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Budget Action Title: Amend and pass as amended C.B. 117625 giving the Director of FAS authority to set the Commute Trip Reduction program parking rate at up to 50% of the regular rate

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

Staff Analyst: Tony Kilduff

Council Bill or Resolution: C.B. 117625

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund		
<i>General Subfund Revenues</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>General Subfund Expenditures</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Net Balance Effect</i>	\$0	\$0
Other Funds		
<i>Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	(\$84,000)	(\$84,000)
<i>Expenditures</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Net Balance Effect</i>	(\$84,000)	(\$84,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	(\$84,000)	(\$84,000)

Budget Action description:

This green sheet amends and passes as amended C.B. 117625. As introduced, C.B. 117625 gives the Director of FAS authority to set the parking rate for the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program parking at the Seapark and SMT garages at up to 80% of the regular rate or up to 80% of the early-bird special rate, whichever is lower. The proposed amendment reduces the maximum to 50% of the regular and early-bird special rates, as shown in the attached mark-up. Since the current rate of \$7.00 per day is 50% of the current early-bird special rate, passing the amended legislation would keep the rate at \$7.00 for 2013, but it would allow the rate to increase with future parking rate increases, at the Director’s discretion.

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The proposed FAS budget assumes an increase in parking revenue of \$84,000, consistent with a rate increase from \$7.00 per day to \$10.00 per day. The assumption in this green sheet is that the shortfall in revenue from keeping the rate at \$7.00 per day will be absorbed by FAS.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Reduce revenue for lower CTR parking rate				FAS	IF Parking Fees - SeaPark Garage	562300	50300	2013	(\$84,000)	
2	Increase use of fund balance for lost parking revenue				FAS	Use of (Contribution To) Fund Balance	379100	50300	2013	\$84,000	
3	Reduce revenue for lower CTR parking rate				FAS	IF Parking Fees - SeaPark Garage	562300	50300	2014	(\$84,000)	
4	Increase use of fund balance for lost parking revenue				FAS	Use of (Contribution To) Fund Balance	379100	50300	2014	\$84,000	

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

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4 AN ORDINANCE, relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation's Commuter Services
5 Program; authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to adjust
6 parking fees in the Seapark and Seattle Municipal Tower Garages in association with the
7 Commute Trip Reduction Program's Guaranteed Ride Home Program for City
8 employees; establishing that such fees be lower than regular daily parking fees in those
9 facilities; and deleting obsolete language and amending Ordinance 119758 in connection
10 thereto.

11 WHEREAS, the City supports the reduction of commute trips as a traffic management strategy,
12 and implemented a Guaranteed Ride Home program as part of its overall Commute Trip
13 Reduction Program to provide transportation options that allow City employees who
14 normally commute to work by foot, ferry, vanpool, carpool, bicycle, bus, light rail, train,
15 streetcar, or some other form of transit, with the flexibility to bring a car to work
16 occasionally to address special errands or other mid-day trips; and

17 WHEREAS, Ordinance 119758 established and amended fees for general on-street carpool
18 parking permits, as well as for the City's Guaranteed Ride Home Benefit for City
19 employees; and

20 WHEREAS, Ordinance 119758 specifically refers to City employees utilizing the Guaranteed
21 Ride Home Benefit by parking in the old Municipal Building Garage, which no longer
22 exists; and

23 WHEREAS, the current Guaranteed Ride Home program allows City employees to park up to
24 two days each month in the Seapark and Seattle Municipal Tower garages at a reduced
25 rate; and

26 WHEREAS, Seattle Municipal Code Section 3.39.020 authorizes the Director of Finance and
27 Administrative Services to establish rates and charges for the use of City facilities,
28 including the Seapark and Seattle Municipal Tower garages; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the language in Ordinance 119758 to refer to the City's
current facilities, and to remove obsolete language to better reflect the actual practice of
depositing Seapark and Seattle Municipal Tower parking revenues into the Department of
Finance and Administrative Services Operating Fund to help offset the cost of operating
those facilities; and

1 WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council continue to strongly support the Commute Trip Reduction
2 Program's Guaranteed Ride Home Program and believe its associated parking rates in the
3 Seapark and Seattle Municipal Tower garages should remain below market, but should be
4 adjusted from time to time based on public parking rates charged in those facilities; and

5 WHEREAS, the current rates charged to City employees for parking in the City's downtown
6 garages under the Guaranteed Ride Home Program have not been raised since 1999; and

7 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to consult
8 with the Director of Transportation from time to time on the adjustment of the fees
9 associated with the Guaranteed Ride Home program with regard to employee parking in
10 the Seapark and Seattle Municipal Tower Garages; NOW, THEREFORE,

11 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

12 **Section 1.** Section 2 of Ordinance 119758 is amended as follows:

13 Section 2. The Director of ~~((the))~~ Transportation ~~((Department))~~ is authorized
14 to continue the ~~((Parking Days for Eligible Commuters))~~ program ~~((as))~~ originally
15 established by Ordinance 117298 to provide parking spaces in the~~((Municipal Building
16 Garage))~~ Seapark Garage and Seattle Municipal Tower Garage for registered
17 participants in the City's Commute Trip Reduction Program's Guaranteed Ride Home
18 Program on days they need their private vehicles at work. The Director is authorized to
19 ~~((collect a fee and))~~ issue ~~((permits))~~ reduced fee coupons for parking spaces in these
20 ~~((Municipal Building G))~~ garages ~~((from))~~ to said participants ~~((of \$7.00 per day per
21 participant))~~. Said participants may use these reduced fee coupons ~~((purchase a
22 Municipal Building Garage parking permit))~~ no more than two times per month. ~~((No
23 more than fifteen spaces shall be made available on a given day to participants.))~~ The
24 Director of Finance and Administrative Services shall adjust parking fees from time to
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1 time, and shall consult with the Director of Transportation on the cost of parking
2 associated with the reduced fee coupons of the Guaranteed Ride Home Program,
3 provided however, that the cost of parking associated with the reduced fee coupons
4 shall not exceed 8050 percent of the cost of 10 hours of parking available to the general
5 public in the garages, or 8050 percent of the early bird rate, whichever is lower.

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8 **Section 2.** Section 4 of Ordinance 119758 is amended as follows:

9 Section 4. Carpool parking permit fees authorized in Section 3 (~~and fees~~
10 ~~collected for the Guaranteed Ride Home Parking Benefit authorized in Section 2)) shall~~
11 be deposited into the Transportation Operating Fund. It is the intent of the Council to
12 appropriate such funds to be used for the administration and enforcement of the
13 Carpool Program, and for activities that promote trip reduction and the use of high-
14 occupancy vehicles and discourage the use of single-occupant vehicles.

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16 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
17 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
18 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2012, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
____ day of _____, 2012.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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