

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to certain properties and right-of-way located at the Montlake interchange of State Route 520; authorizing the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed to the Washington State Department of Transportation for these properties and right-of-way; and reserving utility easements for Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light.

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation relinquishes property located within the State Route (SR) 520 limited access boundary at the Montlake interchange to WSDOT by Quit Claim Deed. This transaction is necessary to allow for the construction of the West Approach Bridge North phase of the SR-520 project. The Quit Claim Deed reserves utility easements for an existing 54” water main, an existing 66” combined sewer, and buried power lines located on this property. In addition, the Quit Claim Deed reserves a utility easement for the future relocation of the 54” water main that is anticipated as part of future phases of the SR-520 project.

Background:

As part of the initial construction of SR-520, the City of Seattle acquired properties for limited access highway purposes and the construction of the Montlake intersection. WSDOT continues to operate and maintain the limited-access highway facilities across these properties, however the underlying property rights were never transferred to WSDOT after the completion of SR-520 and remain with the City of Seattle.

WSDOT has funding to rebuild the West Approach Bridge North (WABN) as part of the SR-520 project, which will impact these properties. WSDOT has the authority to assume jurisdictional control over these properties for transportation purposes (as well as the affected Montlake Boulevard right-of-way) through the State’s limited access process.

This legislation transfers jurisdictional control of the property to WSDOT by quit claim deed, reserving easements for SPU and SCL facilities in the area. These facilities include a 54” water main, a 66” combined sewer, and buried power lines. The water main will not be impacted by the WABN project, but will need to be relocated in a future phase of SR-520 reconstruction. This legislation also preserves an easement for the future location of the water main, based on a conceptual design developed by WSDOT (Attachment A to this fiscal note).

Preserving these utility easements will ensure that critical public utilities have the continued right to exist in the corridor, and that future transportation projects that require relocation of these utilities will bear the financial responsibility for their relocation.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications.

This legislation has indirect financial implications. There are no appropriations, revenues, positions, or spending associated with this legislation.

Appropriations:

No appropriations required.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

No revenue/reimbursement anticipated.

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact:

No positions affected.

Do positions sunset in the future?

N/A.

Spending/Cash Flow:

No spending/cash flow anticipated.

Other Implications:

a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?

This legislation has indirect and long-term implications. The legislation protects SPU and SCL against future utility relocation costs associated with future phases of the SR-520 project by establishing utility easements through the Montlake interchange area.

b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?

Without this legislation, WSDOT would seek to acquire jurisdictional control of the property through the limited access process which may not result in clear utility easement right for SPU and SCL facilities. Without clear utility easement rights, SPU and SCL may bear some responsibility for relocating their facilities due to SR-520 construction. Relocating these facilities (particularly the 54" water main and 66" combined sewer) is expected to cost several millions of dollars.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

SDOT has worked closely with SPU and SCL to prepare this legislation. Additional key staff contacts are Bill Benzer (SPU) and Dan Herman (SCL).

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

No viable alternatives identified.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

Yes. A map showing the property to be quit claimed to WSDOT and the reserved utility easements is included as Attachment B to this fiscal note.

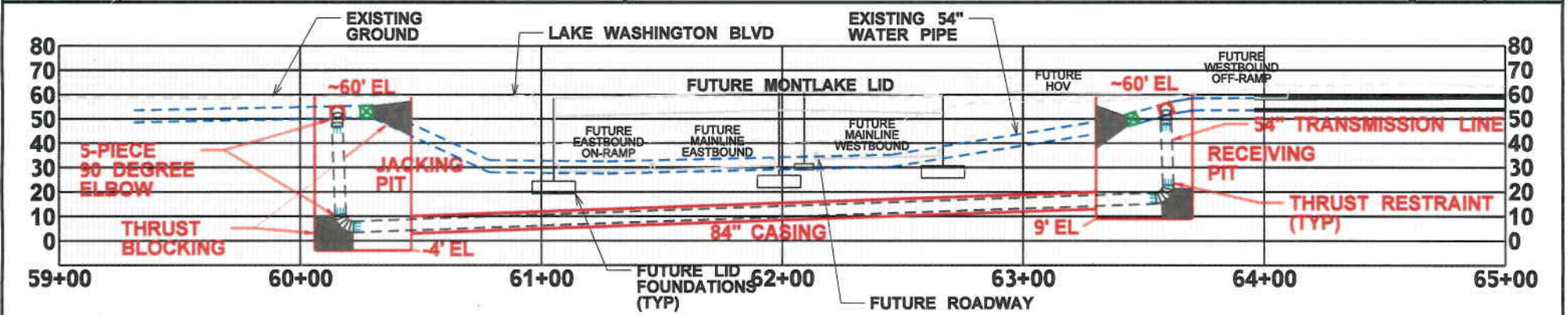
h) Other Issues:

None identified.

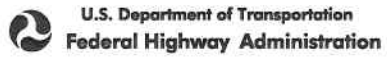
List attachments to the fiscal note below:

Attachment A – WSDOT Conceptual Design for Relocation of 54” Water Main

Attachment B – Map of Quit Claim and Reserved Utility Easements



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