

Resolution No. 31207

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## Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote
4-27-10	Pass	4-0 TR, JG, TB, NL

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## Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
5-3-10	Adopted	7-0 (Excused: Burgess, Harrell)

*Law Department*

RESOLUTION 31207

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3 A RESOLUTION approving the route for the First Hill Streetcar line and stating additional steps  
4 needed to implement the First Hill Streetcar Project.

5 WHEREAS, in December 2008, the City Council adopted Resolution 31091, "stating the City  
6 Council's support for developing a streetcar network in the City of Seattle and identifying  
7 the most promising streetcar routes for the City to pursue", including the First Hill  
8 Streetcar; and

9 WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) Board of  
10 Directors adopted Sound Transit 2, A Mass Transit Guide, the Regional Transit System  
11 Plan for Central Puget Sound ("ST2") on July 24, 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, ST2 includes, within the Link Light Rail Program, capital and operating funds to  
13 build and operate "a new streetcar connector line between downtown Seattle, First Hill,  
14 and the future Capitol Hill light rail station;" and

15 WHEREAS, the Sound Transit Board of Directors called an election to approve local taxes to  
16 implement ST2, which measure was approved by the electorate on November 4, 2008;  
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18 WHEREAS, in October 2009, the City Council passed Ordinance 123118, authorizing a Funding  
19 and Cooperative Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle to implement  
20 the First Hill Streetcar Connector Project; and

21 WHEREAS, the Funding and Cooperative Agreement authorized by Ordinance 123118 provides,  
22 among other things, that "the City will select the Project route, after review and approval  
23 of the route by City Council by resolution;" and

24 WHEREAS, Ordinance 123118 also requires the Executive to submit to the City Council,  
25 quarterly capital reports on the First Hill Streetcar project, beginning in 2010 until  
26 construction close-out; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition, Ordinance 123118 requires SDOT to obtain City Council approval prior  
28 to executing a construction contract and third-party operating agreement for the First Hill  
Streetcar project; and



1 WHEREAS, the City has completed a multidisciplinary analysis of route alternatives for the First  
Hill Streetcar; and

2 WHEREAS, the City will be the lead agency for State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)  
3 compliance and wishes to identify the preferred route that will be analyzed pursuant to  
4 SEPA; and

5 WHEREAS, the selection of the route for the First Hill Streetcar project is only an initial  
6 implementation step and future Council approval of other major project milestones will  
be needed; and

7 WHEREAS, SDOT anticipates completing environmental review during the third quarter of  
8 2010, conceptual engineering during the fourth quarter of 2010, final design by the end of  
9 the third quarter in 2011, and selecting the General Contractor and Construction Manager  
10 (GC/CM) and executing the Maximum Allowable Construction Contract (MACC) by the  
first quarter of 2011; NOW, THEREFORE

11 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE,**  
12 **THE MAYOR CONCURRING, AS FOLLOWS:**

13 Section 1. The route for the First Hill Streetcar line, as generally described in Exhibit A  
14 and generally depicted in the drawings in Exhibit B to this resolution, is hereby approved, subject  
15 to the applicable processes required by the State Environmental Policy Act.  
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17 Section 2. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) shall provide written and  
18 oral briefings to the City Council when the First Hill Streetcar Project is at 30%, 60% and 90%  
19 design, enabling the City Council to provide feedback on design issues and options, including  
20 station locations, cross-section alternatives, possible traffic and pedestrian issues, plans for  
21 bicycle integration, and the location of a maintenance base. As part of each of these briefings,  
22 SDOT should provide the Council with information on the latest capital cost estimates, which  
23 will continue to be refined during the design process.  
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1           Section 3. SDOT shall also continue to solicit and consider input from the public on the  
2 issues identified in Section 2 above.

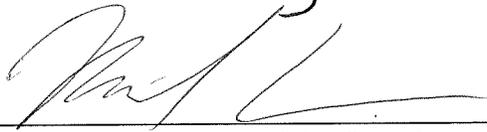
3           Section 4. SDOT shall seek funds to extend the First Hill streetcar route north on  
4 Broadway, beyond Denny Street and Broadway. In addition, per Section 1 of the Funding and  
5 Cooperative Agreement between Sound Transit and the City, SDOT should request the Sound  
6 Transit Board allow the City to use any excess capital funds provided by ST2 for the First Hill  
7 Streetcar Project for the purpose of extending the Project's route north on Broadway.  
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9           Section 5. As part of SDOT's current work to update *Seattle's Transit Plan*, SDOT  
10 should examine ways in which public transit can be improved in First Hill's Boren/Madison area  
11 and along the north-south 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor in Capitol Hill and the Central District.  
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1 Section 6. To the extent possible, SDOT shall adhere to the Project Schedule depicted in  
2 Exhibit C and notify the Council's Transportation Committee of any delays or issues that may  
3 prevent the Project from coming in on-time and on-budget.

4 Adopted by the City Council the 3rd day of May, 2010, and signed by me in  
5 open session in authentication of its adoption this 3rd day of May, 2010.

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9 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

10 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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13 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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15 Filed by me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

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18 City Clerk

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22 Exhibit A: General Description of the First Hill Streetcar Route  
23 Exhibit B-1: First Hill Streetcar Route - Denny Way to Yesler Way  
24 Exhibit B-2: First Hill Streetcar Route – Yesler Way to Second Avenue S  
25 Exhibit C: First Hill Streetcar Project Schedule



## EXHIBIT A

### General Description of the First Hill Streetcar Route

A tail track for inbound and outbound trains on E Denny Way, from the vicinity of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue E to Broadway, provided that the tail track section may not be constructed if a route extension is approved prior to the construction of the First Hill Streetcar Project;

Northbound and southbound tracks on Broadway, from E Denny Way to Yesler Way;

Eastbound and westbound tracks on Yesler Way and E Yesler Way, from Broadway to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue S;

Northbound and southbound tracks on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, from E Yesler Way to S Jackson Street;

Westbound tracks on S Jackson Street, from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue S to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S;

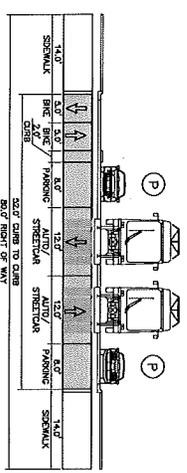
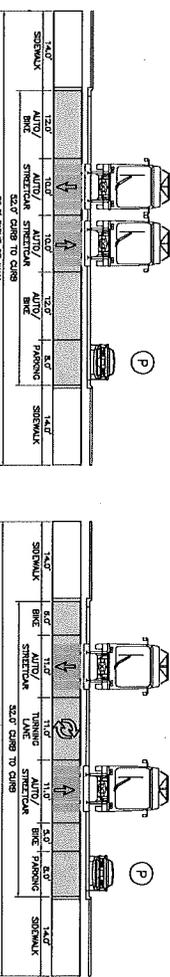
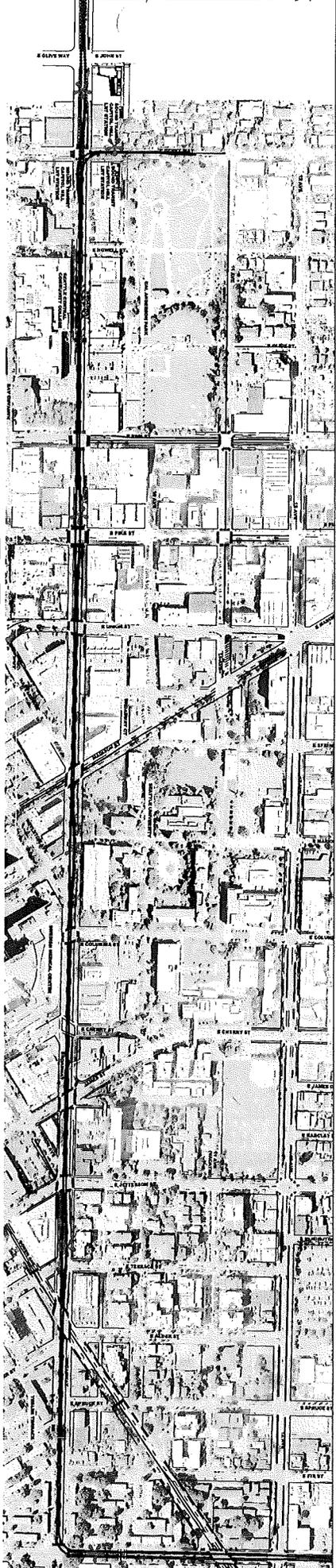
Northbound tracks on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S from S Jackson Street to S Main Street;

Eastbound tracks on S Main Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S;

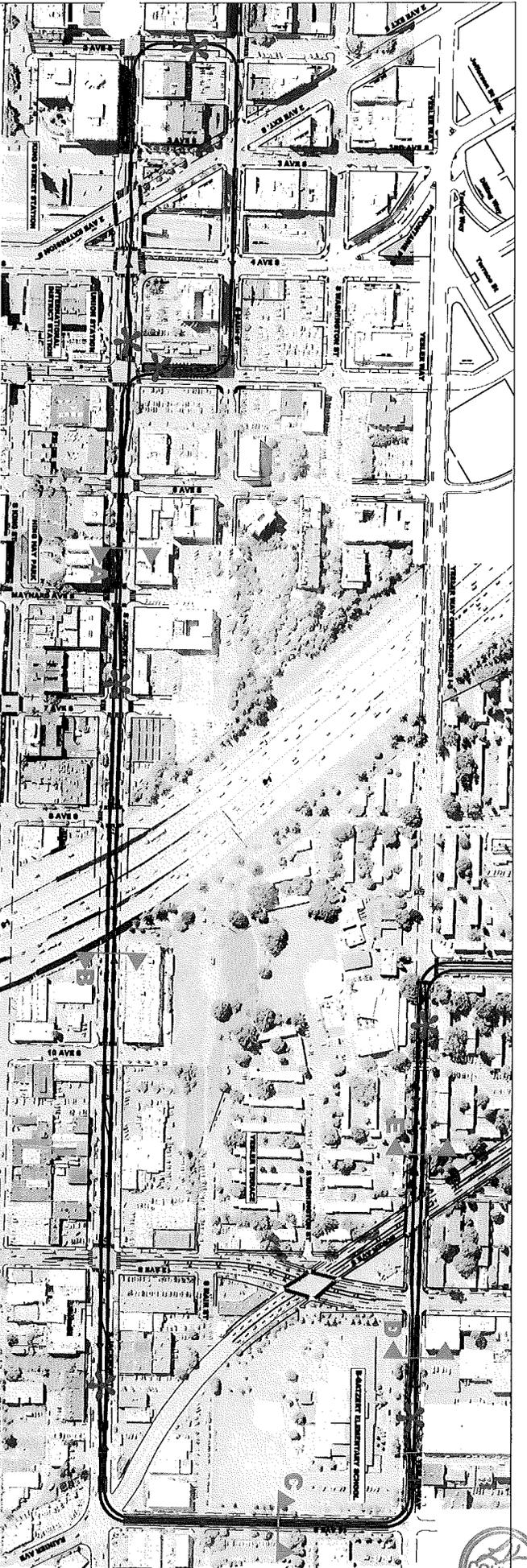
Southbound tracks on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S from S Main Street to S Jackson Street;

Eastbound tracks on S Jackson Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.

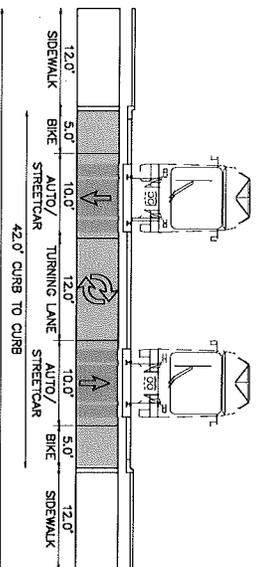
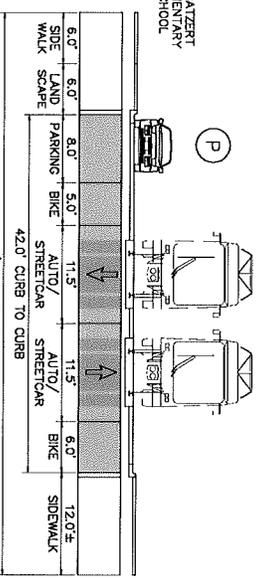
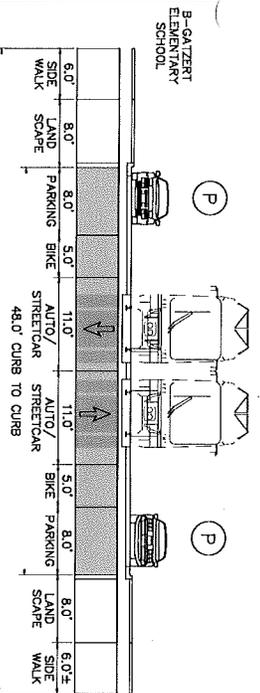
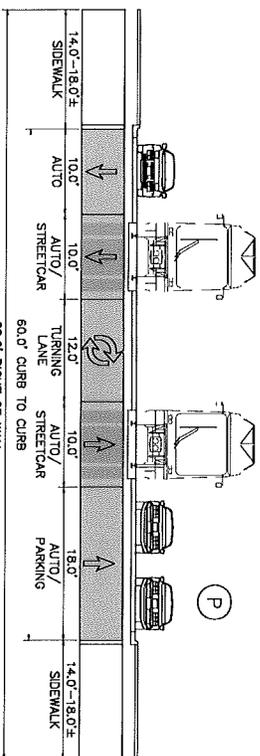
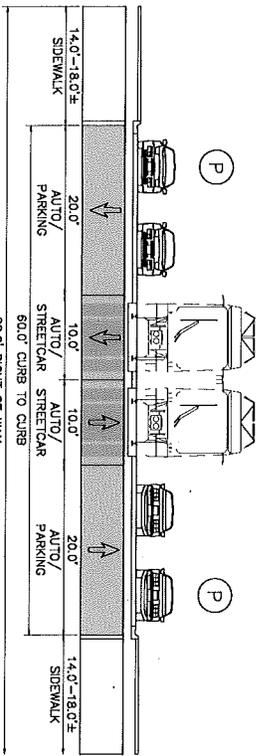




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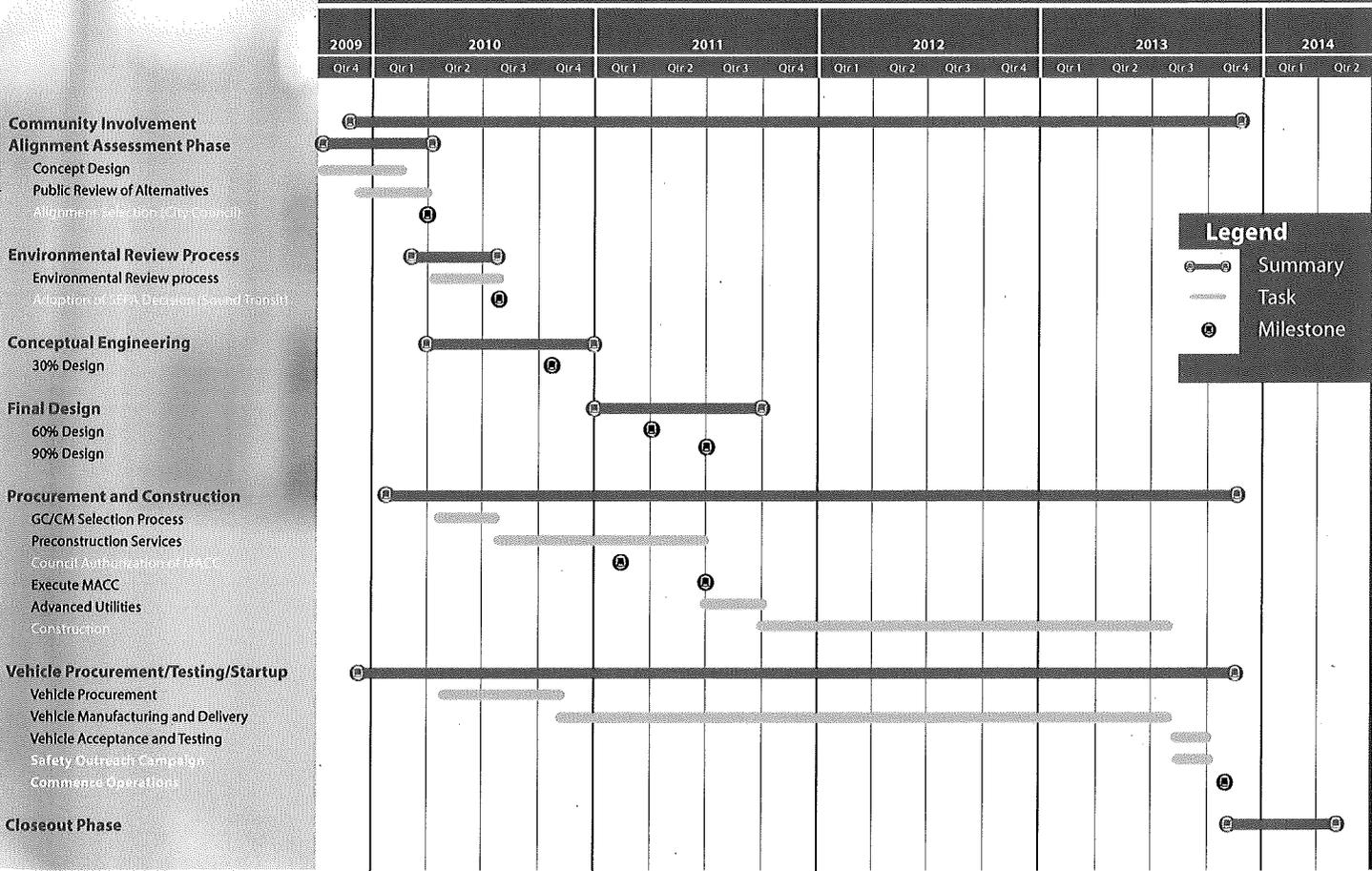
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FIRST HILL STREET CAR

Spring 2010

## Preliminary Proposed Project Schedule



**Legend**

- Summary
- Task
- Milestone



**FISCAL NOTE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS ONLY**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>DOF Analyst/Phone:</b>
SDOT	Christa Valles/684-5336	

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION approving the route for the First Hill Streetcar line and stating additional steps needed to implement the First Hill Streetcar Project.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:**

Ordinance 123118 authorized a Funding and Cooperative agreement between the City and Sound Transit for implementation of the First Hill Streetcar Connector Project. The interlocal agreement provides that "the City will select the Project route, after review and approval of the route by City Council by resolution." SDOT has completed a multidisciplinary analysis of route alternatives and a public involvement process to inform the route approval. This legislation would implement the route approval as anticipated in Ordinance 123118 and outlines additional future City Council actions and check-in points.

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Project I.D.</b>	<b>Project Location:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date</b>
First Hill Streetcar	TC367100	Various	Q2/2009	Q2/2014

**This legislation creates, funds, or anticipates a new CIP Project.** *(Please note whether the current CIP is being amended through this ordinance, or provide the Ordinance or Council Bill number of the separate legislation that has amended/is amending the CIP.)*

**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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**Note:** The funding for the First Hill Streetcar project is included in the 2010 Adopted Budget and the 2010-2015 Adopted CIP. Approval of this route does not impact the budgeted amount of funding.





# City of Seattle

Michael McGinn, Mayor

## Office of the Mayor

April 6, 2010

Honorable Richard Conlin  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Resolution recommending approval of a route for the First Hill Streetcar project. The recommended route would operate primarily on Broadway through First Hill and Capitol Hill and primarily on S Jackson Street through the Chinatown/International District and Pioneer Square. The First Hill Streetcar will connect First Hill employment centers to the regional high capacity transit system, improve local circulation and make a unique new set of transit connections between diverse and dynamic neighborhoods. Construction would begin in 2011, creating new construction jobs in the near term and supporting economic development over the long term when operations begin in late 2013.

### Project Background

The recommended alignment is consistent with the origins and history of the First Hill Streetcar project. Ten years ago this month, the Seattle City Council approved a route for Sound Transit's Central Link Light Rail project that was to include a First Hill Station on Madison Street, near Broadway. As the light rail project development advanced, the costs and risks of a deep bored tunnel and light rail station under First Hill emerged as a concern for the Sound Transit Board and for the Federal Transit Administration, the major funding partner for Central Link Light Rail. In 2006, the Sound Transit Board removed the First Hill station from the Sound Move plan, and authorized study of alternative means of connecting First Hill to the regional transit system. A streetcar connector operating primarily on Broadway and Jackson emerged as the preferred alternative means of connecting First Hill to the regional transit system.

### Advantages of the Recommended Route

The Broadway/Jackson route is estimated to cost approximately \$125 M, comfortably within the maximum Sound Transit funding limit of \$132.8 M, and will provide an efficient and accessible new transit option. The route also presents opportunities to re-think the Broadway streetscape in ways that support walking, biking and riding transit. In the Chinatown/International District, the Pioneer Square loop integrates well with other transit and connects First Hill and Capitol Hill to this historic district and the adjacent stadium district.

### Potential Future Transit Improvements in the Corridor

Through the public engagement process that informed this recommendation, the City learned a great deal about the transit needs of the First Hill and Capitol Hill areas and worked with passionate advocates for improving transit to support these livable, sustainable urban neighborhoods. As we

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Michael McGinn, Mayor

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move forward with the First Hill Streetcar, I am also committed to developing plans to address the key transit issues that stakeholders identified throughout this process, including:

- Improving transit access to the Boren/Madison area, through measures such as speed and reliability improvements to existing Metro routes;
- Developing alternatives that provide north-south transit service in the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor; and
- Extending the First Hill Streetcar to the north end of Broadway, to support the economic revitalization of Broadway and improve neighborhood access to the Capitol Hill light rail station.

I have asked SDOT to address each of these issues as they begin the development of a Transit Master Plan that will serve as a blueprint for future transit investments in Seattle.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Ethan Melone of SDOT at 684-8066.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McGinn".

Michael McGinn  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council



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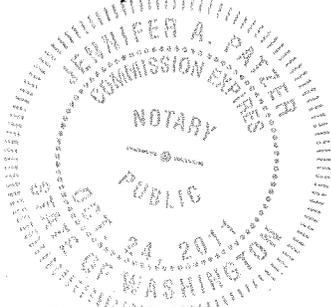
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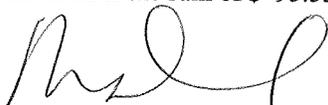
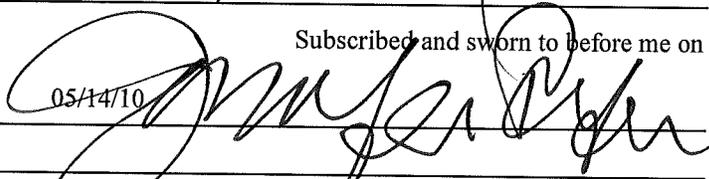
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## City of Seattle

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#### ORDINANCE NO. 123286

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123287

AN ORDINANCE accepting for general street purposes 23 deeds conveyed to the City of Seattle by the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority or Sound Transit in connection with the Central Link Light Rail Transit Project as agreed to in a Property Acquisition and Transfer Procedures Agreement between the City of Seattle and Sound Transit; laying off, opening, widening, extending, and establishing portions of the rights-of-way located on Martin Luther King Jr. Way South between South Della Street and South Branford Street, South Findley Street and South Orcas Street, and South Ferdinand Street and South Bennett Street; placing the real property conveyed by the 23 deeds under the jurisdiction of the Seattle Department of Transportation; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123288

AN ORDINANCE relating to a pedestrian skybridge across Western Avenue, approximately 300 feet north of Pike Street, amending Ordinance 114388, as amended by Ordinance 121855, to authorize the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority to install and operate utilities on the skybridge, update the insurance and bond requirements, and amend the annual fee; provide for acceptance of the permit conditions; and ratify and confirm certain prior acts.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 31201

A RESOLUTION relating to Seattle Public Utilities, concurring in the submittal of the proposed 2010 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Reduction Plan Amendment (the "2010 CSO Plan Amendment") and application for permit renewal to the Washington State Department of Ecology ("Ecology") to comply with the requirements of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) CSO Permit.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 31207

A RESOLUTION approving the route for the First Hill Streetcar line and stating additional steps needed to implement the First Hill Streetcar Project.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 31210

A RESOLUTION establishing the 2010 work program for the Office of Housing.

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