

Resolution No. 31240

A RESOLUTION stating the City's intent to convene a Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee III to advise the Council on transportation funding alternatives and priorities.

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2 A RESOLUTION stating the City's intent to convene a Citizens Transportation Advisory
3 Committee III to advise the Council on transportation funding alternatives and priorities..

4 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has twice in the past used a Citizens Transportation Advisory
5 Committee (CTAC) to recommend new approaches for funding, operating, maintaining
6 and improving Seattle's transportation system; and

7 WHEREAS, between the time the CTAC-II report was released on May 25, 2004 and today, new
8 challenges have emerged, including a prolonged recession, declining motor vehicle use
9 further eroding gas-tax receipts, and new statutory obligations, including the state climate
10 law, RCW 70.235.020, and the state vehicle miles travelled law, RCW 47.01.440; and

11 WHEREAS, meeting these challenges will require a similar level of detailed attention as was
12 brought by the previous two CTAC's, and guidance from the city's engaged stakeholder
13 communities to help develop the framework and shared vision necessary to address the
14 city's commitment to affordable, safe, and efficient movement for persons, goods and
15 services;

16 WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.21.225, the City Council is considering establishing the
17 Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) in accordance with the provisions of
18 Chapter 36.73 RCW via Council Bill 116947; and

19 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Seattle serves as the governing body for the STBD
20 acting in an ex officio and independent capacity; and

21 WHEREAS, the STBD will consider imposing a twenty-dollar annual vehicle license fee to
22 support preservation and maintenance of the City transportation system and to enhance
23 pedestrian and bicycle mobility; and

24 WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 82.80.140, a new twenty-dollar annual vehicle license fee
25 may not be collected until six months after approval by the Governing Board of the
26 STBD; and

27 WHEREAS, it is currently estimated that a twenty-dollar annual vehicle license fee would
28 generate \$6.8 million annually in new revenues for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, additional coordination is necessary between SDOT, the City Budget Office (CBO),
the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and Council staff to review and
implement transportation investments to be funded by an annual vehicle licensing fee;
and

1 WHEREAS, it is the City Council's desire that members of the public be given the opportunity
2 to provide comments and recommendations regarding the proposed project list and
3 spending options for the STBD; and

4 WHEREAS, it is the City Council's intent to begin examining potential priority transportation
5 projects for the purposes of presenting to voters an STBD ballot measures to fund
6 additional transportation projects in the future; and

7 WHEREAS, convening a new CTAC at this time is consistent with the City's desire to seek
8 public input while evaluating transportation priorities and new potential revenue sources;
9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12 Section 1. The City intends to convene a Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee
13 III (CTAC III). The membership of CTAC III will be established by future resolution and
14 consist of twelve members of which six shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the
15 Council and six appointed by the City Council. The CTAC III chair shall be selected from
16 among the members by the members. CTAC III will be responsible for advising the City and
17 STBD Governing Board (City Council) on prioritizing and funding transportation projects.
18 CTAC III will also undertake a full review of the City's transportation funding system. CTAC
19 III will be jointly staffed by SDOT and Council Central Staff.

20 Section 2. The first task of CTAC III will be to develop a proposed project list and
21 spending plan for anticipated revenues generated from the proposed twenty-dollar annual vehicle
22 license fee (VLF) to be considered by the STBD. The proposed project list and spending plan
23 shall be consistent with the following parameters:

- 24 a) Preservation and maintenance of the district's transportation infrastructure;
25 b) Enhancing bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility within the district; and
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- 1 c) Improving mobility and safety for people with disabilities.

2 As part of developing the project list and spending plan, CTAC III is requested to:

- 3 1) Prioritize projects and develop the necessary supporting documentation that
4 includes project description, funding, anticipated outcomes and completion
5 schedule;
6 2) Strive for an equitable geographic distribution of priority projects within the
7 STBD boundaries; and
8 3) Offer public engagement opportunities and solicit comments and
9 recommendations from the broader public prior to submitting a final proposed
10 project list and spending plan.

11 The committee is requested to submit the project list and spending plan and supporting
12 documentation and analysis to the City Council related to the proposed twenty-dollar annual
13 vehicle license fee no later than June 30, 2011. CTAC III recommendations for future spending
14 related to the proposed twenty-dollar annual vehicle license fee revenues will be considered as
15 part of the 2012 budget process and beyond.

16 Section 3. The second task for CTAC III will be to undertake a full review of the City's
17 transportation funding system, with particular attention to:

- 18 1) Assessing and quantifying the revenue sources and needs for basic system
19 preservation;
20 2) Assessing and quantifying the revenue sources and needs for system
21 enhancement;
22 3) Recommending preferred basic needs and enhancement scenarios;

- 1 4) Assessing and recommending possible revenue approaches that the City could
- 2 pursue under its existing authority, including renewal and extension of the
- 3 Bridging the Gap levy;
- 4 5) Assessing and recommending new legislative authority for revenues that the city
- 5 could pursue from the state and federal governments; and
- 6 6) Developing a framework for project selection, prioritization and evaluation with
- 7 the added goals of proactively meeting the city's commitments under the state
- 8 climate law, RCW 70.235.020, and the state vehicle miles travelled law, RCW
- 9 47.01.440.

11 CTAC III is requested to specifically evaluate and examine the potential for an STBD ballot
12 measure asking Seattle voters to fund additional transportation projects. The committee is
13 encouraged to identify and articulate goals and objectives for presenting a measure before the
14 voters. The effort should include the following with guidance from SDOT and Council staff:

- 16 a. Review data and information about potential transportation projects;
- 17 b. Review and recommend STBD authorized funding options to pursue as part of a
- 18 ballot measure;
- 19 c. Develop possible criteria for project selection and develop draft project packages
- 20 for Council's consideration;
- 21 d. Conduct outreach to the broader public to gather recommendations and
- 22 comments;
- 23 e. Advise the Council on the pros and cons for moving forward with a possible
- 24 ballot measure and the timing for such a measure;

- f. Strive for an equitable geographic distribution of priority projects within the STBD boundaries; and
- g. Prepare and submit a final report with findings to the City Council.

The committee is requested to submit a final report with findings and recommendations specifically related to this review and assessment of the City's transportation funding system and a potential STBD ballot measure no later than June 30, 2011 to the Mayor and City Council.

Adopted by the City Council the 20th day of September, 2010, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 20th day of September, 2010.



President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:



Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this 29th day of September, 2010.



City Clerk

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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’s intent to convene a Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee III to advise the Council on transportation funding alternatives and priorities.

• **Summary of the Legislation:**

The Seattle Transportation Benefit District’s (STBD’s) Governing Board, consisting of members of the City Council acting in an ex officio and independent capacity as authorized under RCW 36.73.065, has the power to impose an annual twenty-dollar vehicle license fee on vehicle owners in Seattle for the purposes of generate revenues for transportation purposes. The STBD also has the authority under state law to seek voter approval for several other taxes and fees for transportation purposes.

The City is also experiencing declining revenues for transportation purposes. A prolonged recession, declining gas-tax receipts and general fund has contributed to the erosion of funding for basic transportation infrastructure maintenance and preservation.

As a result, the City intends to convene Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee III (CTAC III) (with assistance from the Seattle Department of Transportation and Council staff) to provide recommendations related to the STBD and to review the City’s transportation funding system.

The resolution states the City’s intent to create CTAC III, the structure of the committee’s membership and outlines two specific sets of tasks: 1) develop a spending plan and project list specific for the use of revenues generated from a \$20 annual vehicle license fee for 2012 and beyond and 2) to examine and review the City’s transportation funding structure and make recommendations regarding a potential list of projects as part of a future STBD ballot measure and other potential funding sources.

• **Background:**

It is currently estimated that \$6.8 million in annual revenues could be generated from the STBD vehicle license fee. SDOT revenues have been declining and as a result, the backlog of transportation maintenance and preservation projects continues to grow in spite of new revenues from the City’s Bridging the Gap funding sources (property tax levy and commercial parking tax). Furthermore, the City’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans identify millions of dollars in unfunded projects. The advisory committee will provide project recommendations for this new revenue source by June of 2011 for the 2012 budget process.

In addition, the advisory committee will explore other voter approved revenue options, identify potential projects and develop options for further consideration following a comprehensive review of SDOT's sources of funding.

- *Please check one of the following:*

X **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

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6 Chapter 36.73 RCW via Council Bill 116947; and

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9 WHEREAS, the STBD will consider imposing a twenty-dollar annual vehicle license fee to
10 support preservation and maintenance of the City transportation system and to enhance
11 pedestrian and bicycle mobility; and

12 WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 82.80.140, a new twenty-dollar annual vehicle license fee
13 may not be collected until six months after approval by the Governing Board of the
14 STBD; and

15 WHEREAS, it is currently estimated that a twenty-dollar annual vehicle license fee would
16 generate \$6.8 million annually in new revenues for transportation projects; and

17 WHEREAS, additional coordination is necessary between SDOT, the City Budget Office (CBO),
18 the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and Council staff to review and
19 implement transportation investments to be funded by an annual vehicle licensing fee;
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21 WHEREAS, it is the City Council's desire that members of the public be given the opportunity
22 to provide comments and recommendations regarding the proposed project list and
23 spending for the STBD; and

24 WHEREAS, it is the City Council's intent to begin examining potential priority transportation
25 projects for the purposes of presenting to voters an STBD ballot measures to fund
26 additional transportation projects in the future; and NOW, THEREFORE,

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

THIS VERSION IS NOT ADOPTED



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2 Public Advisory Committee (committee). The membership of the committee will be established
3 by future resolution. The committee will be responsible for advising the City and STBD
4 Governing Board (City Council) on prioritizing and funding transportation projects.

5 Section 2. The committee (with assistance from SDOT and Council staff) is requested to
6 develop a proposed project list and spending plan for anticipated revenues generated from the
7 proposed twenty-dollar annual vehicle license fee (VLF) to be considered by the STBD. The
8 proposed project list and spending plan shall be consistent with the following parameters:
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3 vehicle license fee no later than January 31, 2011.

4 Section 3. In addition to the task outlined in Section 2, the committee is requested to
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The committee is requested to submit a final report with findings and recommendations related to a potential STBD ballot measure no later than April 30, 2011.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2010, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2010.

President _____ of the City Council

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It is anticipated that Council may request the STBD advisory committee to evaluate other potential sources of revenue to fund transportation projects in the future. The committee is requested to submit a final report with findings and recommendations specifically related to a potential STBD ballot measure no later than April 30, 2011.

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In addition, the advisory committee will explore other voter approved revenue options available to the STBD, identify potential projects and develop options for further consideration by April of 2011.

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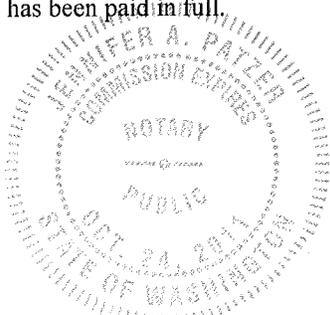
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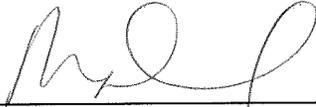
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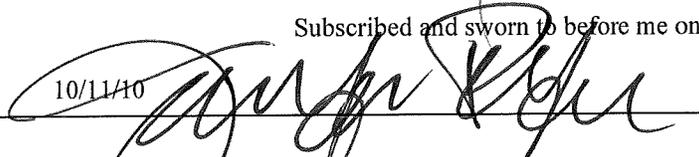
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RESOLUTION NO. 31243

A RESOLUTION creating the Seattle Freight Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 31244

A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the deferral or recognition of revenue associated with the additional parameters created by Ordinance 123260 on the funding, operation and expenditures of amounts in the Rate Stabilization Account in accordance with Accounting Standards Codifications (ASC) 980-405-25-25-1 Regulated Operations-Liabilities-Recognition-Regulator Imposed Liabilities and ASC 980- 605-25-25-1-4 Regulated Operations -- Revenue Recognition -- Recognition -- Alternative Revenue Programs and subsequent amendments.

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