

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**1. Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to City streets; changing the name of the portion of Aurora Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street to 7th Avenue North, and changing the name of the portion of Aurora Avenue between Battery Street and Denny Way to Borealis Avenue.

**2. Summary and background of the Legislation:**

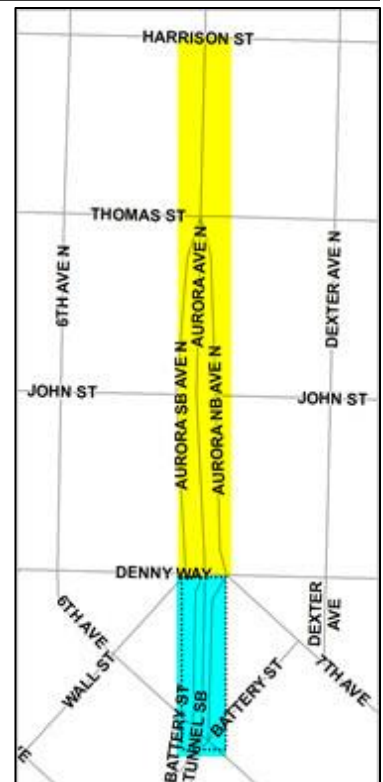
The WSDOT Alaskan Way Viaduct North Surface Streets project will build new roadway over what is currently Aurora Ave N right-of-way between Denny Wy and Harrison St. The planned aboveground roadway will be built at grade.

In a 2017 letter to City Council and then-SDOT Director Scott Kubly, the South Lake Union Community Council, the South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce, the Uptown Alliance, and other neighboring stakeholder groups requested the name of the right-of-way north of Denny Wy be changed to “7th Ave N.” In response to the letter, Mr. Kubly provided SDOT departmental approval for changing the name of Aurora Ave N to “7th Ave N,” extending from Denny Wy to Harrison St. The name “7th Ave N” was previously used for this stretch of right-of-way and was changed to Aurora Ave. Likely, the name change was implemented when SR 99 was built here although no naming ordinance has been found (related ordinances below).

The name “7th Ave N” is functional between Denny Wy and Harrison St (the yellow highlighted area on the map to the right); however, south of Denny Wy, the requested name conflicts with the adjacent roadway named “7th Ave” because the two side-by-side roadways cannot carry the same name. This leaves the single block of existing Aurora Ave south of Denny Wy to Battery St to be named a new and unique name, which will become “Borealis Ave” (the blue highlighted area on the map to the right).

Existing ROW is named:  
 Aurora Ave N from Harrison St to Denny Wy  
 Aurora Ave from Denny Wy to Battery St

The new roadway will extend:  
 Battery St to Harrison St, and will intersect Denny Wy, John St, Thomas St, and Harrison St.  
 The north end of the new roadway will connect to Aurora Ave N by ramp.



### **Related Existing Ordinances:**

#### ORDINANCE 50890

1926: An ordinance providing for the laying off, opening, widening, extending and establishing of ... 6th Avenue North and **7th Avenue North, each from Denny Way to Broad Street**; ... 7th Avenue, from Westlake Avenue to Denny Way;

#### ORDINANCE 77088

1948: An ordinance providing for the establishment of elevated roadways on Alaskan Way and other streets, from the vicinity of First Avenue South and Railroad Way to the vicinity of Battery Street; providing for the establishment of a depressed roadway on Battery Street and other streets from this point to the intersection of **Aurora Avenue and Thomas Street**; providing for approaches to said roadways; providing for the acquisition of right of way necessary therefor; and for changing and establishing the necessary grades; providing for the condemnation; appropriation, taking and damaging of land and other property necessary therefor; and providing that the entire cost of such improvement shall be paid from the Seattle Alaskan Way Viaduct State Development Fund.

#### ORDINANCE 77749

1949: An ordinance relating to the establishing of elevated roadways on Alaskan Way and South Alaskan Way and other streets from the vicinity of First Avenue South and Railroad Way to the vicinity of Battery Street; for a depressed roadway on Battery Street and other streets from this point to the intersection of **Aurora Avenue and Thomas Street** and for approaches to said roadway; and for changing and establishing the necessary grades as contemplated by Ordinance No. 77088; and amending Sections 1, 2 and 3 of said ordinance for certain changes in alignment and in grade; and adding Section 4-A to include the taking of certain additional property in Bell's 6th Addition and in Block 324 Seattle Tide Lands.

#### ORDINANCE 79275

1950: An ordinance relating to and providing for the acquisition by condemnation of land and other property for the widening of **Aurora Avenue between Harrison Street and John Street**; providing for the changing and establishing of curb grades on the west side of Aurora Avenue between said limits; and providing for payment therefor.

#### ORDINANCE 79459

1950: An ordinance relating to and providing for the acquisition by condemnation of land and other property for the widening of the intersection of **Aurora Avenue and Denny Way**; and providing for payment therefor.

1961: SDOT Sign records show roadway named Aurora Ave.

#### ORDINANCE 104968

1975: AN ORDINANCE accepting deeds to portions of Blocks W and X, Bell's 6th Addition to the City of Seattle for street purposes and laying off **Aurora Avenue North and Denny Way**. (Aurora-Denny Way, et al; paving, etc.)

## 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?     \_\_\_ Yes X No

## 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?             \_\_\_ Yes X No
- b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?  
No
- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?  
No

## 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?  
Yes, this legislation impacts SFD and SPD and their navigation for emergency services. Disconnected names within the street grid have the potential to create confusion when reporting incidents or responding to incidents, causing an increase in response time. This change will require additional training for first responders and call takers and will need to be included in updates to navigational systems. SITD, SFD, and SPD have provided written concurrence with this street name change as presented in the ordinance.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?  
No, a public hearing is not required.
- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?  
No, this legislation does not require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant.
- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?  
No, publication of notice is not required.
- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?  
Yes, this legislation to change the name of the street will cause the following parcel addresses to change:
- 213 Aurora Ave N
  - 226 Aurora Ave N
  - 232 Aurora Ave N
  - 301 Aurora Ave N
  - 325 Aurora Ave N

**f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

This legislation is not anticipated to disproportionately impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s).**

No, this is not a new initiative nor programmatic expansion.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

- Summary Attachment A - Aurora Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street
- Summary Attachment B - Aurora Avenue between Battery Street and Denny Way