

City Council Statements of Legislative Intent (SLIs) Approved by the Seattle City Council for the 2007 Adopted and 2008 Endorsed Budget and 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Program

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15	Bridging the Gap 2007-2008 Work Plan	Yearly, beginning March 1, 2007
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2007 STATEMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT BY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

1) **Apprenticeship Programs** (SLI 012-2-A-1)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The City Council supports apprenticeship as a proven successful strategy for increasing the City's skilled workforce, addressing the City's need for succession planning, providing living wage jobs and providing persons from underrepresented groups access to skilled jobs. However, rather than authorize 25 unfunded new positions, Council prefers to authorize 10 unfunded positions as an initial way to try this new approach. (See green sheet 12-1-A-1). Based on that experience, Council may authorize additional positions in the future.

Council therefore requests Personnel maintain data on the utilization of these 10 apprentice titles and report semi-annually, in June and December, to Council's Economic Development and Neighborhoods Committee on which departments are using these apprentice titles and for which skilled trades.

Council also believes additional work needs to be done to strengthen the City's utilization of apprentices and administration of apprentice programs. Therefore, Council requests the Personnel Department develop a comprehensive citywide plan for utilizing apprentices.

This comprehensive, citywide plan (Plan) should include an analysis and recommendations on:

1. The City's future need for apprentices, broken down by department, apprentice program, and needed skills, including potential new apprentice programs,
2. How many positions are needed yearly to meet those needs,
3. Incentives to encourage department utilization of apprentices,
4. The feasibility of setting apprentice utilization goals for the city and for departments,
5. A long term, city wide funding strategy to fund those positions,
6. A long term city-wide strategy to identify and fund apprentice program training needs, such as additional classes, instructor training, recruitment materials and updating instruction materials and equipment,
7. How the costs of administering the city's apprenticeship program should be allocated amongst participating departments, and,
8. A review of the Executive's recommendations on apprenticeship provided in response to Council's 2004 Statement of Legislative Intent and how those recommendations will be implemented.

This Plan should be presented to Council's Economic Development and Neighborhoods Committee.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Economic Development and Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: June 29, 2007 for citywide apprenticeship plan and bi-annually, June and December, for update on use of unfunded apprentice positions.

ENVIRONMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

2) **Plan for Recycling in Parks**
(SLI 23-1-A-3)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The Council requests that by April 30, 2007, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will submit a plan to guide park recycling efforts. The report should include:

- A description of any current and past recycling efforts in parks, including types of approaches used, the parks where recycling has been pursued, recycling successes or problems experienced, and the cost of those efforts;
- Goals for recycling in parks using of measures such as tons recycled, garbage reduced, or number of park sites served;
- Strategies and action options for making existing parks recycling even more effective and for how to enhance and expand those efforts;
- The cost and cost-effectiveness of various recycling options; and
- Recommended actions, together with an implementation schedule and performance measures.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: April 30, 2007

3) **Emma Schmitz Memorial Park-Seawall Repair**
(SLI 122-1-A-2)

Statement of Legislative Intent: No later than June 15, 2007, the Department of Parks and Recreation will report to the Council Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committee on updated cost estimates and methods, a cost sharing plan and a timeline for repair of the Emma Schmitz Memorial Park Seawall. The Department will work with the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Office of Emergency Management and King County Metro in developing the cost estimates and plans. The Department is also requested to contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to see if they are able to reinstate funding for the project.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: June 15, 2007

4) **Emergency Preparedness: Develop policy options and legislation related to the Vulnerability Survey of Buildings by DPD and Office of Emergency Management**
(SLI 49-1-A-3)

Statement of Legislative Intent: No later than the end of 2007, or within 3 months of completion of the Vulnerability Survey of Buildings, the Office of Emergency Management and the Department of Planning and Development are requested to report to the Council Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committee and the Urban Development and Planning Committee with results of the survey and options for policies and legislation that address the hazards identified in the survey.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities; Urban Development and Planning

Date Due to Council: December 31, 2007, or within 3 months of completion of the Survey.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

5) **Submittal of Interdepartmental Payment Information with Proposed SPU and SCL Budgets**
(SLI 22-1-A-2)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The Council requests that with each budget beginning with the proposed 2008 budget, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and Seattle City Light (SCL) submit a detailed list of the services they propose to purchase from other City departments. The list should describe the purchased services, the cost of those services, the budget control level (BCL) in which the payments are budgeted, the SPU or SCL revenue source for the payments, and the department or division to which the payment is made. The list should distinguish payments covered by memoranda of agreement (MOAs), payments that are the result of Citywide cost-sharing formulas, and any other category of payments.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance and Budget
Date Due to Council: September 2007

6) **Aquarium Operations Quarterly Reporting**
(SLI 119-4-A-1)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The Council requests that Seattle Aquarium Director report quarterly to the Council's Finance and Budget Committee on the Aquarium's operations spending versus its operations budget beginning April 1, 2007. The Director is requested to submit written reports that provide a comparison of budgeted vs. actual expenses and revenues on a budget line-item basis. The purpose of this request is to ensure that the Seattle Aquarium, operating as a self-sufficient enterprise, not become dependent on additional General Subfund support for operations while it undergoes transformation.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance and Budget
Date Due to Council: Quarterly reports due April 1, July 1, October 1, 2007, and January 2, 2008

FULL COUNCIL**7) Council Consideration of Future Funding for the Seattle Chinese Garden**
(SLI 137-1-A-3)

Statement of Legislative Intent: Council requests that the Seattle Chinese Garden Society, in conjunction with the Department of Parks and Recreation, provide Council with an overview of the Seattle Chinese Garden Society's 10-Year Master Plan and its schedule for fundraising, design, and construction, focusing on the elements of the Master Plan that are scheduled to be completed by 2012. Council will base its determinations of whether the City contracts for additional benefits from the Chinese Garden on its consideration of this overview. Council further requests that this overview be provided by the end of the second quarter of 2007.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Full Council

Date Due to Council: June 29, 2007

PARKS, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES AND LABOR COMMITTEE

8) Seattle Public Library Asset Management Plan

(SLI 35-1-A-1)

Statement of Legislative Intent: Council fully supports the Seattle Public Library's (SPL) proposal to develop an asset management plan in 2007, for use in maintaining Libraries for All (LFA) investments over the long run. To this end, Council requests that the City Librarian report back to Council on the following upon completion of the proposed plan:

- 1) A summary of the major activities undertaken in developing the asset management plan.
- 2) A description of the overall condition of SPL facilities.
- 3) A description of the asset management computer program to be developed.
- 4) An explanation of how SPL intends to modify the 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as a result of the asset management plan, in terms of new programs to be added.
- 5) An estimation of the timing for the next round of system-wide building renovations.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Education, Libraries and Labor

Date Due to Council: No later than August 15, 2007

9) Seattle Public Library Collections Budget

(SLI 36-2-A-2)

Statement of Legislative Intent: Council requests that the City Librarian report back with an estimate of a collections budget that would provide an ideal level of resources for the expanded network of Seattle Public Library (SPL) facilities, bearing in mind SPL's current level of demand. Council requests that SPL provide adequate justification for the budget estimate, by explaining the basis for the comparative benchmark or baseline figure used in its budget calculation. Council is interested specifically in having the City Librarian report on why either of the following methodologies were or were not used in determining its budget estimate:

- 1) An industry standard or comparative benchmark focused on one or more factors, including, but not limited to:
 - a) collections' share of total library budget;
 - b) collections budget per capita or per patron;
 - c) collections size that provides for certain average wait time for resources.
- 2) A previous year's collections budget adjusted to 2007 dollars using one or more factors, including, but not limited to:
 - a) The Consumer Price Index-Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Seattle;
 - b) adjustments to account for the increase in total SPL facility space;
 - c) adjustments to reflect changing demand for library materials.

If a baseline year is chosen for the Library's budget estimation, the City Librarian shall indicate why the baseline year was chosen as the basis for determining an ideal collections budget for 2008.

Council's intention is to utilize the information provided by the City Librarian when evaluating the proposed 2008 collections budget for SPL. Further, should Council find SPL's budget estimation methodology acceptable, and were the City's revenues higher than currently expected in the first half of 2007, Council may consider providing additional funding for the collections budget for the second half of 2007 through a supplemental budget action.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Education, Libraries and Labor

Date Due to Council: By May 1, 2007

10) Allocating Money from Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund toward acquisition of University Heights Center

(SLI 55-2-B-1)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The Council requests that the Department of Parks and Recreation designate the remaining approximately \$1,800,000 in the University District Opportunity Fund of the Pro Parks Levy for the acquisition of the open space portion of University Heights Center (UHC).

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Education, Libraries and Labor

Date Due to Council: September 14, 2007

11) City Council Participation in Development of Seattle Center's 20-year Investment Plan

(SLI 60-1-A-2)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The City Council requests that it be consulted during the development of Seattle Center's 20-year Investment Plan so that it can provide input on alternative development options for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). To ensure that Councilmembers are consulted at key decision points, Council requests that the Seattle Center Director provide briefings to the Parks, Education, Libraries and Labor Committee (PELL) on at least a quarterly basis and as requested by the Committee Chair. The Council also requests the Director to invite all Councilmembers to participate in an early design charette that looks at future development alternatives and to notify all Councilmembers when the EIS scoping process commences.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Education, Libraries and Labor

Date Due to Council: Quarterly and as requested

12) Evaluation of Seattle Center Self-Promoted Events

(SLI 65-2-A-1)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The City Council requests the Seattle Center Director to provide a written report to the Parks, Education, Libraries, and Labor Committee within four weeks following each self-promoted event at Seattle Center. The report shall include the following:

- Type and size of event
- Facility used
- Cost to Seattle Center to promote event and revenues received

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Education, Libraries and Labor

Date Due to Council: As needed

13) Enterprise Division New Revenue Generation

(SLI 120-1-A-1)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The Council requests the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to continue and improve upon its efforts to generate new revenue ideas and implement pilot proposals to bring in new revenue. In 2007, DPR will prepare a Strategic Business Plan to align funding, operations and capital actions. Important to the success of this Plan will be efforts by DPR to generate new revenue ideas and increase revenues from new sources. The Council requests that DPR report quarterly on its efforts to generate new revenue ideas and to implement pilot programs.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Education, Libraries and Labor

Date Due to Council: Quarterly reports due April 1, July 1, October 1, 2007, and January 2, 2008

14) Department of Parks and Recreation Specialized Programs

(SLI 123-2-A-1)

Statement of Legislative Intent: Council requests that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) report back with a proposal by May 1, 2007 to deliver Specialized Programs more equitably throughout the city. Council is interested specifically in a proposal that would increase staffing and programs offered in Southeast and Southwest Seattle.

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If the City's revenues are higher than currently expected in the first half of 2007, Council may consider providing additional funding for Specialized Programs for the second half of 2007 through a supplemental budget action.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Education, Libraries and Labor

Date Due to Council: May 1, 2007

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15) Bridging the Gap 2007-2008 Work Plan

(SLI 97-1-A-2)

Statement of Legislative Intent: Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) prepare a *Bridging the Gap* 2007-2008 work plan detailing the results it expects to achieve in 2007 and 2008. The requested work plan should utilize the following outline:

Section 1—A summary of long-term *Bridging the Gap* goals and total expected revenues for the life of the nine-year levy lid lift.

Section 2—A list of programs that will receive *Bridging the Gap* resources, organized according to the program titles included in SDOT's revised BCL structure. Additionally, SDOT shall provide the total estimated appropriation for each of these programs for both 2007 and 2008. SDOT shall also provide the estimated expenditures and encumbrances for all of these programs for 2007 and 2008. These appropriation and expenditure/encumbrance data shall serve as a summary of the data presented in Section 3.

Section 3— The following data for each project receiving *Bridging the Gap* resources in 2007 or 2008 (defined according to the project title category included in SDOT's revised BCL structure):

- A) Project title.
- B) Proposed *Bridging the Gap* appropriation for both 2007 and 2008. SDOT shall also indicate the total amount of non-*Bridging the Gap* funding, if applicable.
- C) Estimated 2007 and 2008 expenditures and encumbrances, including funding from non-*Bridging the Gap* sources, if applicable.
- D) Estimated end-of-year 2007 and 2008 activity milestones, showing the following:
 - 1) For ongoing operations and maintenance projects, the amount of work to be completed by the end of 2007 and 2008, in addition to general information concerning where in the City SDOT intends to focus its work during each year.
 - 2) For major capital projects, the progress towards completion of planned programs by the end of 2007 and 2008.

Section 4—A description of SDOT's proposed *Bridging the Gap* management approach, including:

- A) Overall staffing structure.
- B) Summary of hiring plan, expected recruitment activities, and estimate of when SDOT will have hired all proposed *Bridging the Gap* personnel.
- C) Proposed reporting and communications structure with regard to the Oversight Committee created in Ordinance 122232.

It is Council's intent that SDOT will update and re-submit to Council the 2008 portion of the *Bridging the Gap* 2007-2008 work plan by March 1, 2008, and that, by March 1 of each subsequent year, SDOT will provide to Council an annual *Bridging the Gap* work plan for that year. Further, Council requests that SDOT refer to the relevant annual *Bridging the Gap* work plans when preparing the biennial progress reports required by Ordinance 122232 (Section 9). In so doing, Council requests that SDOT address in each biennial progress report any discrepancies between the projected milestones listed in the relevant annual *Bridging the Gap* work plans and actual achievements for the years covered by the biennial progress report.

Council does not intend to approve SDOT's proposed *Bridging the Gap* position list until SDOT submits its *Bridging the Gap* 2007-2008 work plan. Council may consider approving a limited number of positions for the purpose of conducting initial *Bridging the Gap* planning, should SDOT deem such positions necessary.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

Date Due to Council: March 1 of each year, beginning March 1, 2007

16) Alternative traffic calming solutions at the intersection of 51st Avenue S. and Renton Avenue S.

(SLI 109-3-C-2)

Statement of Legislative Intent: The Council requests the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to provide to the Transportation Committee a full exploration of less costly alternative solutions to address the traffic concerns at the intersection of 51st Avenue South and Renton Avenue South. It is the Council's intent to explore alternatives to the proposed project, the 51st Avenue South Roundabout project – Project ID TC366680, in the 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Program in SDOT, prior to authorizing any expenditures in 2008.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

Date Due to Council: May 1, 2007

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 4) **Emergency Preparedness: Develop policy options and legislation related to the Vulnerability Survey of Buildings by DPD and Office of Emergency Management**
(SLI 49-1-A-3)

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Responsible Council Committee(s): Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities; Urban Development and Planning

Date Due to Council: December 31, 2007, or within 3 months of completion of the Survey.

Note: SLI 49-1-A-3 appears two times in this section – once each for the Energy, Emergency Management and Utilities Committee and the Urban Development and Planning Committee.

