

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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Legislative	Chow, x4-4652	N/A

** 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

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE extending the duration of the block-the-box and transit-only lane camera enforcement programs; amending Ordinance 126183; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

In 2020, City Council passed Ordinance 126183, authorizing the use of automated traffic safety cameras to enforce block-the-box and transit-only lane enforcement. This legislation included an expiration date of June 30, 2023, as proscribed by State law in effect at that time (Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1793, Chapter 224, Laws of 2020). In 2022, the State extended authorization for these camera programs to June 30, 2025 (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill, Chapter 182, Laws of 2022). This legislation would amend Ordinance 126183 to reflect the June 30, 2025 expiration date.

This legislation includes findings to declare that this ordinance is a public emergency ordinance which will take effect immediately upon passage by a 3/4 vote of the City Council and approval by the Mayor. This provision will allow for continued authorization of block-the-box and transit-lane camera enforcement without a lapse in local authority. If proposed as non-emergency legislation, the ordinance would become effective 30 days after approval by the Mayor, which would occur after the June 30, 2023 expiry date.

The City currently operates cameras at four block-the-box intersections and five transit-only lane locations.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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 specific impacts identified. This legislation would extend authorization for existing camera enforcement programs for two years.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

If authorization for block-the-box and transit-only lane camera enforcement were to lapse, the City would not be able to issue citations for these traffic violations.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

This legislation affects the Seattle Police Department and Seattle Department of Transportation.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No hearing required.

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

No notice required.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No impact to property.

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

No implications identified. This legislation extends authority for existing programs for two years.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

No specific impact identified. To the extent block-the-box and transit-lane enforcement promote efficient transportation, not implementing this legislation could lead to increased carbon emissions from idling vehicles.

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

No resiliency impacts identified.

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)?

This legislation extends the duration of existing camera enforcement programs.

Summary Attachments (if any):

None.