pilot Project to test alternative procedures to accomplish the City Council’s internal circulation and community outreach goals in disposing of surplus properties.

At the successful conclusion of the Surplus Pilot Project, the City Council authorized the sale of all six of the pilot properties, and in 2012, by Resolution 31412, the City Council requested that City Light study additional surplus properties, in similar geographic groupings, using the same procedures as those tested in the Pilot Project, and that City Light then make recommendations for the disposition of these properties to the City Council.

In 2013, City Light conducted the Southwest Seattle Surplus Property Disposition Study, including six former substations in West Seattle, one in Burien, one in SeaTac, and the former Wabash Substation in the Rainier Valley. These nine properties were circulated first to other City departments, and due to frequent CSO Basin overflows in the area and past flooding issues with the neighboring property, Seattle Public Utilities expressed interest in acquiring the former Wabash Substation for a potential future CSO Storage Facility to control overflows and/or potential stormwater detention facility.

A report to the City Council on City Light’s Southwest Seattle Surplus Property Disposition Study, which included the circulation of the former Wabash Substation to other City departments, and community discussion about the proposed transfer of jurisdiction, is included in Clerk File \_\_\_\_\_ .

The value of the property was determined by an M.A.I. appraisal and a review appraisal obtained through the City’s Department of Finance and Administrative Services.

No additional appropriations will be required to complete this transfer. The 2014-2019 Adopted Capital Improvement Program for Seattle Public Utilities, Drainage and Wastewater, will provide sufficient funding for this transfer through the Combined Sewer Overflow Program (BCL/Program Code C360); this ongoing program provides Combined Sewer Overflow control and wastewater projects in under-served parts of Seattle.

**X This legislation has financial implications.**

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:**

<b>Fund Name and Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>2014 Revenue</b>	<b>2015 Revenue</b>
City Light Fund 41000	Seattle City Light	Drainage and Wastewater Fund 44010	\$157,500	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$157,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Other Implications:**

**a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**

City Light may deposit the proceeds from this transfer in the City Light Rate Stabilization Account, if necessary, to avoid the triggering of automatic rate increases resulting from fluctuating account balances.

**b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**

City Light would not realize the transfer proceeds and would continue to incur maintenance costs for holding this surplus property.

**c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

Yes. This property is being transferred to Seattle Public Utilities to be used for a potential CSO Storage facility and/or storm water detention facility.

**d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**

This property could be sold to a private party. This would provide revenue to the City

Light Fund, but would not meet the Combined Sewer Overflow or drainage detention objectives of Seattle Public Utilities.

**e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

Yes. RCW 35.94.040 requires a public hearing for the sale of surplus utility properties.

**f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

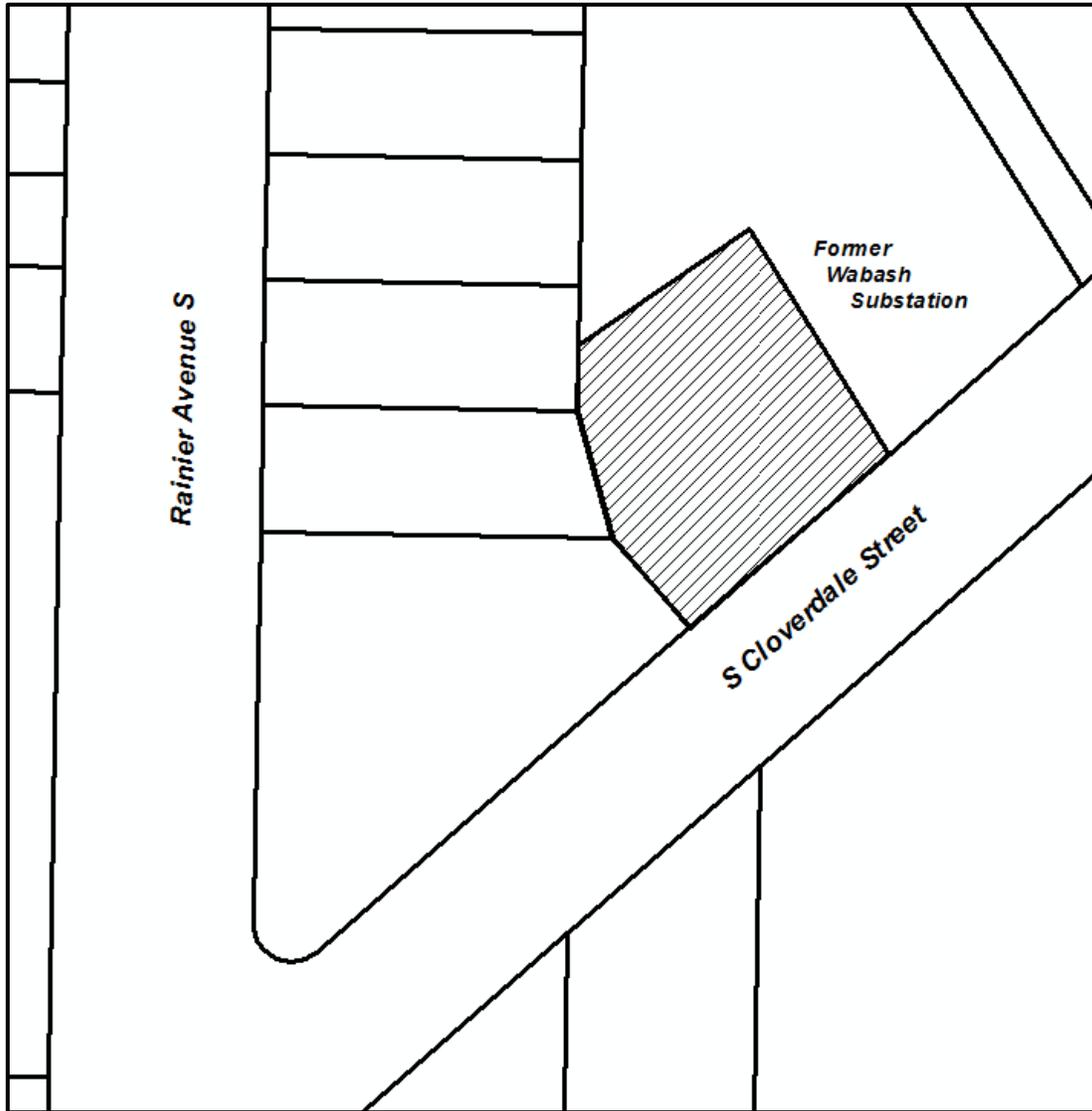
**g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

Yes. A map of the former Wabash Substation, at 5122 South Cloverdale Street, is provided as Attachment A to this Fiscal Note.

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**

Attachment A: Map of Former Wabash Substation

Attachment A



Map of Former Wabash Substation  
5122 S Cloverdale Street