

RESOLUTION No. 30801

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WHEREAS, the City Charter, in Article IV, Section 4, Sixth Clause, grants the City Council and its committees the authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of papers and things pertinent to Council business; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authority under the City Charter to use committees of its members to facilitate its legislative functions, and for that purpose sometimes meets as a committee of the whole, has created several standing committees, and has established a procedure for creating special committees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to gather information from city departments, commissions, advisory panels, officers, and employees to use its broad legislative powers for the benefit of the citizens of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to establish a uniform procedure for the Council and its committees to obtain oral and written information, documents, and other things from city departments, commissions, advisory panels, officers, and employees to assist the Council in its legislative business; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE:

Section 1. The President of the City Council or the chair of any of the Council's standing or special committees or the presiding officer of the committee of the whole may issue a summons to any City officer or employee requiring that person to do one or any combination of the following:

A. Attend a specified meeting or meetings and provide requested information related to the legislative business of the Council or that committee;

B. Cause the appropriate officer or employee to attend a specified meeting or meetings and provide requested information related to the legislative business of the Council or that committee; and



1 C. Produce papers, documents, or other things belonging to or prepared at the request or expense
2 of the City that are related to the legislative business of the Council or that committee.

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4 attendance or production.

5 Section 2. If a City officer or employee does not fully comply with a summons, the Council
6 President or the committee chair or presiding officer shall report this to the Full Council.

7 Section 3. No Councilmember or Council committee shall seek to initiate legal action to compel
8 compliance with its summons unless the Full Council provides such authority.

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10 Adopted by the City Council the 19 day of September, 2005, and signed by me in open
11 session in authentication of its adoption this 19 day of September, 2005.

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President _____ of the City Council

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15 Filed by me this 20 day of September, 2005.

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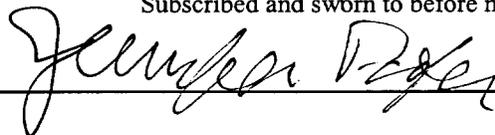
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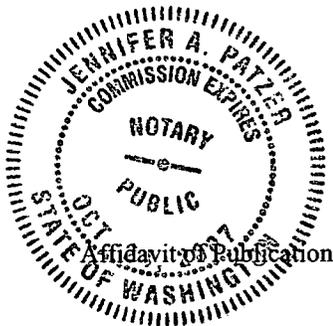


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RESOLUTION NO. 30799

A RESOLUTION adopting the Seattle Transit Plan: To Get Seattle Moving, which provides long-term vision for improving the transit system serving the City over the next twenty-five years.

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City Clerk

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