

Seattle Streetcar

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Department Overview

The Seattle Streetcar is part of the Seattle Department of Transportation, with the specific purpose of operating and maintaining the lines of the Seattle Streetcar. The South Lake Union line began operation in late 2007, and the First Hill line is expected to begin operations in 2015.

Budget Snapshot

Department Support	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed
Other Funding - Operating	\$1,076,644	\$5,736,611	\$9,060,125	\$9,346,125
Total Operations	\$1,076,644	\$5,736,611	\$9,060,125	\$9,346,125
Total Appropriations	\$1,076,644	\$5,736,611	\$9,060,125	\$9,346,125
Full-time Equivalent Total*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

* FTE totals are provided for information purposes only. Changes in FTEs resulting from City Council or Human Resources Director actions outside of the budget process may not be detailed here.

Budget Overview

The Seattle Streetcar consists of two lines - the South Lake Union line and the First Hill line. The City of Seattle contracts with King County Metro to operate the streetcars. Pursuant to interlocal agreements, King County contributes a set amount of the operating costs for the South Lake Union line and Sound Transit contributes a set amount for the First Hill line. The City pays the remaining costs to operate the streetcars. The City's share of the costs is covered by the following: streetcar fares, Federal Transit Administration funds, sponsorships, leases and contributions.

Ridership levels and sponsorship revenues on the South Lake Union Streetcar have been less than the forecast amounts at the start of operations, resulting in operating cash flow challenges. As a result of this negative cash position, the South Lake Union Streetcar is supported by a \$3.6 million interfund loan authorized by the City Council in June 2007 and amended in September 2009. The loan expires in December 2018.

City Council Changes to Proposed Budget

The Council made no changes to the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget.

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Incremental Budget Changes

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	2015		2016	
	Budget	FTE	Budget	FTE
Total 2014 Adopted Budget	\$ 5,736,611	0.00	\$ 5,736,611	0.00
Proposed Changes				
South Lake Union Streetcar	\$ 2,925,000	0.00	\$ 3,011,000	0.00
First Hill Streetcar	\$ 6,100,000	0.00	\$ 6,300,000	0.00
Proposed Technical Changes				
Interest Expense	\$ 35,125	0.00	\$ 35,125	0.00
Technical Adjustments	-\$ 5,736,611	0.00	-\$ 5,736,611	0.00
Total Incremental Changes	\$ 3,323,514	0.00	\$ 3,609,514	0.00
2015 Adopted/2016 Endorsed Budget	\$ 9,060,125	0.00	\$ 9,346,125	0.00

Descriptions of Incremental Budget Changes

Proposed Changes

South Lake Union Streetcar - \$2,925,000

The South Lake Union Streetcar's operations and maintenance expenses are for the following items:

- Payments to King County Metro: \$2,700,000
- Major Maintenance: \$75,000
- City Direct Expenditures: \$150,000

These costs are expected to be offset by the following revenues:

- Farebox revenue
- Sponsorships, leases, and service contributions
- Federal Transit Administration Funds
- King County Metro Funds

For more detail, please consult the streetcar's six-year financial plan.

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First Hill Streetcar - \$6,100,000

The First Hill Streetcar's operations and maintenance expenses include payments to King County Metro for operating the streetcar and City direct expenditures. These costs are expected to be offset by revenue from fares, Sound Transit and sponsorships. For more detail, please consult the streetcar's six-year financial plan.

Proposed Technical Changes

Interest Expense - \$35,125

The streetcar fund is responsible for interest payments on the South Lake Union interfund loan. This loan expires at the end of 2018.

Technical Adjustments - (\$5,736,611)

This technical adjustment removes all carry forward budget authority and therefore zeros out the streetcar budget.

City Council Provisos

There are no Council provisos.

Expenditure Overview

Appropriations	Summit Code	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed
Streetcar Operations Budget Control Level	STCAR-OPER	1,076,644	5,736,611	9,060,125	9,346,125
Department Total		1,076,644	5,736,611	9,060,125	9,346,125
Department Full-time Equivalents Total*		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Revenue Overview

2015 Estimated Revenues

Summit Code	Source	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed
439090	Donations and Service Contributions	0	0	244,000	228,000
439090	Sponsorships -- First Hill	0	0	200,000	210,000
439090	Sponsorships -- South Lake Union	248,000	210,000	229,000	235,000
444900	Farebox Recovery -- South Lake Union	99,000	117,000	813,000	841,000
444900	Farebox Revenue -- First Hill	0	0	1,114,000	1,143,000
444900	KC Metro Funds	0	0	1,350,000	1,400,000
444900	Sound Transit Funds	0	4,910,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
471010	FTA Funds	279,000	555,000	315,000	345,000
	Total	626,000	5,792,000	9,265,000	9,402,000
Total Revenues		626,000	5,792,000	9,265,000	9,402,000
317900	Use of (Contribution to) Fund Balance	450,644	-55,389	-204,875	-55,875
	Total Use of (Contribution to) Fund Balance	450,644	-55,389	-204,875	-55,875
Total Resources		1,076,644	5,736,611	9,060,125	9,346,125

Appropriations By Budget Control Level (BCL) and Program

Streetcar Operations Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Streetcar Operations Budget Control Level is to operate and maintain the South Lake Union and First Hill lines of the Seattle Streetcar.

	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed
Program Expenditures				
Streetcar Operations	1,076,644	5,736,611	9,060,125	9,346,125
Total	1,076,644	5,736,611	9,060,125	9,346,125

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Streetcar Fund Table

Streetcar Fund (10810)

	2013 Actuals	2014 Adopted	2014 Revised	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed
Beginning Fund Balance	-3,367,092	-3,597,748	-3,820,084	-2,266,084	-2,061,209
Accounting and Technical Adjustments	-2,348	0	0	0	0
Plus: Actual and Estimated Revenues	626,000	5,792,000	4,090,000	9,265,000	9,402,000
Less: Actual and Budgeted Expenditures	1,076,644	5,736,611	2,536,000	9,060,125	9,346,125
Ending Fund Balance	-3,820,084	-3,542,359	-2,266,084	-2,061,209	-2,005,334
Ending Unreserved Fund Balance	-3,820,084	-3,542,359	-2,266,084	-2,061,209	-2,005,334