

Resolution No. 31042

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The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

Resolution sponsored by: Jan Perry

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8 public-private partnerships and local improvement districts where redevelopment
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10 WHEREAS, Seattle's fixed-rail streetcar line connecting the downtown Westlake Transit Hub to
11 the South Lake Union neighborhood opened on December 12, 2007 as part of a plan to
12 revitalize the south lakeshore area; and

13 WHEREAS, in Ordinance 121565, the City Council encouraged the Executive to develop plans
14 for a more extensive and linked streetcar network to help Council evaluate the feasibility
15 and desirability of developing a streetcar network; and

16 WHEREAS, in cooperation with the Seattle Streetcar Alliance, the Seattle Department of
17 Transportation (SDOT) conducted a workshop in July 2006 to explore potential
18 alignments for a Seattle Streetcar Network; and

19 WHEREAS, in January 2007, SDOT published a report on the outcomes of the workshop,
20 including a plan for recommended streetcar corridors; and

21 WHEREAS, SDOT did further analysis and prepared a draft Seattle Streetcar Network Concept
22 (SSNC) map showing potential streetcar corridors, including initial segments that would
23 be further analyzed using resources in the 2008 Adopted Budget; and

24 WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council commissioned a study of transit gaps and needs in and
25 around downtown Seattle, including an assessment of potential streetcar network
26 corridors; and

27 WHEREAS, to date, the City Council has not received sufficient information to evaluate the
28 merits of developing a streetcar network in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified and approved an SDOT work program in C.B. No.
116132 to analyze some of the information it needs to make a determination on the
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WHEREAS, in deciding whether the City should develop a streetcar network or portions thereof, the City Council will need to weigh various considerations, including but not limited to, constructability; ridership potential; estimated capital, operating and maintenance costs and estimated operating revenues; partnership potential; economic and funding feasibility; network integration and transit connectivity; and a comparative analysis of the cost effectiveness of a streetcar network versus other forms of transit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council anticipates that SDOT's analysis may lead to eliminating or modifying streetcar routes as shown in the SSNC approved in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, following the completion of SDOT's analysis, the City Council may make a threshold decision as to whether the City should continue with next steps for the potential development of a streetcar network; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City Council to authorize additional steps and/or funding for developing a streetcar network, SDOT will need to show how the next investment in a streetcar network, including each of the streetcar lines proposed in the network, will provide measurable progress toward achieving the Seattle Transit Plan's strategy to improve service on the Urban Village Transit Network with the goal of providing 15 minute or better service frequency, 18 hours a day, 7 days a week, in both directions between urban villages based on, but not limited to, the 2008 update of the Urban Village Transit Network Monitoring Report; and

WHEREAS, if the City Council decides that the City should continue developing a streetcar network, it will need to adopt specific conditions that guide SDOT's future route-specific streetcar planning and preliminary engineering before SDOT can proceed; NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Seattle Streetcar Network Concept map, included as Exhibit 1, is hereby approved as the basis for Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) further study and analysis of a streetcar network and individual routes and segments of routes.



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Section 3. In conjunction with the work program in C.B. No. 116132, Exhibit 1, the City Council requests that SDOT provide the Council with a comparative assessment of proposed funding for the Streetcar Network Concept with a similar level of funding for METRO and/or Sound Transit capital improvements and services, which addresses the advantages and disadvantages of each. SDOT should also provide the Council with an assessment of how funding for operating a streetcar network would change or reduce METRO bus service hours.



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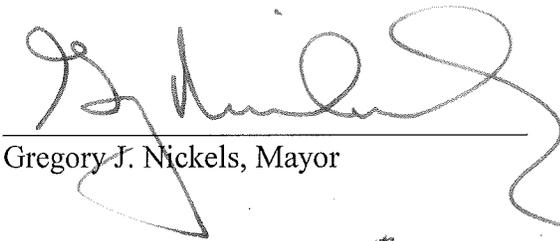
Section 4. The City Council will not consider releasing additional funds beyond those authorized in C.B. No. 116132 for further streetcar network study and analysis until after SDOT submits a final report for Council consideration. SDOT is requested to submit its streetcar network analysis report to Council no later than May 1, 2008.

Adopted by the City Council the ^{11th day} 11 day of February, 2008, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ^{11th day} 11 day of February, 2008.



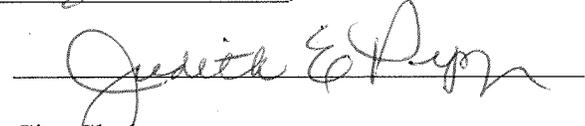
President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:



Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 14th day of February, 2008.

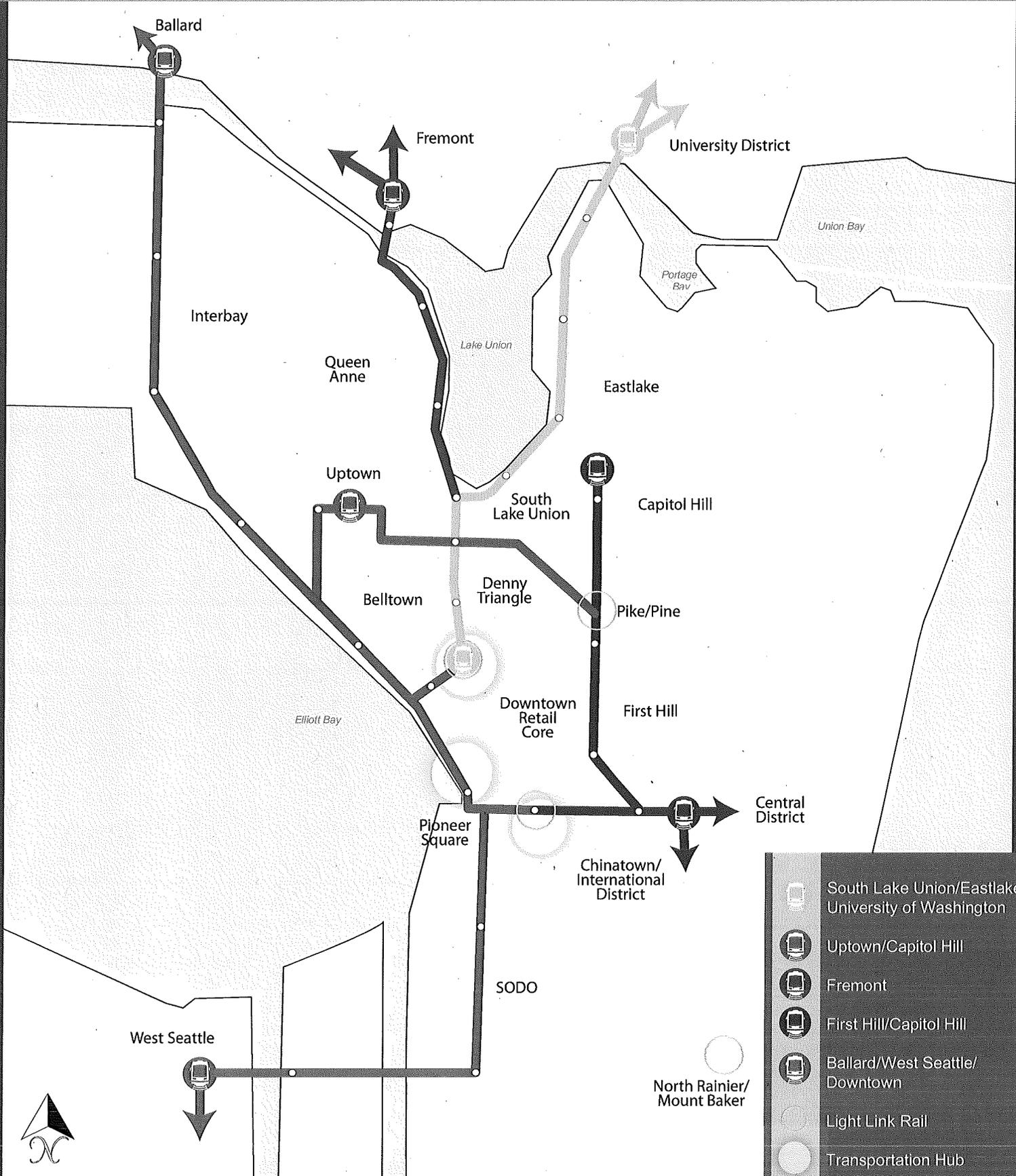


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Exhibit 1: Seattle Streetcar Network Concept Map





FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION approving a Seattle Streetcar Network Concept indicating potential routes for further study and analysis and outlining a City Council review process to determine whether it is feasible to develop all or portions of a streetcar network in Seattle.

- **Summary of the Legislation:** This legislation designates and adopts the Seattle Streetcar Network Development Plan, a map of interconnecting streetcar corridors linking downtown to various neighborhoods. The Seattle Streetcar Network Development Plan is based on work by the Seattle Streetcar Alliance, Sound Transit and consultants commissioned by the City Council as well as work by the Seattle Department of Transportation.
- **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):* The City Council adopted a proviso during the 2008 budget process that restricts a portion of appropriations for development of the streetcar network until certain conditions were met, among them adoption by Council of a preliminary streetcar network. Once the network is adopted by Council, SDOT staff will analyze the corridors to choose the most promising routes for priority and study funding options and partnership opportunities.

Seattle's modern fixed-rail streetcar line connecting the downtown Westlake Transit Hub to the South Lake Union neighborhood opened on December 12, 2007. A streetcar network will add a transit choice that supports the goal of getting people out of their cars to work or shop without adding to greenhouse gas emissions. Successful streetcar projects throughout the United States have been funded through public-private partnerships and local improvement districts where redevelopment generates ridership and the streetcar is a catalyst to development

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12 President _____ of the City Council

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26 Exhibit 1: Seattle Streetcar Network Concept Map
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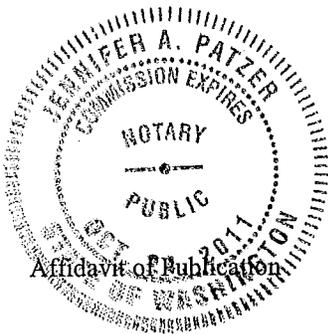
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Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

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A RESOLUTION urging adoption of legislation relating to executive session recordings during the 2008 session of the Washington State Legislature.

RESOLUTION NO. 31039

A RESOLUTION related to women's professional basketball and providing guidance for negotiating terms for a lease of the KeyArena at Seattle Center.

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN,
City Clerk

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