

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL 117708

AN ORDINANCE accepting the gift of an automated bicycle counter, a display totem, funding for installation of the counter and totem, and a website to share resulting counts with the public, and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle, through the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), currently conducts systematic quarterly counts of cyclists to monitor the number of cyclists using the City's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, SDOT is seeking to extend the value of its existing quarterly systematic spot counts of bicycles by collecting data using automated counters at select locations, including the Spokane Street Bridge, to enable modeling of weekly, monthly, and annual bicycle volumes from existing systematic quarterly count data; and

WHEREAS, the Cascade Bicycle Club and the Mark and Susan Torrance Foundation wish to make a gift of a automated continuous bike counter, a display totem, \$11,880 for installation of the counter and totem, and a website to share the resulting counts with the public; and

WHEREAS, while the City is open to accepting third party private donations to pay for additional automated bicycle counting equipment contingent on the ability of the City to operate and maintain such equipment; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Director of Transportation is authorized to accept the gift of an automated bicycle counter, a display totem, \$11,880 for installation the counter and totem, and a website to display count data to the general public.

Section 2. The Director of Transportation is authorized to install the gifted bicycle counter and display totem on the east approach of the Spokane Street Bridge to count bicycles using the pedestrian and bicycle pathways of the Spokane Street Bridge, and the City of Seattle

1 shall own the counter, display totem, website, and resulting data, and shall maintain these as
2 funds allow.

3 Section 3. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage
4 and prior to its effective date is hereby ratified and confirmed.

5 Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
6 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
7 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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9 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2013, and
10 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
11 ____ day of _____, 2013.

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14 President _____ of the City Council

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16 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2013.

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19 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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21 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2013.

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24 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

25 (Seal)

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
SDOT	Craig Moore (4-5099)	Christie Parker (4-5211)

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE accepting the gift of an automated bicycle counter, a display totem, funding for installation of the counter and totem, and a website to share resulting counts with the public, and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

Summary of the Legislation:

The legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Transportation to accept the gift of an automated bicycle counter, a display totem, funding for installation of the counter and totem, and a website to share resulting counts with the public.

Background:

This legislation accepts a gift. The gifted items and involved parties are the same as those for Ordinance 12356; only the location and costs have changed.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications.

Appropriations:

(This table should reflect appropriations that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the project/programs associated with this ordinance had, or will have, appropriations in other legislation please provide details in the Appropriation Notes section below. If the appropriation is not supported by revenue/reimbursements, please confirm that there is available fund balance to cover this appropriation in the note section.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Appropriation	2013 Anticipated Appropriation
Transportation Operating Fund (10310)	SDOT	17003 – Mobility Operations	\$11,880	\$0
TOTAL			\$11,880	\$0

*See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2013 Revenue	2014 Revenue
Transportation Operating Fund (10310)	SDOT	Gift	\$11,880	0
TOTAL			\$11,880	0

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

The gift includes a cash gift of \$11,880 to fund the installation of the bicycle counter and display totem. The installation is estimated to cost \$11,880. The gift also includes an in-kind donation of the bicycle counter, display totem and web site, valued at \$22,120 for a total gift of \$34,000.

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
 SDOT will be responsible for approximately \$500.00 in annual operating costs for the life of the counter. This will be funded from the department's operating budget (Traffic Data and Records TG355450) and does not require new appropriation.
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
 Not implementing the legislation would result in the loss of a gift with a total value of approximately \$34,000.
- 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.
- 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?**
 No.
- h) **Other Issues:**

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

None.



City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

January 29, 2013

Honorable Sally J. Clark
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that accepts the gift of a bicycle counter and display totem, to be located on the Spokane Street Bridge.

The Cascade Bicycle Club Educational Foundation, in cooperation with the Mark and Susan Torrance Foundation, wishes to make a gift to the city of Seattle of an automated bike counter and display totem to be located on the east approach to the Spokane Street Bridge. The proposed counter on the Spokane Street Bridge will be very similar to the Fremont Bridge counter installed in 2012, except that the display will be two-sided. The counter will count cyclists traveling in both directions across the Spokane Street Bridge, with the totem displaying a running daily volume and a cumulative annual total of cyclists. The gift also includes the construction of a website that will make the data available remotely over the internet, and funding for installation of the counter and display totem.

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) currently conducts systematic quarterly spot counts of cyclists to monitor the number of cyclists using the city's transportation network. The use of automated counters adds continual data, which can be used to extend the value of spot counts by enabling modeling of weekly, monthly, and annual cyclist volumes, and by providing adjustment factors for variations due to weather.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Craig Moore at (206) 684-5099.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McGinn", written over a horizontal line.

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council