

## 2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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### **CARE-004S-A**

Request that CARE provide information on training

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### **SPONSORS**

**Maritza Rivera**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle, Sara Nelson

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) department report on its training practices and protocols for the CARE Community Crisis Responder (CCR) team members to date. This report shall include information detailing: how the training has been performed to date; how training will change with the advent of sole-source dispatch; and what evidence-based approaches are used regarding crisis response, de-escalation, outreach, and referrals.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Public Safety

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2026

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### CARE-005S-A

Request that CARE report on outcomes

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### SPONSORS

**Maritza Rivera**, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle, Sara Nelson

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) department provide a report describing the following:

1. The status of the creation of a publicly accessible ongoing online dashboard, originally requested in 2024, providing information on Community Crisis Responder (CCR) teams. The dashboard shall include details of CCR dispatches, responses, resolutions, and other relevant outcome data, and shall be regularly updated;
2. Information describing the specific benefits that CARE CCR response provided; and,
3. Details of CARE's service integration and with partner agencies.

This report should be submitted to the Public Safety Committee and the Central Staff Director by April 1, 2026. The Council additionally requests that a follow-up update report on the above items be provided October 1, 2026.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Public Safety

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2026

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### **CBO-100S-A**

Request that CBO and Council Central Staff develop a report that summarizes shared terms and concepts around sustainable budgeting and the calculations that define sustainable budget decisions

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### **SPONSORS**

**Dan Strauss**, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that Central Staff and the City Budget Office (CBO) collaborate to create shared and easily understood definitions of the variables and factors that contribute to the structural budget deficit, to provide a clear 'road map' to fiscal sustainability. Such a road map would build on the Council's recent commitment to budget reform. As the City grappled with the fiscal disruptions and high levels of uncertainty from the Covid -19 pandemic, this work began in 2021 with RES 31954, the single-year budget resolution, which recognized during a time of great economic uncertainty that prior assumptions of rapid economic growth no longer applied, and that enhanced forward looking fiscal and economic projections would be needed to help guide the way to the City's 'new normal'.

The work continued in 2023 with the Fiscal Transparency Program (ORD 126962 and RES 32116), which built on and strengthened those initial financial planning and reporting requirements, by way of including long term impacts in fiscal notes, requiring publicly available assumptions in the GF financial plan and requiring more frequent updates to the plan as new information became available, and strengthening the City Budget Director's intra-year budget transfer authority to minimize year-end budget exceptions.

The work is anticipated to culminate in 2026 with the requirements in ORD 127259, the business and occupations tax restructure ordinance passed in August 2025, which mandate that, beginning with the fall 2026 budget process, the GF and JumpStart Fund (JSF) financial plans reflect balanced (revenues equal to or greater than expenditures) projections in future years.

The report requested by this SLI would be a compact guide of definitions and shared terms that builds on this prior work and incorporates the expectations of ORD 127259 by way of serving as a 'Readers Digest' of fiscal sustainability to help the City Council and Mayor clearly navigate the difficult trade-offs that will be necessary on path to sustainable GF and JSF budgets during the 2027- 2028 budget process. This work would naturally define the financial interrelationship between the GF and JSF in explaining sustainability challenges, and would cover factors like the role of underspend and other assumptions in out-year expenditure and revenue projections and the appropriate level of fiscal data necessary to explain complex concepts clearly to facilitate decision-making.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments

**DUE DATE:** May 15, 2026

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### **CBO-110S-A**

Request that CBO report on emergency response data for permanent supportive housing sites

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### **SPONSORS**

**Sara Nelson**, Mark Solomon, Robert Kettle

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the City Budget Office (CBO) report on emergency response data associated with Seattle's 61 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) sites.

The CBO Innovation and Performance Team should work with the Seattle Police Department (SPD), the Seattle Fire Department (SFD), and the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department to collect and collate 911-call data to produce an Emergency Response Impact Report for the year 2025. The Report should provide a monthly breakout of 911 calls for each PSH site, include information on the nature of 911 calls received from each PSH site, a breakout of calls from the site and its immediate vicinity; the time of day, day of the week, and other trend information; and should also indicate the type of response received from SPD, SFD, and/or CARE including the kind of unit (e.g., Aid Car or Medic One Unit), number of units and length of time spent responding. The Council also requests that the site-specific information for each PSH site be forwarded by the Office of Housing to the operating organization of that site.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Public Safety

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2026

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### DEEL-001S-A

Request that DEEL report on Council priorities in the Implementation and Evaluation Plan

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### SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Mark Solomon, Dan Strauss

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) incorporate Council priorities that have not already been incorporated in the list of items proposed to be included in the forthcoming Implementation and Evaluation (I&E) Plan for the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy. The SLI further requests that DEEL provide a thorough explanation of whether and to what extent these specific Council priorities are reflected in the I&E Plan, and how the department came to its decisions, including data analysis and community engagement conducted regarding Council priorities.

#### Background

Earlier this year, Council passed Ordinance 127238 (FEPP Levy Ordinance), which submitted a proposition to voters to renew and expand FEPP Levy investments, with a property tax levy generating approximately \$1.3 billion over six years. The Ordinance outlines four broad categories of education support services to be funded: early childhood; K-12 student supports; K-12 health and safety; and college and career supports. The FEPP Levy Ordinance also requires that all Levy funds be spent in accordance with the terms of an I&E Plan, anticipated to be transmitted to Council in March 2026.

The 2026 Proposed Budget proposes appropriations using the assumptions and cost estimates contained in Attachment A to this SLI. These assumptions and cost estimates will serve as the basis for the I&E Plan development, and represent an initial proposal as to what will be included in the forthcoming I&E Plan. During the I&E Plan development, community and partner stakeholders will be asked to speak to strategies, programs and activities regarding the line items in Attachment A.

Council recognizes that, consistent with the FEPP Levy Ordinance Section 2.A, proceeds from the FEPP Levy will be prioritized to invest in Seattle's children, youth, and families to increase affordability of and equitable access to: childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students, including expanded learning opportunities; comprehensive support services; and college and career pathways.

In addition to the items currently listed in the I&E Plan cost assumptions, Council requests that DEEL incorporate the following into the development of the I&E Plan:

#### Early Childhood Supports

- A feasibility study to explore universal citywide preschool; and
- A pilot program to subsidize preschool costs for working families in neighborhoods where Seattle

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Preschool Program slots are not available.

### K-12 Supports

- Safety investments that prioritize addressing the root causes of violence and nonpunitive approaches, including but not limited to restorative practices;
- Afterschool programming for at-risk youth; and
- Food assistance.

### College and Career Supports

- Support for foster care youth transitioning to adulthood;
- Support for public sector careers, such as those with the Seattle Fire Department or Seattle Police Department; and
- Support for information technology careers that utilize in artificial intelligence (AI), coding, software engineering, and computer programming languages in high demand by major technology sector employers around the region.

These items listed above are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all Council priorities for the FEPP Levy, and the department should articulate how the priorities identified above fit within the context of other priorities expressed by stakeholders during the course of the I&E Plan development.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods

**DUE DATE:** March 16, 2026

DEEL 2026 Proposed Budget and FEPP Summary

Investment	Program	Activity	Dept	2025 Adopted Budget (All Funds - Less Grants)	2026 Proposed Budget (Less Grants) <sup>1</sup>	Estimated FEPP Year 1 (26-27 SY)	Estimated FEPP 6-Year Total	Est. # Served 26-27 SY <sup>2</sup>	Notes/Comments
Early Childhood	Childcare	Childcare Assistance Program	DEEL	\$5,506,913	\$9,993,799	\$15,786,679	\$91,258,381	1,400	
		Childcare Health Consultation	DEEL	\$1,043,436	\$1,840,452	\$1,243,436	\$8,043,054	150	Sites. See also Childcare Health Consultation under SPP
		Homeless Childcare Subsidies	DEEL	\$400,000	\$449,994	\$499,988	\$3,234,126	250	Monthly Vouchers
		Program Labor	DEEL	\$3,251,817	\$2,670,459	\$3,416,327	\$18,467,782	N/A	
	Childcare Workers	Childcare Worker Supports	DEEL	\$0	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$18,471,452	5,000	
	Prenatal-to-3	Developmental Bridge	DEEL	\$523,400	\$614,844	\$614,844	\$3,977,063	150	
		Nurse Family Partnership	DEEL	\$2,735,504	\$2,902,096	\$2,902,096	\$18,771,946	400	
		PN-3 Community Grants	DEEL	\$1,500,000	\$0				SBT-funded, never FEPP; 2025 budget funds grants through 2027
		ParentChild+	DEEL	\$1,527,805	\$1,475,326	\$1,475,326	\$9,543,013	230	
	Seattle Preschool Program (SPP)	Childcare Health Consultation	DEEL	\$2,029,513	\$1,505,298	\$2,103,489	\$14,763,281	110	Sites. See also Childcare Health Consultation under Childcare
		Program Labor	DEEL	\$7,687,613	\$8,834,535	\$8,395,067	\$56,388,752	N/A	
		Classrooms and Supports	DEEL	\$43,373,133	\$50,055,949	\$54,600,661	\$382,008,016	2,600	Includes all program models (incl. summer and extended day)
		SPP Dual Language	DEEL	\$220,475	\$276,838	\$336,789	\$3,959,304	486	Included in 2,600 served
		SPP Evaluation	DEEL	\$1,236,277	\$629,406				
		SPP Quality Teaching	DEEL	\$3,638,034	\$2,559,560	\$2,320,983	\$15,013,068	160	Classrooms
	Reserve	Cost and Risk Reserve	DEEL		\$1,002,237	\$2,004,475	\$14,345,287	N/A	
	<b>Early Childhood Total</b>				<b>\$74,673,919</b>	<b>\$87,560,793</b>	<b>\$98,450,160</b>	<b>\$658,244,525</b>	
	Health Centers	Health Centers & Expansion	DEEL	\$9,603,480	\$9,891,585	\$10,037,765	\$83,716,716	17,750	
		Labor & Evaluation for Mental Health	DEEL	\$380,000	\$420,000	\$630,934	\$2,985,832	N/A	
		Mental Health Staffing Supports	DEEL	\$5,200,000	\$5,900,000	\$8,863,119	\$41,125,237	2,200	

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K-12 Health & Safety	Mental Health	In-Person: Community Hub	DEEL	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$3,605,337	\$16,729,021	TBD	Summer/Fall 2025 pilot in progress
		Universal Screening	DEEL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,253,335	\$10,455,950	3,600	
		Reach Out - Awareness & Outreach	DEEL	\$560,000	\$528,121	\$841,245	\$3,903,055	N/A	
		Telehealth	DEEL	\$3,860,000	\$3,620,000	\$5,342,272	\$24,788,266	4,580	
	Safety	HSD School Safety	HSD	\$4,250,000	\$2,338,704	\$4,677,408	\$30,339,827	HSD	See also HSD School Safety under K-12 Youth Supports
		School Safety in or around schools	DEEL		\$1,213,273	\$2,426,545	\$16,298,841	Pending I&E Plan	
	Reserve	Cost and Risk Reserve	DEEL		\$384,520	\$769,040	\$4,751,510	N/A	
<b>K-12 Health and Safety Total</b>				<b>\$27,753,480</b>	<b>\$28,196,203</b>	<b>\$39,447,000</b>	<b>\$235,094,255</b>		

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K-12 Youth Supports	Expand. Learning Opp	Expanded Learning Opportunities	DEEL	\$29,013,962	\$31,850,291	\$31,483,107	\$204,452,993	19,000	
		Educator Pathways	DEEL	\$1,101,886	\$405,893				
	HSD Programs	Afterschool & Summer Meals	HSD	\$99,119	\$102,185	\$102,185	\$659,908	HSD	
		Funding for Community Based Organizations (CBOs)	HSD	\$1,121,656	\$1,156,346	\$1,156,346	\$7,467,654	HSD	
		Supporting Youth for Success	HSD	\$3,723,569	\$4,228,945	\$4,228,946	\$26,354,037	HSD	2026 budget includes \$208K for contract inflation
		HSD School Safety <sup>2</sup>	HSD		\$1,911,297	\$1,911,297	\$1,911,297	HSD	See also HSD School Safety under K-12 Health & Safety
		Behavioral Health Services	HSD	\$1,913,503	\$1,384,636	\$1,384,636	\$12,151,491	HSD	
	Parks Programs	Community Learning Centers	SPR	\$690,000	\$721,000	\$721,000	\$4,665,000	Parks	
		Environmental Learning for Youth	SPR		\$1,090,000	\$1,090,000	\$6,718,000	Parks	includes \$679K/year Council add
		Red Barn Ranch Outdoor Nature Program	SPR	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$3,883,000	Parks	
	Reserve	Cost and Risk Reserve	DEEL		\$821,226	\$1,355,881	\$7,371,823	Pending I&E Plan	
	<b>K-12 Youth Supports Total</b>				<b>\$38,263,695</b>	<b>\$44,271,819</b>	<b>\$44,033,398</b>	<b>\$275,635,203</b>	

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College & Career	Seattle Promise	Path to Trades	DEEL		\$924,976	\$1,849,952	\$14,000,000	Pending I&E Plan	
		Path to UW	DEEL		\$167,503	\$335,006	\$2,198,917	105	
		Program Labor	DEEL	\$780,129	\$872,013	\$851,920	\$5,722,259	N/A	
		Core Components	DEEL	\$2,753,644	\$4,847,152	\$4,782,265	\$30,933,649	1,475	includes recipients of tuition and equity scholarships
		Equity Scholarships	DEEL	\$1,107,175	\$1,423,626	\$872,239	\$5,641,997		
		Student Tuition	DEEL	\$1,844,046	\$3,169,370	\$3,049,272	\$19,723,941		
	SYEP	Internships	DEEL		\$409,000	\$409,000	\$2,645,580	105	
Reserve	Cost and Risk Reserve	DEEL		\$116,138	\$232,277	\$1,572,605	N/A		
<b>College &amp; Career Total</b>				<b>\$6,484,994</b>	<b>\$11,929,779</b>	<b>\$12,381,931</b>	<b>\$82,438,948</b>		
Leadership & Admin	Central Rates	Central Rates	DEEL	\$2,403,814	\$2,569,361	\$2,704,210	\$19,343,997	N/A	
	Evaluation	Evaluation	DEEL	\$210,000	\$754,980	\$1,189,961	\$7,697,153	N/A	
	Admin Costs	DEEL Administrative Costs	DEEL	\$280,426	\$424,001	\$291,600	\$1,886,187	N/A	
	Staff Labor	Program Labor	DEEL	\$6,315,159	\$7,533,635	\$7,134,655	\$47,922,703	N/A	
	Reserve	Cost and Risk Reserve	DEEL		\$137,988	\$237,509	\$1,990,076	N/A	
<b>Leadership &amp; Administration Total</b>				<b>\$9,209,399</b>	<b>\$11,419,965</b>	<b>\$11,557,935</b>	<b>\$78,840,116</b>		
<b>Grand Total (w/Parks and HSD)</b>				<b>\$156,385,486</b>	<b>\$183,378,558</b>	<b>\$205,870,424</b>	<b>\$1,330,253,047</b>		
<b>Grand Total (DEEL Only)</b>				<b>\$143,987,639</b>	<b>\$169,845,445</b>	<b>\$189,998,606</b>	<b>\$1,236,102,833</b>		

Notes

1. The 2026 Proposed includes a mixture of SY and CY investments; SY investments receive only 6 months of funding whereas CY investments receive 12 months.
2. Some students are counted in more than one category when receiving multiple services.
3. Due to a technical error, HSD School Safety is budgeted in both Health and Safety and Youth Supports in order to stay within the limits of the Fiscal Note.

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### DEEL-002S-A

Request that DEEL develop and report on specific, measurable data and outcomes for programs as part of the Implementation and Evaluation Plan

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### SPONSORS

**Maritza Rivera**, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Sara Nelson

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) to develop specific, measurable data and outcomes for programs as part of the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy Implementation and Evaluation (I&E) Plan. These include:

1. Data on childcare and preschool programs.
2. Expanded data and outcomes within the K-12 academic programs, school-based health centers, and mental health supports.
3. Data on the Seattle Promise Program – including, but not limited to, participation and graduation rates, and including Path to UW and Path to Trades.

The Council also requests quarterly reports regarding activities and outcomes related to FEPP investments to the Chair of the Council Committee overseeing DEEL.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods

**DUE DATE:** March 2, 2026

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### **DON-002S-A**

Request that DON study and report on establishing a Black Advisory Council

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### **SPONSORS**

**Joy Hollingsworth**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Sara Nelson

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that DON study and report to Council on the budgetary and legislative actions necessary to establish a Black Advisory Council. DON should consult with community organizations and leaders throughout the study. The study should support recommendations on matters including: purpose, membership, terms, appointment, compensation, and staffing. The history of the establishment of the Indigenous Advisory Council in 2021 may be informative to this study.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods

**DUE DATE:** June 1, 2026

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### **DON-004S-A**

Request that DON inventory Black and African American Historic Buildings and Cultural Places

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### **SPONSORS**

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that Department of Neighborhoods (DON) inventory the historical Black and African American buildings and cultural places in the Black and African American community and deliver the inventory to Council by June 1, 2026. It is Council's intent that DON rely on community knowledge and resources that preserve the history and cultural meaning of the buildings and places to enrich the inventory. DON should consult with the Landmarks Preservation Board, the Review Committees of Seattle's Historic Districts, and leverage existing information sources including: the Landmarks List, the Landmarks Map, the Historic Resources Survey Database, and the materials from nomination and designation of Seattle Landmarks. The inventory should include for each building or place a description of its current physical condition and recommendations for renovation and restoration.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods

**DUE DATE:** June 1, 2026

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### HSD-049S-A

Request that HSD in collaboration with the Innovation and Performance team and the OH provide an inventory of human services and affordable housing in the city

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### SPONSORS

**Joy Hollingsworth**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Sara Nelson

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Human Services Department, in collaboration with the Innovation and Performance Team in the City Budget Office, and the Office of Housing (OH) to prepare an inventory of city-funded human services and affordable housing by geographic location in the city and to submit this inventory to the City Council. This inventory shall include a map that displays the location of the services and housing. City-funded human services to be covered by the inventory include, but are not limited to: public health, homeless services, drug treatment, food and food bank providers, youth programs, harm reduction programs, and hygiene centers. City-funded affordable housing projects to be covered by the inventory are those projects that receive city capital and/or operations funding.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** July 1, 2026

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### HSD-073S-A

Request that HSD prioritize the use of \$7.8 million to sustain existing homelessness services and permanent supportive housing projects before funding new shelter beds, and submit a report on use of those funds

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### SPONSORS

**Robert Kettle**, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) prioritize the use of the \$7.8 million in the 2026 Proposed Budget to sustain existing homelessness services and permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects, and that investments in new shelter beds be made only if existing homelessness services and PSH projects can first be sustained, given federal funding uncertainty. The 2026 Proposed Budget adds \$7.8 million of ongoing funding to cover start-up costs and three months of operating support for 155 new shelter units. HSD should submit a report to the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee, or successor committee, on the proposed use of the \$7.8 million in funds prior to any awards being made.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** September 1, 2026

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### HSD-074S-A

Request that HSD provide more detailed information on the Community Solutions Initiative Pilot

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### SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislation Intent (SLI) requests that the Human Services Department (HSD) provide more information on the proposed Community Solutions Initiative pilot to reduce unsheltered homelessness in downtown. Information requested includes:

- 1) Program budget, including funding for administration, shelter, housing stipends and services
- 2) A description of the final program design
- 3) Geographic focus area
- 4) The number of shelter beds, length and number of rental subsidies to be provided, and number of people to be served
- 5) How outcomes will be measured, including housing stability 6 months and 12 months after rental subsidies end
- 6) How the program will identify participants who are a good fit for short-term rental subsidies and who can demonstrate the capacity to remain stably housed once short-term rental subsidies end
- 7) How lessons learned from Partnership for Zero have been applied
- 8) The ramp down plan for the end of one-time funding, so people enrolled in the program do not return to unsheltered homelessness

The 2026 Proposed Budget contains \$4.05 million in one-time GF for a new Community Solutions Initiative pilot to reduce unsheltered homelessness in downtown. The Downtown Seattle Association (DSA) will be the lead entity and will manage a subcontract with Purpose Dignity Action (PDA) to implement the program. The program, which is still being designed, will include shelter, services, outreach and short-term rental subsidies. Information should be provided prior to the execution of a contract between the City and the DSA.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** May 31, 2026

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### HSD-076S-B

Request that HSD provide a plan on addressing KCRHA's administrative shortfall

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### SPONSORS

**Robert Kettle**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Sara Nelson

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) assess King County Regional Homelessness Authority's (KCRHA) administrative shortfall, identify if there is a need for additional funds and the amount necessary, and incorporate additional funds for KCRHA administration, if necessary, into the 2026 mid-year supplemental budget proposal. The assessment should include recommendations to reduce or eliminate KCRHA's interest expenses, including such options as regular and predictable cash advances from the City.

KCRHA has identified that they have a \$5.6 million administrative shortfall in 2026. Their current administrative budget is \$13.7 million across all fund sources, and they anticipate needing \$19.5 million. KCRHA has stated that if this shortfall is not addressed, they will need to eliminate 22 FTEs out of their current 107 FTEs. They will also not be able to continue to update Salesforce to improve invoicing, contracting and reporting functions. KCRHA's current administrative budget, as a percent of its total budget, is 8.5% and has historically ranged from 5.7% to 7.6%.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** May 31, 2026

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### ITD-010S-A

Request that Seattle IT provide a series of reports on the City's investments in, and uses of, Artificial Intelligence

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### SPONSORS

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that Seattle Information Technology (Seattle IT) provide a series of reports on the usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across City departments, including pilot projects, integrations into existing technologies, and roadmaps for larger rollouts or distribution. The reports should also detail the financial costs for each of the AI initiatives (one-time and ongoing), any plans for partnerships, and significant lessons learned from prior testing and pilot projects.

The City has taken a deliberative approach to testing AI products over the past couple of years, and in 2024, Seattle IT established a strategy for the City to delay any major AI investments until late 2025 or early 2026. At this time, the majority of the AI initiatives have been cost-free or relatively inexpensive, resulting in the City having almost no ongoing AI liabilities.

Earlier this year, the City released its 2025–2026 AI Plan, which provides a guide for transitioning from an AI exploration phase into the strategic implementation of AI technologies. The Mayor has also established an IT Subcabinet AI Workgroup to steer AI investments, which is intended to ensure that proposed investments are aligned with priorities set by the Mayor and the Council, meet security and privacy requirements, and produce value through improved service delivery.

The Council requests that Seattle IT submit quarterly AI reports to the Council committee with oversight of Information Technology. Seattle IT should work with the chair of the committee to determine whether the reports should be submitted as written reports or should be presentations to the committee.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Parks, Public Utilities & Technology

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2026

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### MO-001S-A

Request that the MO and OSE report on the City's policy, regulatory, and organizational approach to achieving urban tree canopy coverage goals

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### SPONSORS

**Rob Saka**, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Mayor's Office (MO) and the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) report to the Council on (1) the City's current structure, organization and process for the development of policies, regulations, and programs to achieve tree canopy coverage goals; (2) any needed reorganizations or consolidations of City service delivery and department jurisdictions; and (3) budgetary and staffing needs associated with any reorganizations or consolidations. The report should be developed in consultation with the Urban Forestry Commission, the urban forestry interdepartmental team, key constituents, and departments with a mission or portfolio that encompasses urban forestry management and regulation of development, such as the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, the Office of Planning and Community Development, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle City Light, the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, and Seattle Center.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

**DUE DATE:** August 3, 2026

## 2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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### MO-002S-A

Request that MO convene departments to study and report on noise enforcement to better address problem noise violations citywide

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### SPONSORS

**Rob Saka**, Mark Solomon, Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Mayor's Office (MO) lead a comprehensive policy review on the City's approach to regulation of excessive noise, including vehicle noise and disruptive noise occurring on sidewalks and rights of way in the stadium district and citywide. This SLI would request the MO work collaboratively with the Seattle Police Department, Department of Finance and Administrative Services, Seattle Department of Transportation, and Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections to evaluate current enforcement practices, interdepartmental coordination, and develop a coordinated interdepartmental strategy and implementation approach to more efficiently and effectively address excessive noise violations to include clear guidelines around enforcement, mitigation best practices, education, and interventions, along with roles and responsibilities of relevant City departments.

A report with findings and specific implementation recommendations to improve the City's noise enforcement approach should be submitted to the Public Safety Committee and the Central Staff Director by June 1, 2026.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Public Safety

**DUE DATE:** June 1, 2026

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### MO-003S-A

Request MO to lead a policy review on unpermitted food and merchandise vending

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### SPONSORS

**Rob Saka**, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Dan Strauss, Robert Kettle

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

Council requests that the Mayor's Office (MO) lead a comprehensive policy review on the City's approach to licensing and enforcement of unpermitted vending. The Mayor's budget would include \$1.8 million in new funding to support Joint Enforcement Team and unlicensed vending enforcement. To better understand the strategy for the use of these and existing resources, the MO is requested to evaluate current enforcement practices, interdepartmental coordination, and strategies for addressing public health and safety concerns related to unlicensed vending. Council further requests an understanding of how the Department of Transportation, Office of Economic Development, Seattle Police Department, Department of Finance & Administrative Services, Seattle Parks & Recreation, other critical City partners, and King County Public Health can best be coordinated to meet the needs this issue presents.

The review should include best practices from other cities and recommend policy options that balance enforcement with pathways to compliance for small business entrepreneurs and supports community well-being. The report should identify strategies for immediate implementation, which address potential accessibility, equity concerns and relevant barriers associated with unlicensed vending.

A report with findings and implementation recommendations that are immediately actionable should be submitted to the Transportation Committee of the City Council by April 30, 2026, in preparation for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** April 30, 2026

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### MO-004S-A

Request that the MO provide quarterly reports regarding activities and performance of the Unified Care Team (UCT), and any collaborating departments that manage the City's response to unsanctioned encampments

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### SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Mayor's Office (MO) provide quarterly reports regarding activities and performance of the Unified Care Team (UCT), and any collaborating departments that manage the City's response to unsanctioned encampments.

The reported metrics should convey the performance in the following areas:

1) By region, the number of requests related to encampments in public spaces received through the City's Customer Service Bureau.

2) By region, the number of:

- a. Active encampment sites (snapshot of the last Friday of the quarter)
- b. Number of resolutions where offers of shelter were made by resolution categories:
  - Advanced Notice
  - Immediate Hazard/Obstruction
  - Outreach Led
  - Recreational Vehicle (RV) Remediations
- c. Unique sites where at least one encampment resolution or RV Remediation occurred during the reporting period
- d. A list of sites with the most UCT actions (in order to show repopulation activity).

3) By region:

- a. The number of offers of shelter extended.
- b. The number of offers accepted, resulting in a referral to shelter.
- c. Demographics of those referred to shelter.
- d. The number of confirmed shelter enrollments, representing the minimum number of people enrolled in shelter following a referral due to HMIS-related challenges.
- e. The number of offers of shelter that were declined, out of all offers extended.
- f. If possible, the stated reason why offers of shelter were declined.

4) Information on hazardous conditions and responses taken to mitigate harm, including:

- a. Number of active encampment sites where hazardous and unsafe conditions are identified, such as hazardous materials, large amounts of debris, mobility impacts, and proximity to waterways (snapshot of the last Friday of the quarter)
- b. A summary of actions taken to mitigate harm, including trash mitigation and hygiene stations,

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sharps disposal containers.

c. Data on fire & public safety incidents with a confirmed nexus with encampments or homelessness.

5) Breakdown of UCT actions (trash mitigation, immediate hazard/obstructions, RV Remediations, Advanced Notice) by weekend versus weekday and region.

6) Update on:

a. Status update on hiring of the 14 Counselor positions

b. Overview of the challenges & successes each neighborhood team is seeing.

7) Clear definition of all terms used in the report.

The MO should submit the reports to the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee. Reports should be submitted by the following dates in 2026: February 13, May 15, August 14, and November 13. The report due February 13, 2026 should cover activities conducted from October 1 through December 31, 2025.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** February 13, 2026

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### **OED-009S-A**

Request that OED and OWCPST, in coordination with the Mayor's Office, develop recommendations for how the City can better support small businesses located within station area planning zones for Sound Transit's West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension

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### **SPONSORS**

**Rob Saka**, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Dan Strauss, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Executive convene an interdepartmental team (IDT) led by the Office of Economic Development (OED) and the Office of the Waterfront, Civic Projects, and Sound Transit (OWCPST), in coordination with the Mayor's Office, to develop recommendations for how the City can better support small businesses located within station area planning zones for the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension (WSBLE) project. This working group should assess existing and anticipated small business impacts related to light rail construction, displacement, and long-term redevelopment; review best practices from other jurisdictions; and identify policy, programmatic, and funding options for City-led or City-supported mitigation. The analysis should also consider how to improve coordination with Sound Transit and other regional partners to ensure equitable outcomes for small business communities affected by the WSBLE project. The Executive should submit a report with findings and recommendations outlining potential next steps, timelines, and resource implications.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** June 15, 2026

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### OED-018S-A

Request that OED and DON assess neighborhood ambassador and public safety coordinator programs and make recommendations for continued investments

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### SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Office of Economic Development (OED) and the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) assess the strengths and challenges of the current neighborhood ambassador and public safety coordinator programs and make recommendations regarding improvements for how the City funds and assists such programs moving forward.

The City currently funds neighborhood ambassador programs in the University District, Ballard, and Chinatown-International District, all administered through the Business Improvement Area (BIA) organizations in those neighborhoods. Neighborhood ambassadors are assigned a variety of tasks, including visitor assistance, outreach and assistance with unhoused neighbors, and engagement with businesses on security issues. Public safety coordinators, funded by DON, support this work as well.

These investments are similar to, but distinct from, the Downtown Ambassador program run by the Downtown Seattle Association, which provides cleaning, safety and hospitality services in six center city neighborhoods, as well as oversight and activation of multiple urban parks and public spaces.

The assessment of neighborhood ambassador and public safety coordinator programs should include, but not be limited to, answers to the following questions:

- In the last three years of administering ambassador or safety coordinator positions, what has gone well and what needs improvement?
- What connection between departments exists or needs to strengthen to administer the safety coordinator position and ambassador contracts?
- Does the allocated time and funding for administering these contracts match the reality of administering the contracts?
- Are there changes that should be made within departments, between departments, or to the administration of these contracts?

This assessment should also include and be informed by, at a minimum, information from each organization contracting ambassadors to answer the following questions:

- How much time and funding is required for administration of the contract?
- Is the current number of people hired as ambassadors the correct level?
- Is the current geographic scope correct? Should it reduce or expand?
- If geography or staffing levels increase or decrease, what changes need to occur for the contracting organization?

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**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Governance, Accountability, & Economic Development

**DUE DATE:** June 30, 2026

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### OH-003S-A

Request that OH update the Seattle Housing Investment Plan with additional information

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### SPONSORS

**Robert Kettle**, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Housing (OH) update the Seattle Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) submitted by OH in September 2025 with 1) more specific information on the potential housing production, between 2026-2030, of other external housing partners that do not receive OH funding; 2) Strategic recommendations on how much PET funding should be set aside annually for operating stabilization support between 2026-2030; and 3) recommendations on acquisition of properties as compared to construction of new properties. More details of the specific update requests are provided below.

1) Information on external partners should include, but not be limited to:

- a. Seattle Social Housing Developer (SSHD). OH should engage with SSHD to understand, to the extent feasible, SSHD's plan to acquire and/or construct units between 2026-2030 and the anticipated affordability level for those units.
- b. Seattle Housing Authority (SHA). OH should engage with SHA to understand what, affordable housing projects SHA anticipates developing or acquiring between 2026-2030, regardless of whether or not project is anticipated to receive OH funding.
- c. King County Regional Homelessness Authority. OH should engage with KCRHA to understand what units have been created through master leases funded by the Washington State's Right of Way (ROW) program. OH should also understand the timeframe for those master leases and when funding ends for them. Outside of master leases created through the ROW program, KCRHA does not produce new affordable housing units.
- d. Other. Although unlikely, OH should incorporate anticipated affordable housing with income and rent restricted units that will be developed between 2026-2030 that does not have any OH funding, if possible to determine.

2) Strategic recommendations on how much PET funding should be set aside annually for operating stabilization support between 2026-2030. This should include:

- a. An assessment of remaining operating gaps after the \$28 million in Operating Stabilization Funding is deployed
- b. A breakdown of one-time operating shortfalls versus ongoing structural gaps that will need ongoing funding to address.
- c. Quantifying the ongoing needs related to providing security at buildings.
- d. Assessment of how vacancies rates are impacting operating stabilization needs.
- e. Description of actions by other public funders to address the operating needs of affordable housing providers and OH's response to those actions

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3. Recommendations on acquisition versus new construction. This should include:
  - a. The factors OH considers when assessing the acquisition of a new property
  - b. The cost differential between acquiring units as compared to constructing them
  - c. Other considerations for acquisition, such as durability of units and availability of family sized units.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** June 30, 2026

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### OH-004S-B

Request that OH report on operating stabilization funding

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### SPONSORS

**Maritza Rivera**, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Sara Nelson

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that Office of Housing (OH) provide a report on the use of operating stabilization funding. The report should detail the use of:

- 1) The \$28 million for operating stabilization for affordable housing providers  
A Request for Qualifications will be released in November 2025 utilizing \$10 million of 2025 Payroll Expense Tax (PET) and \$18 million of 2026 PET. OH anticipates making awards by January 1, 2026. Expenses incurred between January 1, 2025 and June 30, 2027 will be eligible. The report should include:
  - a. The methodology used for distributing funds and the process for verifying the affordable housing provider's need before awarding funds.
  - b. Eligible uses of funding
  - c. The total amount of funding each affordable housing provider received.
  - d. The amount and percentage going to different uses, such as rent arrears, staffing costs, security costs, insurance costs, repairs, and administration, based on the submitted applications. OH should distinguish between what is ongoing asks versus one-time costs, as is feasible to determine from the application materials.
  
- 2) Stabilization support awards for projects in the OH portfolio, focused on debt restructuring to improve cash flow.  
The \$170 million 2025 Notice of Funding Availability included, for the first time, a category of "stabilization". Funds are intended to help restructure debt at OH-funded properties in order to improve cash flow. The report should include:
  - a. The total amount awarded for operating stabilization in the 2025 NOFA.
  - b. The projects funded and amount awarded to each project.
  - c. The process for verifying the affordable housing provider's need before awarding funds.
  - d. A description of how award will improve operational sustainability
  
- 3) Strategic recommendations on how much PET funding should be set aside annually for operating stabilization support between 2026-2030. This report should include:
  - a. An assessment of remaining operating gaps after the \$28 million in Operating Stabilization Funding is deployed
  - b. A breakdown of one-time gaps versus ongoing structural gaps that will need ongoing funding to address.
  - c. Quantifying the ongoing needs related to providing security at buildings, including security infrastructure upgrades.

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d. An assessment of how vacancy rates are impacting operating stabilization needs.  
e. A description of actions by other public funders to address the operating needs of affordable housing providers and OH's response to those actions

4) A description of trade-offs needed to meet OH's recommendation on use of PET to meet operating stabilization needs between 2026-2030, including any impact to the production targets included in the Seattle Housing Investment Plan and Housing Levy goals.

Reports from Sections 1 and 2 are due March 31, 2026. Reports from Sections 3 and 4 are June 30, 2026.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** June 30, 2026

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### **OH-005S-A**

Request that OH explore use of the non-profit Housing Connector, report on rental unit vacancies, and identify barriers to renting units to very low-income households

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### **SPONSORS**

**Sara Nelson**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that Office of Housing (OH):

- 1) Explore fully integrating with the non-profit Housing Connector organization so that every OH funded- building participates in the Housing Connector program (excluding Permanent Supportive Housing projects). This should include utilizing the Housing Connector's system to: match people in need with subsidized housing, collect data on vacancies and housing outcomes 1 and 2 years after placement, and provide advanced warning signs of rental instability.
- 2) Quantify the number of buildings with vacancy rates above the industry standard of 5 percent and quantify the number of units vacant by their cause, such as unit repairs or lack of demand.
- 3) Provide actionable recommendations on how to support buildings with high vacancy rates in order to reduce vacancy rates.
- 4) Identify the barriers to utilizing vacant units that are regulated at 30-60 percent Area Median Income (AMI) for people who would otherwise be in units regulated at 0-30 percent AMI, the area where need is greatest. Information to analyze includes the cost to provide rental subsidies, the types of services or other support required, and the cost to provide those services.

OH may need to convene providers to collect the above information. OH should issue a final report with finding from each of the areas listed above.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** September 1, 2026

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### **OH-006S-A**

Request that OH provide additional data in its Annual Investment Report on status of awarded projects and progress on meeting affordable housing production goals

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### **SPONSORS**

**Robert Kettle**, Rob Saka, Maritza Rivera, Sara Nelson

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests the Office of Housing (OH) provide additional information in the Annual Investment Report submitted to City Council. The City Council requests that the Annual Investment Report include the following additional information.

#### More Information on Project Status

- 1) OH is already reporting on projects that have received an award or opened during the Annual Report Year. OH should supplement this information by also providing, for each project, the date of: loan closing, construction permit issuance, Certificate of Occupancy issuance, and final close out, meaning there is no balance of encumbered funds remaining. OH should provide this information for all projects that have been awarded, regardless of award year, that either have not yet opened or opened during the Annual Report year. The information should be provided in a single table, so that it is easy to see when the project was initial awarded and current status.
- 2) OH should provide an easy-to-read dashboard, with information similar to Slide 6 in the Office of Housing's presentation on the September 11, 2025 Governance, Accountability and Economic Development Committee.

#### Progress on achieving housing goals

OH should provide updated information on progress in achieving housing goals included in the Housing Investment Report, broken down by program, unit type and income level served. The Housing Investment Report articulates the City's affordable housing productions goals for 2024-2030 and gives an estimate of the number of units that will be provided with available city funds and programs over that time period. The City Council requested the Housing Investment Report through SLI OH-001S-A with the 2025 Adopted Budget. The Housing Investment Report was provided to Council in September 2025.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** June 30, 2026

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### OH-009S-A

Request that OH prioritize recovery housing projects in the 2026 Notice of Funding Availability process

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### SPONSORS

Sara Nelson, Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Office of Housing (OH) prioritize recovery housing projects, if applications are received for such projects, in the 2026 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. Each year OH issues a competitive NOFA for its multi-family rental capital funds.

Recovery housing is housing that offers service delivery models to support recovery for those with substance abuse disorders. Recovery housing requires ongoing operating funding for services, so funding of recovery housing would be dependent upon not just available capital funds but also availability of ongoing operating funding, which may come from OH, Washington State, King County or the federal government. The availability of operating funding for new projects is uncertain, given uncertainty at the federal level about support for permanent housing with supportive services and projected budget deficits at the state level.

In the Housing Funding Policies for Program Years 2024-2026, as adopted by Ordinance 127051 in 2024, Council added recovery housing as one of the "general objectives and priorities" that should guide use of OH multi-family funding. In OH's 2025 NOFA, recovery housing was included as one of the objectives, consistent with the Housing Funding Policies. The types of projects funded in any NOFA process will depend on the applications submitted by affordable housing developers. In the 2025 NOFA process, no recovery housing applications were submitted.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** December 31, 2026

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### OIRA-002S-A

Request OIRA to develop a report on the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

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### SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Mark Solomon, Maritza Rivera

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests the Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs (OIRA) to develop a report on the status of, and plan to recruit members for the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission (Commission). The work and contributions of the Commission are important because Seattle is home to many immigrant and refugee communities. The City seeks to strengthen the relationship between government and these communities because of the value of cultural diversity and their contribution to Seattle's civic and economic identity. Language and cultural barriers may compromise equal access to government services and programs. The Commission benefits the City by sharing its experience navigating the complex and dynamic issues impacting immigrant and refugee communities in Seattle, particularly at this time when policy and program changes are being made at the federal level. The Mayor and City Council have taken proactive steps to address the challenges facing immigrant and refugee communities by investing in OIRA and through the creation of the Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Board in 2007, which is now known Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission since 2015.

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Mayor and City Council on matters impacting immigrants and refugees living and working in Seattle, and it supports the City's goals of immigrant integration. The Commission is intended to reflect the diversity of Seattle's immigrant and refugee communities and has 15 seats (eight appointed by the Mayor and seven appointed by the City Council). Only one of the 15 seats is currently filled and that term expires August 31, 2026. The 2026 Proposed Budget increased OIRA's budget by 61 percent (\$4 million) with one-time funding. The Council has proposed to make that funding ongoing to support a wide variety of programs addressing the current needs of immigrants and refugees. The Council is interested in engaging with the Commission on how best to enhance and improve access to City services and resources, as well as strengthening opportunities for this population to participate in civic life.

The Council requests that OIRA's report includes the following components:

- 1) Provides an overview of the current expectations, structure, and operations of the Commission;
- 2) Outlines the department's staffing of, and engagement with, the Commission, including the internal processes for receiving feedback and recommendations on program and policy development from the Commission;
- 3) Develops a clear ongoing recruitment and engagement strategy for Commissioners to ensure the seats are filled moving forward; and
- 4) Provides recommendations for potential new members for the City Council to consider for appointment for its seven seats and a timeline for appointment of the Mayor's eight seats.

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**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing and Human Services

**DUE DATE:** May 1, 2026

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### **OIRA-003S-A**

Request that OIRA report on a spending plan for \$4 million in ongoing investment to respond to federal policy and funding changes, which reflects engagement with the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission, organizational partners, and other stakeholders

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### **SPONSORS**

**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**, Mark Solomon, Maritza Rivera

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) create a spending plan for \$4 million in ongoing investments to support programming necessary to respond to federal policy and funding changes. This spending plan should reflect engagement with the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission, organizational partners, and other stakeholders.

Council requests that, at a minimum, the report include a process for determining proposed expenditures, a breakdown of data and community engagement that informed the proposed spending plan, specific activities anticipated to be funded, and initial measurable goals or outcomes anticipated to be achieved with this funding.

#### Background

The 2026 Proposed Budget included a one-time appropriation of \$4 million to OIRA, to respond to federal policy and funding changes. which could support rapid response efforts, legal defense, immigrant integration and citizenship support, adult immigrant workforce development programs, immigrant youth career pathways programs, the OIRA Immigrant Safety Access Network, communications and translation support, and the staffing needed to support these functions.

Council Budget Action OIRA-001-B-1 would change the \$4 million one-time investment to an ongoing expenditure, to support programming necessary to respond to federal policy and funding changes.

Council intends for this SLI to inform spending in 2027 to support programming necessary to respond to federal policy and funding changes, and to reflect partnership and co-design with community stakeholders, including but not limited to the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods

**DUE DATE:** August 1, 2026

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### OPCD-002S-A

Request that OPCD report on community outreach related to zoning changes

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### SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Rob Saka, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) report on policies and procedures to effectively conduct outreach regarding changes to zoning. During the public outreach regarding zoning changes related to the One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan update, Council heard from many residents that more effective outreach needed to be done. This SLI asks OPCD to report on effective outreach and engagement tools, particularly mailers. In particular, it asks OPCD to respond to the following questions:

1. What policies should be in place to effectively conduct outreach regarding zoning changes? What approaches work better if the change is to the text of the land use code? What approaches work better if the change is to the zoning map?
2. OPCD's primary tool for conveying information about its projects is the OPCD website. What brings people to use the OPCD website? How do members of the public currently learn about new projects?
3. How do people attending OPCD meetings learn about the meetings? Are there known gaps in who is informed about OPCD events, or who attends events? What could be done to reach those people who are not able to attend OPCD's events?
4. What are best practices from other large cities for outreach and engagement on major planning projects? What do their outreach and engagement budgets look like?
5. If the City were to mail notices regarding zoning changes:
  - a. What would the cost be to send mailers to the entire city?
  - b. What would the cost be to send mailers to everyone within a typical neighborhood center?
  - c. What would the cost be to send mailers to everyone in a single Council district?
  - d. What would the cost be to send mailers to everyone in a specific zip code?

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Land Use

**DUE DATE:** June 30, 2026

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### **OPCD-009S-A**

Request that OPCD report on the design and cost of a pilot project to increase access to healthy food in underserved areas

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### **SPONSORS**

**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) work in conjunction with the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) and the Office of Economic Development (OED) to report on the design of a pilot project to explore new models for increasing access to healthy food retail in underserved areas and costs to implement the project. This pilot project is outlined in OPCD's response to SLI OPCD-003S-A (Clerk File 323511) and would involve collaboration between public and private partners to pursue joint development opportunities and establish a limited number of neighborhood-based food markets throughout the city. The goal as described in that response would be to develop a replicable framework that aligns with Seattle's regulatory environment and funding landscape while offering real-world insights that inform future food access strategies. This work may be in conjunction with the Mayor's Executive Order 2025-10, which directs city departments including OPCD, OSE, and OED to identify potential property acquisition in food deserts to support grocery stores (or pharmacies) in partnership with the private sector.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Land Use

**DUE DATE:** June 1, 2026

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### **OPCD-010S-A**

Request that OPCD update the Neighborhood Snapshots demographics

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### **SPONSORS**

**Rob Saka**, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) update the Neighborhood Snapshots (Snapshots) demographics profiles in 2026, expand the collection of Snapshots to cover all neighborhoods in Seattle, and include demographic data by Council District. Each Council District Snapshot should include demographics data with comparisons to citywide averages, statewide averages, and nationwide averages.

#### **Background:**

The Neighborhood Snapshots are a collaboration between the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) and OPCD that have been historically hosted on DON's website. In the third quarter of 2023, DON published an updated webpage and series of Neighborhood Snapshots covering 33 areas of Seattle. The snapshots were published as print-friendly, one-page PDFs, with a map and basic demographics for each area covered. A consultant produced the snapshots and OPCD and the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) assisted DON with data and advised on contents.

Going forward, OPCD will lead the design and production of the Neighborhood Snapshots and OPCD will host the future snapshot updates on OPCD's webpage. OPCD will collaborate with DON and OIRA to ensure the snapshots continue to be useful for all three departments and community stakeholders, and they will continue to work together to build awareness of the availability of the snapshots and other resources. The plan is for OPCD to update the snapshots and begin hosting them on the OPCD website in 2026.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods

**DUE DATE:** June 30, 2026

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### OSE-003S-A

Request that OSE study trees and parking in Tree Canopy Equity and Resilience Plan

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### SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Sara Nelson

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) to include evaluation of replacing parking in the City's right-of-way with trees in the development of OSE's Tree Canopy Equity and Resilience Plan (Plan) with such factors as estimates of capital and operating costs, trade-offs in terms of vehicle movement and parking capacity, strategies for reducing conflicts with utility infrastructure, and identification of locations in Seattle most suited/ready for replacing parking with trees.

This SLI requests that OSE's Urban Forestry Team collaborate with City departments (Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle City Light, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, and Finance and Administrative Services) to consider measures akin to those proposed by the City of Paris, France. The 2024-2030 Paris Climate Plan set a goal of replacing 60,000 parking spaces with street trees.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2026

## 2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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### **SDCI-003S-A**

Request that SDCI and OPCD report on process and schedule for prioritizing mandatory regulatory changes

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### **SPONSORS**

**Mark Solomon**, Rob Saka, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) provide a report to the Council that identifies how current and future legislation for mandated changes to regulations will be prioritized, developed, and transmitted to the Council for action prior to statutory deadlines.

OPCD and SDCI share responsibility for developing changes to land use regulations to respond to state and federal mandates. Generally, SDCI develops regulations related to regulatory programs administered by the department, such as Design Review; technical code changes that facilitate administration, such as changes contained in the biannual land use code omnibus bill; and changes to environmental regulations, such as the Shoreline Code and Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance. OPCD, generally, develops regulations related to area-wide planning efforts and broad Growth Management Act-based mandates, such as implementation of the middle housing requirements.

In recent years, both departments have failed to meet statutorily imposed deadlines for state and federal mandates. For example, the Mayor and OPCD did not transmit legislation to amend the Comprehensive Plan and implement the requirements of HB 1110, related to middle housing, until three months after the December 31, 2024, deadline for action on the Comprehensive Plan by the City. Similarly, SDCI has yet to transmit permanent legislation implementing the requirement of HB 1293, which requires that local design review programs meet state requirements. The state deadline for implementation of that mandate was June 30, 2025. Some delays have been caused by factors outside of either department's control, such as SEPA appeals to the City Hearing Examiner. Others appear to reflect prioritization decisions by the Executive that ignore state-mandated deadlines.

Failure to meet deadlines for mandatory changes to regulations can create confusion for applicants and the public, who may detrimentally rely on the current requirements in the City's Land Use Code without knowing that some may have been statutorily preempted. Additionally, the State Legislature has increasingly included provisions in its legislation that include penalties for jurisdictions that do not meet the legislated timeline. Not meeting these deadlines may carry legal or financial risks to the City.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Land Use

**DUE DATE:** March 31, 2026

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### **SDCI-004S-A**

Request that SDCI report quarterly on the health of the Construction and Inspections Fund

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### **SPONSORS**

**Mark Solomon**, Rob Saka, Dan Strauss, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislation Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) report quarterly on permit volumes, construction values, workload, and reserve fund balances. Where information is available, reports should distinguish permit revenue, staffing, and reserve balances by cost center. The Council intends to make future fee adjustments based on workload and the health of the Construction and Inspections Fund, including its reserves.

SDCI's 2026 Proposed Budget relies on an approximately 18 percent fee increase, which would be applicable to construction and land use permits. The proposed increase is estimated to generate approximately \$8.2 million in revenue to the Construction and Inspections Fund in 2026. That revenue would help maintain staffing levels to ensure timely permit review and maintenance of regulatory services. Generally, past fee increases have reflected inflationary adjustments and increased labor costs associated with approved labor contracts, not adjustments to maintain core services.

SDCI's budget for permitting services relies almost exclusively on revenue from fees charged for those services. To address construction volatility, SDCI relies on two structural budgetary mechanisms: (1) contingent Budget Authority, which allows the department to increase staffing without first getting Council authorization, up to an approved limit, when permit application volumes increase; and (2) a core staffing reserve to maintain trained staff and institutional knowledge when permit application volumes and value decrease.

The financial plan for the Construction and Inspections Fund indicates that SDCI has a core staffing reserve of \$22 million in 2025. That reserve, even with the proposed fee increase, would be drawn down to \$12 million in 2026 and \$7 million in 2027. Without the fee, the core staffing reserve would be nearly completely drawn down in 2026, which, depending on economic conditions, could force SDCI to lay-off core staff during the year.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Land Use

**DUE DATE:** March 31, 2026

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### SDHR-001S-A

Request that SDHR report on new programs for City employees subject to layoff

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### SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Human Resources (SDHR) report on actions taken to enhance and implement programs and rule changes in 2026 that are supportive of City employees subject to layoff. These offerings should support employees to continue their service with the City in new roles or help them to secure employment elsewhere.

Given the programs SDHR currently administers, the Council requests a report on actions taken to benefit workers subject to layoff, such as:

- Extending the Project Hire job referral program for civil service employees from 12 months to 24 months after layoff, while making the program availability transparent and eligibility automatic. At the same time, explore the removal of the prohibition of the referral of jobs that would be a promotion (if the employee passes the appropriate qualifications audit).
- Reinstating paid safe and sick leave time if laid off staff are rehired within 24 months, rather than the current 12-month period.
- Allowing for laid off or otherwise terminated staff to compete for 'internal hiring processes' for 24 months after separation from the City.
- Ensuring that information for workers explaining current SDHR programs and non-City offerings supporting workers to find new jobs are posted on SDHR's external website. As well, boosting the accessibility and visibility of SDHR's Inweb pertaining to the same information. Increasing the visibility and notice of layoff programs and career transition resources on both internal and external pages. Please include information regarding how staff can learn new skills (e.g. LinkedIn Learning available through Seattle Public Library and King County Library), about successful job search tools, and other opportunities available to workers.

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests SDHR to further develop and enhance programs for City employees subject to layoff in 2025 and early in 2026, and:

- (1) Submit a report to Council containing a timeline, recommended changes, and implementation plan by April 10, 2026, and
- (2) Submit a report to Council on actions taken to implement the recommended changes including accompanying policies or legislation, as appropriate by June 1, 2026.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Governance, Accountability, & Economic Development

**DUE DATE:** April 10, 2026

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### **SDOT-012S-B**

Request SDOT, DON & City Archivist to inventory and catalog historic street names for preservation

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### **SPONSORS**

**Dan Strauss**, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) work with the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) in coordination with the City Archivist of the Seattle Municipal Archives within the Office of City Clerk to inventory and catalog historic street names no longer in use for historic preservation.

This inventory should identify and document historic street names, particularly in areas annexed by Seattle before 1907, including West Seattle, Georgetown, Southeast Seattle, Columbia City, Town of Ravenna, and Ballard. Additionally, the departments are requested to inventory any street name mosaics, like those installed by Benson Shaw in Ballard, or other physical street name markers and integrate all of the information compiled into the City's public GIS maps.

The Council requests that SDOT present a progress report of this work to the Transportation Committee by September 4, 2026.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** September 4, 2026

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### **SDOT-022S-A**

Request SDOT to report on bus lanes, safety and reliability

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### **SPONSORS**

**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Debora Juarez

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to report on accomplishments, spending, and planning intended to improve reliability of bus travel on the following major corridors and Metro Bus routes:

Denny Way and Route 8  
Aurora Avenue and RapidRide E  
Rainier Avenue and Route 7 and future RapidRide R

At a minimum, the report's findings should address: bus lanes and bus travel prioritization; improvements to access, safety, and pedestrian crossings; and the deployment of automatic speed cameras. The Council intends to inform potential budgetary choices and code changes with the findings of this report in collaboration with SDOT, advocates, and other partners.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** June 15, 2026

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### SDOT-023S-A

Request that SDOT report on the performance and deployment of automatic traffic safety cameras

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### SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Robert Kettle

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), with support from the Seattle Police Department (SPD), to report to the Council on the performance and deployment of automated traffic safety cameras (ATSC). The report should include the following information:

- 1) Clarification of annual SDOT and SPD reporting responsibilities for ATSC deployment, citations, collisions, and infraction fees as provided in Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 5.82.010.D;
- 2) Reports per item 1 for 2024 and 2025; and
- 3) The results of the review and evaluation of the 10 new locations of ATSC authorized by SMC 11.50.570.A, as called for in Ordinance 127213, Section 7, namely:

- A. Alki Ave SW between 63rd Ave SW and Harbor Ave SW.
- B. Harbor Ave SW between Alki Ave SW and SW Spokane St.
- C. West Marginal Way SW between SW Spokane St and 2nd Ave SW.
- D. Sand Point Way NE between 38th Ave NE and NE 95th St.
- E. NE 65th St between Sand Point Way NE and Magnuson Park.
- F. Roadways inside Magnuson Park including, but not limited to, NE 65th St and Lake Shore Dr NE.
- G. Seaview Ave NW between Golden Gardens Park and 34th Ave NW.
- H. 3rd Ave NW between Leary Way NW and N 145th St.
- I. Martin Luther King Jr Way S between S Massachusetts St and S Henderson St.
- J. Rainier Ave S from S Jackson St south to the city limits.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** June 15, 2026

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### **SDOT-025S-A**

Request that SDOT report on the City's measurement of transportation project impacts

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### **SPONSORS**

**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Dan Strauss, Sara Nelson

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) report on how SDOT tracks the collective impact of transportation projects and how these projects impact vehicle miles traveled, road-source air and noise pollution, estimates of health disparities correlated by transportation, and other environmental justice and equity indicators.

The report should include the Office of Sustainability and Environment's and other City departments' efforts to report on these issues, as well as the Commute Trip Reduction program and other outreach and public engagement programs. The Council intends that the findings of this report will inform policy and budgetary decisions aimed to improve Seattle's environmental justice and transportation equity.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2026

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### **SDOT-027S-B**

Request SDOT to provide Seattle Transit Measure renewal options, including funding for new sidewalk construction

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### **SPONSORS**

**Rob Saka**, Mark Solomon, Debora Juarez

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide the Council with options for a potential renewal of the Seattle Transit Measure (STM). The Council requests that the options for the STM renewal include funding for new sidewalk construction to ensure pedestrian access to transit. Council intends that new investments in sidewalk construction would be in addition to new investments in transit service.

#### **Background:**

The current voter-approved STM expires on April 1, 2027, and renewal of the sale tax collections would require approval by the voters in the November 2026 election. Under the authority of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD), the Council may consider asking the voters to approve up to a 0.3% sales tax (generating up to approximately \$112 million per year) and/or up to a \$50 vehicle license fee (generating up to approximately \$22 million per year).

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** April 15, 2026

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### **SDOT-032S-A**

Request that SDOT report on maintenance of street trees

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### **SPONSORS**

**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) report on the resources that would be required for SDOT to assume maintenance of all street trees in the City's right-of-way (ROW). While SDOT approves permits for all trees in the right of way, SDOT maintains only a portion of those trees. Maintenance for the majority of street trees in the ROW is the responsibility of adjacent property owners.

The report should support Council's consideration of SDOT assuming maintenance of all street trees in the ROW with the intention of better protecting investments in planted trees and creating a more equitable distribution of healthy street trees throughout Seattle.

Council intends this SLI to be complimentary with request articulated in CBA OSE-003S-A-2.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2026

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### **SDOT-033S-A**

Request that SDOT provide Seattle Transit Measure renewal options, including funding for new transit capital projects

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### **SPONSORS**

**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide the Council with options for a potential renewal of the Seattle Transit Measure (STM). The Council requests that the options for the STM renewal include funding for new transit capital project construction such as RapidRide R and such other essential projects.

#### **Background:**

The current voter-approved STM expires on April 1, 2027, and continuation of sales tax collections to support transit service enhancements would require approval by the voters in the November 2026 election. Under the authority of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD), the Council may consider asking the voters to approve up to a 0.3% sales tax (generating up to approximately \$112 million per year) and/or up to a \$50 vehicle license fee (generating up to approximately \$22 million per year).

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2026

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### **SDOT-034S-A**

Request that SDOT develop plan for micromobility corrals

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### **SPONSORS**

**Rob Saka**, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) report on factors significant for the implementation of micromobility corrals in Seattle and would request that SDOT develop a comprehensive plan for corrals based on the report. The report should include at least a review of industry best-practices, staffing capacity, design, and best uses of street and sidewalk right-of-way.

Council intends for the plan emphasize high-use areas and to address at least the following: shifting micromobility whenever possible from sidewalks to streets; the costs and benefits of free-floating parking and mandatory parking for e-bikes and e-scooters; improvements the permitting process; sufficiency of current SDOT resources; and the potential of external partnerships to support micromobility corrals. The scope of the plan should encompass Council's intention for SDOT to implement 600 micromobility corrals in 2026 in addition to the estimated 237 SDOT is also set to complete next year.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** September 15, 2026

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### **SDOT-035S-A**

Request that SDOT report on safety improvements for Belmont Ave E, E Roy St, Harvard Ave E, and E Olive Way

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### **SPONSORS**

**Joy Hollingsworth**, Dan Strauss, Robert Kettle

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that Seattle Department of Transportation report on the timeline, resources, costs, and recommendations for necessary safety improvements including pedestrian safety, driver visibility, and traffic calming for two areas:

1. Belmont Avenue E & E Roy Street and
2. Harvard Avenue E between E Olive Way and E Roy Street

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** August 3, 2026

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### **SDOT-042S-A**

Request that SDOT provide a legislative proposal to implement Washington State's Shared Streets legislation for Council's consideration

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### **SPONSORS**

**Dan Strauss**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide a legislative proposal to implement Washington State's Shared Streets legislation (SB 5595, effective July 27, 2025) for Council's consideration. This State legislation allows local jurisdictions to designate shared streets where pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicular traffic share a portion or all of the same street. The State legislation allows for pedestrians to have right-of-way priority over bicycles, for bicycles to have right-of-way priority over vehicular traffic, and for a 10 miles per hour speed limit to be established for shared streets. Under this State authority, the SDOT Traffic Engineer will need to propose implementation procedures for Council's consideration and approval through legislation. Such implementation procedures may require environmental review.

This SLI requests that SDOT provide a legislative proposal for shared streets implementation in January 2026.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Transportation

**DUE DATE:** January 1, 2026

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### SFD-103S-A

Request SFD to report on strategies for strengthening the City's response to firefighter injury claims

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### SPONSORS

**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Robert Kettle, Sara Nelson

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests the Seattle Fire Department (SFD), in consultation with the Seattle Department of Human Resources (SDHR), union partners, and other relevant entities, to report on strategies for strengthening the City's response to firefighter injury claims with the objective of returning injured employees to work sooner, improving employee health outcomes, and achieving cost savings.

Firefighter absences due to injury and related claims have a significant impact on SFD's operations and budget. In 2024, the City spent approximately \$17.7 million on SFD claims. Of this amount, SFD reimbursed \$14.2 million in workers' compensation claim costs to the City's self-insured claims fund and separately incurred an additional \$7.3 million for associated labor costs (e.g., backfill overtime costs when firefighters are on occupational leave). Trends show that such costs are rising due to an increase in claims related to injuries and exposures covered by a recent expansion of the state presumptive coverage law, economic trends (e.g., recession, inflation), COVID-19 treatment delays in 2020 through 2022 that complicated recovery and extended claim duration, an aging workforce, and claim specific factors.

Additionally, firefighters report that musculoskeletal injuries can be especially problematic for time loss due to difficulty obtaining quick access to medical care (e.g., scheduling doctor appointments and procedures) and navigating insurance requirements. Musculoskeletal injuries (e.g., strains and sprains, spinal injuries, fractures and dislocations) are typically the most common type of injury among firefighters.

SFD continues to experience a high vacancy rate and firefighter absences due to injury reduce the department's ability to meet minimum staffing levels. In turn, this can lead to unit outages and increased overtime costs. The majority of SFD's overtime is to maintain minimum staffing levels due to unfilled positions or firefighters out on leave (e.g., sickness, vacation, paid parental leave, military, disability). Returning injured firefighters to work sooner would decrease these costs and help the department meet minimum staffing levels.

This SLI requests SFD to collaborate with internal and external partners to consider the challenges that injury claims present for firefighters, SFD, and SDHR's administration of the City's workers' compensation program. SFD is encouraged to consider a wide variety of program enhancements that could comprise a comprehensive approach to strengthening the City's response to injury claims for the overall benefit of City operations and the community.

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**Responsible Council Committee(s):**

**DUE DATE:** May 4, 2026

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### SPD-109S-A

Request that SPD provide quarterly reports on staffing, overtime, and performance metrics

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### SPONSORS

**Robert Kettle**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Dan Strauss, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide quarterly reports to the Public Safety Committee on police staffing, overtime and performance metrics, including:

- (1) Staffing data including: (a) the “SPD Sworn Staffing Model”; (b) the “Precinct Staffing Report”; and (c) demographic data on hires and separations;
- (2) When available, overtime data including two years of actual and planned expenditures at the bureau and program level and accounting for both dollars spent and hours worked; and
- (3) Performance data including: (a) 911 call response time metrics; (b) Z-Disposition call handling metrics; and (c) an explanation of how changes to patrol and department staffing have affected SPD’s ability to meet its response time and call handling goals.

All data should be submitted consistent with the format used in SPD-108S-A-2-2025. Department budget staff should assume that the Chair of the Public Safety Committee will request their presence at a hearing in the second week of the month following submittal of the data.

SPD should submit the reports to the Public Safety Committee and Central Staff Director as follows: By February 20, the report should include the 2025 year-end staffing data requested in the first item (1) above. By April 24 and July 17, the reports should address all items (1-3) above. If data for all items (1-3) are not available by the due date, then SPD staff should send on a piecemeal basis any data that is available.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Public Safety

**DUE DATE:** February 20, 2026

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### SPD-110S-A

Request that SPD report on implementation of a customer service line

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### SPONSORS

**Joy Hollingsworth**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide a report to the Public Safety Committee on the services that might be offered through an SPD customer service line, and the associated cost of providing the services.

The City's Customer Service line currently transfers to SPD requests for information on the following topics:

- Options to file a police report, including general reporting of crime or criminal activity;
- Options to file a Missing Persons report;
- Narcotics related reporting, including reporting of crime and individuals who would fit the criteria for a CARE team response;
- Vehicle collision reports;
- Lost and found items or retrieval of items held for evidence;
- Criminal history background checks;
- A request for Welfare Check on an individual; and
- Inquiries about SPD's Ride-along program.

SPD should explore the potential of establishing a direct customer service line to address the above requests for information, as well as to provide general direction to callers on how to follow up on police reports and in-progress criminal investigations, and how to navigate SPD's online or in-person reporting systems.

To develop recommendations, scope and costs for implementing a customer service line, SPD should perform the following activities:

- Evaluate and potentially deconflict existing customer service contact options (e.g., Non-Emergency Line, City of Seattle Customer Service Bureau, front counter, public website, Public Disclosure Portal, online reporting, Office of Professional Accountability, etc.);
- Research and assess technology options to enhance current service options, including but not limited to: chatbot, smart queue (auto-call back) for non-emergency calls;
- Identify updates and enhancements to the SPD online reporting system;
- Establish business hours, location, and potential infrastructure needs; and
- Determine existing personnel or new personnel that can accommodate needs for 24-7 staffing or regular business hours staffing.

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SPD should submit the report to the Public Safety Committee and Central Staff Director on July 1, 2026.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Public Safety

**DUE DATE:** July 1, 2026

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### SPD-111S-A

Request that SPD report on federal immigration enforcement policies

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### SPONSORS

**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Dan Strauss, Robert Kettle

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide a report to the Public Safety Committee on the implementation plan for Executive Order (EO) 2025-07 – City of Seattle Response to Potential National Guard Deployment, and EO 2025-08 - Strengthening Seattle’s Response to Federal Threats to Immigration and Refugee Communities, to include:

- (1) A description of the process used to develop the Directive noted in EO 2025-8 Section 3.C., and whether Seattle’s police accountability partners participated in its development: the Community Police Commission, Office of the Inspector General for Public Safety and Office of Police Accountability;
- (2) Indicating whether the department will incorporate into the SPD Policy Manual the practices, procedures and policies outlined in the Directive referenced in EO 2025-8, and whether Seattle’s accountability partners will review such policies as required by the Accountability Ordinance (ORD 125315) section 3.29.410.C.;
- (3) Outlining how the department will ensure that its line level officers and patrol supervisors are trained for, and know how to quickly access department policies on, interactions with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers that may include:
  - a. An ICE officer requesting immediate, on-scene assistance with an arrest or detention that ICE characterizes as enforcement against criminal activity per federal code restricting illegal entry or prior deportation;
  - b. ICE officers requesting immediate, on-scene assistance with immigration enforcement operations that result in a need for peacekeeping activities such as crowd control or traffic management;
  - c. ICE officers who use excessive force during an arrest or detention, such that an SPD officer becomes compelled to comply with RCW 10.93.190 Peace Officer Duty to Intervene;
  - d. Individuals who appear to potentially be, or are acting in a manner that creates the perception that they are ICE officers involved in immigration enforcement activities, but are not identifiable as federal agents, and who may be concealing their identities using masks; and
  - e. ICE officers or officials who attempt to compel SPD assistance in securing physical evidence or sharing data captured during an ICE enforcement operation or at a city event that could include residents’ exercising their First Amendment rights.
- (4) Indicating whether the Executive and SPD plan to work with the City Attorney’s Office to develop a plan for defending the City against legal actions that would compel the City to share physical evidence,

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data or information that may assist ICE with immigration enforcement, including enforcement characterized as criminal under federal immigration code.

SPD should submit the report to the Public Safety Committee and Central Staff Director on March 1, 2026. SPD may be requested to appear before the Committee in January 2026 to provide a status update on its efforts to implement EO 2025-07 and EO 2025-08.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Public Safety

**DUE DATE:** March 1, 2026

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### **SPR-006S-A**

Request that SPR report on rebuilding Camp Long and prioritizing this project in the Seattle Park District Cycle 3 funding plan

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### **SPONSORS**

**Rob Saka**, Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Sara Nelson

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to report on the potential costs, timeline, and funding sources for rebuilding the historic Camp Long Lodge (Camp Long) and how this project would align with the department's funding priorities for Seattle Park District (Park District) Cycle 3 funding plan for 2029-2034.

In November 2024, Camp Long closed after sustaining significant fire damage due to arson. SPR has allocated insurance proceeds (approximately \$2.6 million) toward funding stabilization efforts, a pre-design study, and other pre-construction costs. The pre-design study will determine the final funding needed to restore the building to an occupiable condition, including preservation of historic elements, accessibility updates, and full decarbonization. SPR anticipates that the construction bidding process for this project will occur no earlier than 2028 due to the design, review, and permitting realities of a major historical renovation following significant fire damage.

Although the insurance proceeds are sufficient for stabilization and planning/design efforts, there is no identified funding source for the renovation of the building which could cost between \$18 to \$30 million. SPR reports that the department is actively considering options for funding the construction phase, including public and private partnerships.

The Seattle Park District Cycle 3 funding plan could provide a potential funding source for this project. In 2026, SPR will start developing a comprehensive, community-oriented process to determine spending priorities for the Cycle 3 funding plan and corresponding revenue needs. The proposed Cycle 3 funding plan is due to the Park District Board in early 2028. The Park District Board, after considering recommendations from the community and the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners, will ultimately determine the spending levels and updated projects, programs, and services to include in the next six-year funding cycle.

This SLI request SPR to provide a report with a comprehensive timeline for rebuilding Camp Long including but not limited to costs, milestone dates, identification of potential timeline impacts, and plans to mitigate delays. Additionally, the report would identify how the department is prioritizing this project in preparation for the proposed Seattle Park District Cycle 3 funding plan for 2029-2034.

### **Responsible Council Committee(s):**

**DUE DATE:** September 1, 2026

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### **SPR-014S-B**

Request that SPR report on turf conversions at Judkins Park, Riverview Park, Bar-S Playground, and Maple Leaf Reservoir Park

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### **CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to report on the costs, timeline, and feasibility of turf conversions for five playfields: one playfield at Judkins Park, two playfields (i.e., upper fields one and two) at Riverview Park, one playfield at Bar-S Playground in District 1, and one playfield at Maple Leaf Reservoir Park. Turf conversions are intended to increase playing options for youth sports and support safe, accessible, and quality play for users on a year-round basis, including during inclement weather.

Judkins Park in District 3 is adjacent to Washington Middle School and includes one playfield that is owned by the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and managed by SPR through a lease. In 2022, the Seattle Park District Board adopted Resolution 51 requesting SPR to explore installing turf at Judkins playfield and SPR approached SPS to explore the feasibility of this project. SPS conveyed that turfing the playfield was a high priority but postponed collaboration to retain flexibility for developing the entire site (including neighboring Washington Middle School) as the district considered projects for the BEX VI capital levy proposal. Although voters approved the levy proposal in February 2025, the capital project plan did not include Washington Middle School and there is likely opportunity to reinstate these discussions. This SLI requests a report for turfing the entirety of this playfield.

Riverview Park in District 1 has eight playfields; the upper fields are sized for baseball/softball and the smaller lower fields are sized for softball. This SLI requests a report on turfing the entirety of upper fields one and two.

Bar-S Playground in District 1 has two playfields that are the same size. This SLI requests a report on turfing the entirety of one of these fields.

Maple Leaf Reservoir Park in District 4 has two playfields, the Will Stacey Fields. This SLI requests a report on turfing the infield of Will Stacey Field 2.

SPR's report should identify the full range of costs and project considerations for the full or infield (as noted) turf conversion of each identified field. The cost estimate should include associated site improvements such as lighting, fencing, additional updates to the dugouts and backstops, and accessibility improvements.

### **Responsible Council Committee(s):**

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**DUE DATE:** August 3, 2026

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### SPU-010S-A

Request that SPU provide a status report on its sea level rise adaptation work in the Duwamish Valley

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) provide a status report on its sea level rise adaptation work in the Duwamish Valley, including progress on planning and design efforts, engagement with community organizations, and future project plans and funding opportunities.

In 2016, the City launched the Duwamish Valley Program, an interdisciplinary effort among City departments to advance environmental justice goals and promote equitable development in the Duwamish Valley, with an emphasis on South Park and Georgetown. The collaborative effort, which is led by the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), released the Duwamish Valley Action Plan in 2018, a City-community vision that identifies strategies and actions to deliver measurable health and wellbeing outcomes.

Since the release of that plan, the City has received grant funding to advance visioning for climate and community resilience, including for sea level rise adaptation. Additionally, the South Park neighborhood experienced significant flooding caused by overtopping of the Duwamish River during king tides in 2022, leading SPU to engage in extensive, yearly emergency flood preparedness with the community.

The ten-year comprehensive plan update, currently under consideration by the Council, also recognizes that sea levels are projected to rise across Seattle's shorelines in the coming decades and that flooding is expected to become more intense and frequent. In recognition of this, the plan contains a policy to develop a citywide sea level rise adaptation plan.

SPU will be leading the next phase of water resilience planning in the South Park and Georgetown neighborhoods through its new Duwamish Valley Water Resilience section within the Drainage and Wastewater line of business. In the coming months, SPU and OSE expect to release a report on the work to date, including a high-level vision, phased approach, potential solutions, and sequencing of projects to manage sea level rise in both the residential and industrial portions of those neighborhoods. In 2026, SPU plans to utilize existing grant funding to continue planning work with early technical analysis and high-level cost estimating.

The Council supports the sea level rise adaptation planning efforts and is interested in accelerating the work and exploring multiple-benefit solutions, such as nature-based approaches, to meet the urgent needs of communities most at-risk of experiencing flooding impacts. Additionally, the Council requests that SPU and its partner departments within the City prioritize engagement with community leaders and organizations, such as the Duwamish River Community Coalition, on City-led efforts in the

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Duwamish Valley.

The requested status update could be in the form of a written report or a presentation to the relevant Council committee.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Parks, Public Utilities & Technology

**DUE DATE:** August 14, 2026

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### SPU-012S-A

Request that SPU report on rate impacts of expanding eligibility and participation in utility discounts and assistance programs of SPU and SCL

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### CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), in cooperation with Seattle City Light (SCL) and the Human Services Department (HSD), evaluate the impacts on utility rates of maintaining existing utility assistance programs and expanding the eligibility for the Utility Discount Program (UDP) to people making 70 percent or 80 percent of area median income at a lower discount. Additionally, SPU's study should describe progress to date and any budgetary or policy steps necessary to:

- 1) accomplish long-sought system improvements to the UDP to increase participation rates;
- 2) decrease hurdles faced by seniors accessing the program, among other things;
- 3) ensure people are pre-qualified for UDP if they are enrolled in other City and county affordability programs, such as Fresh Bucks, Multi-Family Tax Exemption housing, and King County property tax exemptions.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Parks, Public Utilities & Technology

**DUE DATE:** February 14, 2026