

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION of intention to establish a Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area, and fixing a date and place for a hearing thereon.

Summary of the Legislation:

This Resolution is the second of two similar resolutions that must be prepared, per RCW 35.87A, to form a new and expanded Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area to be known as the Metropolitan Improvement District (“MID”). This resolution declares a public hearing date and place for the initiative. After the public hearing, the Council may propose a bill to create the MID with a special assessment on operators of businesses, multi-family residential or mixed use properties within the boundaries of the MID to pay for activities intended to increase economic vitality in the Area. This subsequent bill will likely establish the new MID with the boundaries as shown in Exhibit A to the Resolution.

Background:

The existing MID, which was established in 2004, expires on June 30, 2014. A proposal was developed by the MID’s Ratepayer Advisory Board recommending the continuation and expansion of the current MID. The Board developed a proposal that they believe to be efficient, accountable, and responsive to the area’s needs. The Board collected signatures for a petition to form a Business Improvement Area that will allow for the implementation of the MID business plan that would include the following program components:

1. Clean Services
2. Safety Outreach and Hospitality
3. Marketing and Communications Services
4. Businesses Development and Market Research Services
5. Transit, Bike and Parking Services
6. Management

The petitioning effort resulted in an approximate 62% show of support by more than 500 of the affected ratepayers. This exceeds the required demonstration of 60% financial support from the responsible ratepayers

The MID is expected to be funded by a special assessment levied on operators of businesses, multi-family residential or mixed use properties within its boundaries. The new MID will be overseen by a Ratepayer Advisory Board, which would be broadly representative of the ratepayers in the area covered by the improvement district.

Please check one of the following:

☐ This legislation does not have any financial implications.

☒ This legislation has financial implications.

Appropriations:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Appropriation	2014 Anticipated Appropriation
TOTAL				

Appropriations Notes: No appropriation authority is required to expend these funds.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2013 Revenue	2014 Revenue
19855 Metropolitan Improvement District	Finance and Administrative Services	Ratepayer Assessments	\$ 3,830,000	\$ 7,780,000
TOTAL			\$ 3,830,000	\$ 7,780,000

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes: The 2013 revenue amount represents ratepayer assessment collections for six months (July through December).

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

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2013 Positions	2013 FTE	2014 Positions*	2014 FTE*
TOTAL							

Do positions sunset in the future? Not applicable.

Spending/Cash Flow:

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Expenditures	2014 Anticipated Expenditures
19855 Metropolitan Improvement Area	Finance and Administrative Services	Not applicable	\$ 3,830,000	\$ 7,780,000
TOTAL			\$ 3,830,000	\$ 7,780,000

Spending/Cash Flow Notes: The Department of Finance and Administrative Services will collect the MID's assessments from its ratepayers. FAS would then hold the funds solely for the purpose of reimbursing the Metropolitan Improvement District, which would actually administer staffing, projects, and other costs associated with the MID.

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
No.
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
None. The MID is established as a revenue-neutral program.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No.
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**
None. Improvement area services are in addition to, and not a replacement of, basic City services, and are funded by assessments on the properties that benefit from the services. If the legislation is not passed, the services under the improvement area will not be provided.
- 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?** Yes. After adoption, this resolution must be published.
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** Yes.
- h) **Other Issues:** None.

List attachments to the fiscal note below: None.