

2009-2010 STATEMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

2009 Adopted and 2010 Endorsed Budgets
 Statements of Legislative Intent (SLIs) by Council Committee

SUMMARY

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Budget Committee			
1	64-2-A-1	Allocate any additional GSF in 2009, up to \$500,000, for homeless housing in Office of Housing <i>(also listed under Housing and Economic Development Committee)</i>	n/a – no due date
Culture, Civil Rights, Health, and Personnel Committee			
2	52-1-A-1	Develop database of positions reclassified to exempt status	31-Mar-09
3	94-2-A-3	Arts Liaison Position Report	10-Jun-09
4	108-1-A-1	Review City's Investments in Enhanced Public Health Services	30-Jun-09
5	116-1-A-1	Increase Healthy Foods in DPR Facilities and Programs	30-Jun-09
Energy and Technology Committee			
6	5-2-A-1	City Light - Request that City Light develop a comprehensive policy for the deployment of 'Smart Grid' technology in the service territory	31-Jul-09
7	8-2-A-1	City Light - Request that City Light develop alternative approaches to meeting training needs.	31-Mar-09
8	16-1-A-2	City Light - Request that City Light develop policies to support plug-in electric vehicles	01-Jun-09
Environment, Emergency Management, and Utilities Committee			
9	25-1-A-1	DON to identify the most suitable City-owned plots for conversion to use for food production	01-May-09
10	53-1-A-1	Develop a Farmer's Market at City Hall	Briefing due 27 Feb; Proposal due 31 Mar 2009
11	65-2-A-1	SPU investigation of solid waste prevention approaches	01-Jul-09
12	65-5-A-1	Implementation of Dumpster-Free Alley services	Report due 30 Jan; Program Evaluation due 31 Dec 2009
13	66-2-A-1	Report on Water Fund base service reductions	31-Mar-09

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14	68-1-B-2	Increase scope of public toilet services (<i>lead committee: Public Safety, Human Services and Education</i>)	30-Jan-09
15	76-1-A-1	Increasing the production of food in residential planting strips	01-Apr-09
16	111-1-A-1	Request Development of a "Climate Change Note"	30-Jun-09
Finance and Budget Committee			
None for 2009-2010.			
Full Council			
17	71-2-A-1	Reviewing SDOT's Mercer Corridor Project	15-Jan-09
18	73-2-A-1	Council review of Agreements with WSDOT and King County regarding the Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement CIP Project (<i>also listed under Transportation Committee</i>)	Ongoing
Housing and Economic Development Committee			
19	59-4-A-1	Office of Economic Development Reorganization and Refocusing	01-Jul-09
1	64-2-A-1	Allocate any additional GSF in 2009, up to \$500,000, for homeless housing in Office of Housing (<i>also listed under Budget Committee</i>)	n/a – no due date
Parks and Seattle Center Committee			
20	112-1-A-2	DPR Strategic Action Plan Implementation Oversight	Work Program due 15 Jan; Quarterly Reports due 31 Mar, 30 Jun, 30 Sep and 31 Dec, 2009; Other items ongoing
21	115-3-A-3	DPR Fee Schedule Review	01-Jul-09
Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee			
14	68-1-B-2	Increase scope of public toilet services (<i>secondary committee: EEMU</i>)	30-Jan-09
22	96-5-A-2	Set criteria for allocating funding in HSD for Advocacy and Technical Assistance & Capacity Building, and develop and report on performance measures	Report due 15 Jan 2009; Program evaluation due 31 Mar 2010

<u>#</u>	<u>SLI No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
23	100-2-A-1	Select performance reporting and grant funding standards to apply to a pilot group of HSD-contracted nonprofit agencies whose data will be posted online in 2010	31-Aug-09
24	101-3-A-1	Centralize the collection and analysis of hunger program statistics	01-Apr-09
25	122-2-A-1	Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (Economic Development, Finance General, Human Services, Neighborhood Matching Fund, Parks & Recreation, Police, Policy & Management)	Beginning in January, Monthly updates due; Strategic plan due 31 Mar 2009
26	142-2-C-1	Jail Capacity Study	01-Jul-09
Transportation Committee			
18	73-2-A-1	Council review of Agreements with WSDOT and King County regarding the Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement CIP Project <i>(also listed under Transportation Committee)</i>	Ongoing
27	74-1-A-1	Review of SDOT's street use fee schedule	Report and proposal due 01 Jun 2009; Fee legislation due with 2010 Proposed Budget
28	77-4-A-1	Advancing the Linden Avenue North Complete Streets CIP Project TC366930	01-Sep-09

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- 1) *Allocate any additional GSF in 2009, up to \$500,000, for homeless housing in Office of Housing*
SLI 64-2-A-1

Note: This SLI appears twice – Budget and Housing and Economic Development Committees

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council intends that additional funding for the Housing First capital program be the highest priority for any additional 2009 GSF revenues, beyond those anticipated in the November 2008 forecast prepared by the Department of Finance. Any unanticipated GSF revenues up to an additional \$500,000, shall be appropriated to the Office of Housing to fund additional housing units as part of the Housing First program. The revenue forecasts made by the Department of Finance in April and August of 2009 will be used to determine how much additional GSF revenues are available for this purpose. Any additional revenues would supplement the \$1.6 million that is provided in the 2009 – 2010 budget.

Responsible Council Committees: Budget, Housing and Economic Development

Date Due to Council: Not applicable – no due date

CULTURE, CIVIL RIGHTS, HEALTH, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- 2) *Develop database of positions reclassified to exempt status*
SLI 52-1-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

It is Council's intent that Central Staff work with the Personnel Department and the Department of Finance to develop a database to record City positions reclassified from civil service to exempt status and any appeals from these reclassification decisions. To the extent data is available, the database will include reclassifications to exempt status from 1999 through 2008 and the appropriate information will be added to the database whenever a position is reclassified to exempt. This database will allow the City to determine the number of positions reclassified to exempt positions on an annual basis and to make comparisons over time. The database will be developed using existing staff and budget authority. The database will be maintained and utilized jointly by Executive and Legislative staff.

By March 31, 2009, the Executive and Central Staff should report to the Culture, Civil Rights, Health and Personnel Committee on the status of the design and development of this database and its anticipated operational date.

Responsible Council Committee: Culture, Civil Rights, Health, and Personnel

Date Due to Council: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

- 3) *Arts Liaison Position Report*
SLI 94-2-A-3

Statement of Legislative Intent:

It is the City Council's intent that the Executive create and fund an Arts Liaison position to be hired in the second half of 2009. The Arts Liaison would advocate for artists and arts organizations and would advise Executive and Council on related matters.

In addition, the Arts Liaison would manage relations between the City of Seattle and businesses, developers, other governmental agencies, and arts interests. The Liaison would focus on retaining existing artists and arts organizations in Seattle and attracting new ones. As part of this effort, the Liaison would coordinate City departments' involvement in developing and promoting arts and culture facilities, including artist work force housing and office and presentation space for artists and arts and culture organizations.

The Council requests that the Executive submit and present a report to the Council by June 10, 2009 that includes the following information:

- A clear mission and description for the Arts Liaison position
- The skills needed by the position
- The recommended classification and salary level of the position
- A recommendation on the best location for the position
- Recommended funding source(s)
- Any other relevant information

The Council intends to use the report to evaluate the creation and funding of the Arts Liaison position in a supplement to the 2009 Budget.

Responsible Council Committee: Culture, Civil Rights, Health, and Personnel

Date Due to Council: Monday, June 10, 2009

4) ***Review City's Investments in Enhanced Public Health Services***
SLI 108-1-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

State law gives counties the responsibility to provide public health services. Public Health-Seattle King County (Public Health) provides basic core public health services to all King County residents. The City voluntarily funds "enhanced" public health services for Seattle residents. For example, in responding to a recent tuberculosis outbreak, Public Health provided screening, testing and treatment. City funding provided additional case management services for clients and training for shelter providers. The Mayor's Proposed Budget for enhanced public health services is \$11,157,359 and \$11,387,737 for 2009 and 2010.

Public Health is facing significant budget reductions. The City will not, and legally is not mandated, to assume funding responsibility for basic core public health services. However, an evaluation of the City's future investments in enhanced public health services, in light of changes in the 2009 Public Health budget, is warranted. Having this discussion before the 2010 budget is submitted will provide the Council and Executive time to understand the changes in Public Health's budget and evaluate the City's enhanced investments.

King County's 2009 budget will be adopted on November 24, 2008. However, since King County is seeking State funding for Public Health, Public Health's 2009 budget will not be finalized until the State adopts its budget in approximately mid-April 2009.

Council requests that the Executive review the City's investments in enhanced public health services after the 2009 King County and State budgets are adopted and provide a written report to the Council's Culture, Civil Rights Health and Personnel Committee.

The written report should be submitted by June 30, 2009 and include:

1. A summary and analysis of the changes to Public Health's budget and services; and
2. Recommendations on what, if any, changes to the City's investments in enhanced public health services should be made.

Responsible Council Committee: Culture, Civil Rights, Health, and Personnel

Date Due to Council: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

5) ***Increase Healthy Foods in DPR Facilities and Programs***

SLI 116-1-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

Resolution 31019, adopted by the City Council in 2008, establishes goals, creates a policy framework, and identifies planning, analysis and actions to strengthen Seattle's food system sustainability and security. The adopted goals include: increasing access for all of Seattle's residents to healthy and local foods, and supporting procurement policies that favor local and regional food sourcing.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) operates 27 community centers and ten swimming pools. DPR offers, or contracts with other providers, to provide many classes, programs and community events at the community centers and pools. In addition, these facilities are used for unscheduled drop in recreation. Food is provided at the community centers and swimming pools in vending machines, and at programs, classes and community events DPR provides, hosts or contracts for such as before and after school programs.

Healthy food choices and good nutrition are recognized effective strategies in preventing and addressing the growing problem of hunger and obesity in children and young adults. "Children and youth eat healthy snacks and meals in after-school programs" is one of the ten goals identified in the Childrens Alliance's End Childhood Hunger Initiative.

Council requests that DPR:

- A. Review the food DPR, or its contracted providers, offers or provides in: 1) vending machines at community centers and swimming pools, 2) in programs offered by DPR or contracted providers at DPR facilities, especially youth programs such as before and after school programs, and 3) at community events at DPR's community centers and swimming pools.
- B. Explore and evaluate with DPR's contracted providers, strategies to increase the amount of healthy food and healthy food choices that are provided through the facilities and programs described in the preceding item A.
- C. Develop recommendations on ways DPR and its contracted providers can provide more healthy food and healthy food choices through the facilities and programs described in the preceding item A.
- D. Provide a written report to Council's Culture Civil Rights, Health and Personnel Committee by June 30, 2009 outlining the information DPR has compiled, the strategies identified and recommendations on increasing healthy food and healthy food choices through the facilities and programs described in the preceding item A. The written report should also include a cost analysis of any changes in procurement costs.

Responsible Council Committee: Culture, Civil Rights, Health, and Personnel

Date Due to Council: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- 6) *City Light - Request that City Light develop a comprehensive policy for the deployment of 'Smart Grid' technology in the service territory*
SLI 5-2-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This SLI requests that City Light develop a comprehensive policy for the deployment of 'Smart Grid' technology in the service territory.

The Council is generally supportive of cost effective technologies that improve the operational efficiency of the utility or improve the service that it provides to its customers. Smart Grid, a technology that exploits communication between the electricity provider and "smart" meters and appliances to allow the provider to manage the system better, may be one such technology. However, although City Light notes it in its strategic plan, it has not yet articulated a case for it to the Council. The Council would like to understand the larger context for this effort and where it fits into City Light's priorities. It requests that City Light develop a comprehensive policy statement for Smart Grid that addresses at a minimum the following issues:

- An analysis of the costs and benefits of the Smart Grid technology to City Light's customers, including which customers or customer classes would likely benefit most;
- A description of the automated metering infrastructure that City Light envisions building to support Smart Grid, including a discussion of the uncertainties and risk associated with its choice of technology;
- A discussion of the equity of different allocations of costs across customer classes.

City Light's report to the Council should provide supporting research and detail the experience of other utilities with both automated metering infrastructure and more generally with Smart Grid.

Responsible Council Committee: Energy and Technology

Date Due to Council: Friday, July 31, 2009

- 7) *City Light - Request that City Light develop alternative approaches to meeting training needs*
SLI 8-2-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council appreciates the work that City Light's management has done to understand the training needs of current and future employees of the utility. While the Council supports the intent of the proposal in the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget, it is not convinced that the approach adopted by the utility is either the most efficient or the most appropriate way to address the needs identified.

Therefore, the Council has provided an appropriation of \$500,000 in the Human Resources BCL for further study. It requests that City Light explore alternative ways to meet the training needs it identified that do not involve long-term staff commitments, and to report back to the Council in 2009 on its findings and recommendations.

At a minimum, City Light should consider:

- Ways to provide on-line training opportunities;
- Ways to provide an on-line database of training opportunities, including easy access to curricula, schedules, and reservations;
- Ways to leverage existing training services offered by the City's Personnel Department; and
- Ways to exploit outside training expertise, including the possibility of partnering with local educational institutions to develop and deliver on-going training.

Responsible Council Committee: Energy and Technology

Date Due to Council: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

8) *City Light - Request that City Light develop policies to support plug-in electric vehicles*
SLI 16-1-A-2

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This SLI requests that City Light develop policies and procedures to encourage the use of plug-in electric vehicles in its service territory.

Within a few years, plug-in electric vehicles, likely in the form of hybrids, will be commercially available in the U.S. Given their potential for reducing both pollution and greenhouse gases (GHG), the Council would like to encourage their use. To that end, the Council is asking City Light to develop policies and procedures that encourage the use of these vehicles and to report to the Energy and Technology Committee on its findings and recommendations. The report should, at a minimum, address:

- Electric service charges, including differential rates for time of day, and perhaps for vehicle owners, that would encourage use;
- Possible building and zoning code amendments that may be necessary to encourage use;
- Operational and procedural changes, including provision of specialized hook-up or metering, that would encourage use; and,
- Potential direct incentives for ownership.

City Light should detail the legal, logistical, operational, and economic obstacles or issues associated with encouraging the use of these vehicles, and suggest ways to address them.

The report should identify any infrastructure changes, enhancements, or additions that providing the support would require and estimate the cost (including rate impacts) of such changes.

City Light should take the lead in working cooperatively with other City departments, including the Department of Planning and Development, to develop a comprehensive, holistic response to this Statement of Legislative Intent.

Responsible Council Committee: Energy and Technology

Date Due to Council: Monday, June 1, 2009

ENVIRONMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- 9) *Department of Neighborhoods (DON) to identify the most suitable City-owned plots for conversion to use for food production*
SLI 25-1-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

In order to eliminate the P-Patch waiting list as soon as possible, the Council requests that the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) take the following actions:

1. Review the inventory of undeveloped City-owned holdings to identify the most suitable sites for community gardens, according to the following criteria:
The site should
 - Be owned by the City and lacking any firm development plans,
 - Be at least 2,000 square feet in size,
 - Have a slope of less than 40%,
 - Have easily accessible or on-site parking,
 - Not include any streams or wetlands, and
 - Be minimally shaded and have little or no building coverage.
2. Recommend sites that total no less than two acres in aggregate that could be developed in 2009 and 2010.
3. Develop a proposal and budget for the development of the sites identified in item number 2.

The P-Patch wait list is currently 1,719 persons long and growing. Meanwhile, a recent University of Washington study found a total of 45 vacant and unused city-owned sites comprising over 12 acres of land that are suitable for urban agriculture in addition to 122 school properties and 139 public parks that have under-used space with the potential for use.

Responsible Council Committee: Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: Friday, May 1, 2009

- 10) *Develop a Farmer's Market at City Hall*
SLI 53-1-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

Council requests the Fleets and Facilities Department (FFD) work with appropriate City departments, local farmers markets associations, the Pike Place Market Public Development Authority, and local food producers to develop a proposal for a Farmers Market at City Hall. Sponsoring a Farmer's Market will strengthen the City's efforts to educate people about the availability of locally produced food, support local food producers and provide a weekly community event in downtown Seattle. In addition, a Farmers Market is an opportunity to educate people about the hunger needs in this City and provide an ongoing opportunity to contribute to local food banks and meals programs.

Council envisions this Farmer's Market will:

- Begin small with maybe only 3-4 producers,
- Begin operation in summer 2009,
- Operate one day a week on a weekday,
- Be open at least from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m,
- Be open from May to October,
- Provide an opportunity to purchase locally grown food, and
- Provide an opportunity for consumers to donate to local area food banks and meals programs.

By February 27, 2009 Council requests that FFD provide a briefing to the Council's Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committee. The briefing should include FFD's initial feasibility assessment, and will provide an opportunity for the Executive and Council to discuss the development of the Farmer's Market proposal.

By March 31, 2009 Council requests that FFD provide a written proposal to establish and operate a Farmer's Market at City Hall beginning in 2009 to the Council's Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committee. FFD's proposal should include at a minimum:

- 1) A feasibility analysis,
- 2) A cost estimate for establishing and operating the Farmer's Market,
- 3) The organizational structure for establishing and operating the Farmer's Market,
- 4) Staffing costs for establishing and operating the Farmer's Market, and
- 5) How an ongoing connection for donations to local area food banks and meals programs will be established.

Responsible Council Committee: Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: Briefing due Friday, February 27; Proposal due Tuesday, March 31, 2009

11) *SPU investigation of solid waste prevention approaches*
SLI 65-2-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that by July 1, 2009 Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) submit an analysis and five-year work plan to implement policies that will help reduce product and packaging waste that currently must be recycled or disposed of as garbage. While Seattle has been successful in moving toward zero waste through recycling and composting, further reductions may be best achieved through "up-stream" efforts that reduce the amount of waste that is generated in the first place. Recognizing this, the response from SPU should address:

1. Products and packaging. Approaches should be identified to promote product design and packaging that minimizes waste that now must be recycled or landfilled. These approaches should target product types that generate environmentally hazardous waste or high tonnages of waste. They should also focus on strategies that are suited to effective implementation by the City.

2. Consumer choices. Approaches should be identified to encourage use of low-waste products and packaging and to discourage the use of products and packaging that must be recycled or disposed of as garbage. These approaches could include outreach efforts to raise public awareness, pilot programs with businesses that agree to reduce packaging, and other waste prevention actions.
3. Tonnage and cost estimates. The analysis should estimate the tonnage of landfilled garbage and recycled materials that would be avoided through the waste prevention tasks. Cost estimates and long-term effects of action implementation on rates also should be identified.
4. Priorities and schedule. The work plan should prioritize tasks and place them in a five-year schedule.

Responsible Council Committee: Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: Wednesday, July 1, 2009

12) *Implementation of Dumpster-Free Alley services*
SLI 65-5-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that by January 30, 2009 Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) submit a report addressing implementation of Dumpster-Free Alley (DFA) services. DFA services require commercial and multi-family customers to place garbage in bags with daily pick-up instead of dumpsters. The report should present a DFA implementation strategy that includes:

1. Downtown Outreach. The results of SPU outreach to downtown DFA customers to identify and resolve operational concerns such as pick-up of unbagged litter in alleys.
2. Program Evaluation. A plan for how the benefits and costs of DFA services will be evaluated in 2009 and reported to Council by December 31, 2009.
3. Opt-In Process. A process that allows other Executive-identified DFA neighborhoods to opt-in to mandatory DFA services if approved by a majority of affected direct customers in that neighborhood, with the expectation that at least one of those neighborhoods is likely to be ready to opt-in as of April 2009.

Responsible Council Committee: Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: Report due Friday, January 30; Program evaluation due Thursday, December 31, 2009

13) ***Report on Water Fund base service reductions***
SLI 66-2-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that by March 31, 2009 Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) submit a report detailing the proposed reductions in base operations and maintenance (O&M) services that were approved as part of the 2009-11 water rate and 2009-10 budget. Council gave SPU the authority and discretion to manage the necessary cuts, but remains interested in how SPU ultimately chooses to manage the reduction in available resources. To this end, the report should include:

1. Non-Labor Reductions. Specific non-labor expenditures and activities that will be cut or reduced.
2. Staffing Reductions. Vacant and filled positions that would be cut or reduced, including any efforts that would be made to assist employees in finding similar work elsewhere in SPU or City government.
3. Service Impacts. The service impacts of the cuts and reductions and any efficiencies and productivity improvements that could moderate those impacts.

Responsible Council Committee: Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

14) ***Increase scope of public toilet services***
SLI 68-1-B-2

Note: This SLI appears twice – Public Safety, Human Services and Education (Lead) and Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committees

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that by January 30, 2009 Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and the Human Services Department (HSD) submit a report describing the status of contracts with other organizations to provide public toilet services. It is the Council's intent that the contracted services reflect the following policy direction:

- 1) Contract Organizations. To help control cost, contracting for use of existing toilet facilities is preferred to contracts for construction of new facilities.
- 2) Facilities Provided. Services provided under the contracts may include additional amenities beyond those provided by the recently removed Automated Public Toilets (APTs) such as gender-specific restrooms, greater user capacity per day, or additional hygiene facilities (such as showers or laundry facilities).

- 3) Location. At least five public toilets should be available in areas that are convenient for users (including the homeless) and where few other publicly accessible toilet facilities are available. Hygiene centers outside the target geographic areas may be considered for funding for expanded hours of operation if alternative locations are not found in the geographic target areas. City-owned facilities also should be considered as possible locations where public toilets could be made available.
- 4) Operating Hours. Although 24-hour access to public toilets is desirable, public toilet facilities should be open at least between 5 am and midnight. If facilities operated by the organizations under contract are already available for some of those hours, the public toilet contracts should seek to expand hours to provide access during target hours.
- 5) User Groups. No segment of the public should be excluded from public toilet facilities and all facilities are expected to accommodate the homeless as a primary user group.

Hygiene Center Utility Bill Assistance: If public toilet funds remain after contracting for the public toilet services, those remaining funds may be used for providing utility bill assistance to hygiene centers. Eligible centers must be open to the general public and provide toilet, shower and laundry facilities primarily to people with incomes less than 50% of the state median income. The utility bill assistance may pay for up to 50% of SPU utility bills for eligible hygiene centers.

Responsible Council Committees: Public Safety, Human Services, and Education (Lead Committee); Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities.

Date Due to Council: Friday, January 30, 2009

15) *Increasing the production of food in residential planting strips*
SLI 76-1-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The purpose of this item is to support the local production of food in planting strips by Seattle residents. Due to the rising cost of food and growing awareness of the benefits of locally produced foods, more people are looking to grow produce inside the city. Further, many residents of multi-family housing have limited opportunities to grow food due to lack of space, sun, and the long waiting list for a P-Patch. (There are currently 1,719 people on the waiting list.) While it is legal to grow food in planting strips, SDOT currently discourages the practice because of sight-line, vehicle clearance, and pedestrian mobility issues. Council asks that SDOT support residents seeking to grow food in planting strips by clarifying the relevant rules and educating residents on how to garden safely in planting strips. Council also asks that SDOT make this information readily available through means such as, but not limited to, brochures and SDOT’s website. SDOT currently plans to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) regarding the permitting of P-Patches. As part of this MOU, Council requests that the information requested above be included in DON’s external communications promoting P-Patches to neighborhood groups and others.

Responsible Council Committee: Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: Wednesday, April 1, 2009

16) ***Request Development of a "Climate Change Note"***
SLI 111-1-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) propose a mechanism to ensure that the City thoroughly assesses the potential climate impacts of all significant legislative actions and policy proposals. One approach would be to follow the model of the current Fiscal Note and to develop a "Climate Change Note" that will provide a clear standardized assessment of potential climate impacts. However, Council is open to other approaches and is looking to OSE for further guidance.

To help Council fully evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of any proposed assessment method, OSE's response should explain what analytic expertise, modeling tools, data, etc. will be needed for City staff to complete these types of climate impact evaluations. Council is also interested in understanding the cost of implementing these types of policy evaluations and an estimated time line for deploying an assessment tool, on at least a pilot basis.

Responsible Council Committee: Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities

Date Due to Council: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

None for 2009-2010.

FULL COUNCIL

- 17) *Reviewing SDOT's Mercer Corridor Project*
SLI 71-2-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council does not intend to lift the 2009 Budget proviso on the Mercer Corridor Project as described in Green Sheet 71-1-C-3 which limits the Executive's appropriation authority for the project to activities other than construction until the following actions have occurred:

1. The Executive submits information in writing no later than January 15, 2009 that fully complies with Section 4 of Ordinance 122686 which, among other items, includes (1) a revised financing plan and final environmental documentation for the Mercer Corridor project, Project ID TC365500; and (2) a revised financing plan for the Spokane St. Viaduct project, Project ID TC364800.
2. The Council has held a public briefing where the Executive presents the information requested in item 1 above.

In addition, it is the Council's expectation that between the date of the adoption of the 2009-2010 Budget and the completion of the items and actions outlined in this Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI), no 2009 appropriations will be used to close the purchase of any property interests related to the Mercer Corridor Project. This restriction does not apply to any money appropriated prior to 2009 which may be spent to continue acquisition of those property interests with condemnation proceedings already underway.

Responsible Council Committee: Full Council

Date Due to Council: Thursday, January 15, 2009

- 18) *Council review of Agreements with WSDOT and King County regarding the Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement CIP Project*
SLI 73-2-A-1

Note: This SLI appears twice – Full Council and Transportation Committee

Statement of Legislative Intent:

Assuming that the Governor, King County Executive and Mayor of Seattle reach agreement by year end 2008 or thereabouts on the Central Waterfront portion of the Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement (AWV) Project, the City Council intends to conduct a thorough review of the tri-executive agreement. The Council requests the Mayor via the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to provide the Council with a detailed report that, among other things, describes the policy and financial aspects of the tri-executive agreement, including but not limited to policy changes regarding road pricing, parking pricing, and significant reprogramming of city rights-of-way in downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. The Council requests that the Mayor and SDOT Director provide a series of briefings to the Council on the tri-executive agreement prior to bringing any future proposed AWV Project agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King County, and others to the Council for its review

and approval. In particular, the Council expects that the Mayor or SDOT Director will submit proposed agreements with WSDOT concerning the South End and Central Waterfront components of the AWV Project to the Council for review and approval prior to the Mayor or SDOT Director executing such agreements. It is also the Council's intent during the review of each such agreement to conduct a status review of the overall AWV Project.

Responsible Council Committees: Full Council; Transportation

Date Due to Council: Ongoing

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 19) *Office of Economic Development Reorganization and Refocusing*
SLI 59-4-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The City Council, in green sheet 59-3-A, reduced the staffing and funding for the Office of Economic Development (OED) in the 2009 – 2010 budget. The intent of this action was to require the Executive to pursue greater efficiencies and improve the focus and outcomes for the OED, in light of the difficult economic times faced by the city.

The Executive is requested to provide a proposal for the reorganization of OED that is consistent with the financial limitations set out in the budget by July 1, 2009. The Council intends that the proposed reorganization will focus the mission of OED and the work of its staff in three primary policy areas: workforce development; business and neighborhood business district support; and film & music industry promotion.

The Council intends that OED will identify opportunities to build on the capacity that already exists within the Office of Housing in the area of community development (including real estate/business financing) and within the Department of Neighborhoods in the area of neighborhood business district support. The proposed reorganization should identify these opportunities, describe how they will be implemented and clarify responsibilities where there may be potential overlap in departmental roles.

Responsible Council Committee: Housing and Economic Development

Date Due to Council: Wednesday, July 1, 2009

- 1) *Allocate any additional GSF in 2009, up to \$500,000, for homeless housing in Office of Housing*
SLI 64-2-A-1

Note: This SLI appears twice – Budget and Housing and Economic Development Committees

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council intends that additional funding for the Housing First capital program be the highest priority for any additional 2009 GSF revenues, beyond those anticipated in the November 2008 forecast prepared by the Department of Finance. Any unanticipated GSF revenues up to an additional \$500,000, shall be appropriated to the Office of Housing to fund additional housing units as part of the Housing First program. The revenue forecasts made by the Department of Finance in April and August of 2009 will be used to determine how much additional GSF revenues are available for this purpose. Any additional revenues would supplement the \$1.6 million that is provided in the 2009 – 2010 budget.

Responsible Council Committees: Budget, Housing and Economic Development

Date Due to Council: Not applicable – no due date

PARKS AND SEATTLE CENTER COMMITTEE

20) *DPR Strategic Action Plan Implementation Oversight*
SLI 112-1-A-2

Statement of Legislative Intent:

It is the Council's intent to maintain active oversight of implementation of the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) Strategic Action Plan to ensure that steady progress is made. Given the limited resources available to DPR for plan implementation during this economic downturn, the Council requests that the Executive dedicate (and even possibly loan) staff resources from the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of Finance to help implement high-priority Strategic Plan action items, especially development of the capital asset management system and actions aimed at improved routine maintenance.

The Council requests that the Superintendent of Parks presents a detailed 2009 Strategic Action Plan implementation work program by January 15, 2009 for Council committee review and possible adoption by resolution. The work program should identify goals, milestones and products (or deliverables) for each 2009 Plan action item in the work program. In addition, the Council requests that the Superintendent provide committee oral updates as appropriate as part of his Director's report. Also, the Council requests that the Superintendent provide a quarterly written report to the Full Council on Plan implementation and accomplishment of the 2009 work program.

Responsible Council Committee: Parks and Seattle Center

Date Due to Council: Work program due Thursday, January 15, 2009;
Quarterly reports due Tuesday, March 31; Tuesday, June 30; Wednesday, September 30; Thursday, December 31, 2009; Other items ongoing

21) *DPR Fee Schedule Review*
SLI 115-3-A-3

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The City Council intends to review the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) fee setting policies in 2009 to ensure DPR's fee setting policies are consistent and equitable when DPR submits its next fee ordinance in 2011. In order to facilitate completing this review, the Council requests that DPR provide the following information to Council central staff no later than July 1, 2009:

- *The criteria DPR uses to determine fee increases or decreases;*
- *The potential for congestion pricing of athletic facilities rentals, including athletic fields, to better manage demand;*
- *DPR's cost recovery goals for various fee-supported program; and*
- *An explanation and rationale for how DPR balances cost recovery with affordability.*

The Parks Strategic Action Plans calls for DPR to evaluate its fees in 2010, despite this fact, the Council intends to review the fees in order to better balance values and objectives for the 2011-2012 biennial budget.

Responsible Council Committee: Parks and Seattle Center

Date Due to Council: Wednesday, July 1, 2009

PUBLIC SAFETY, HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

14) *Increase scope of public toilet services*
SLI 68-1-B-2

Note: This SLI appears twice – Public Safety, Human Services and Education (Lead) and Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committees

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that by January 30, 2009 Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and the Human Services Department (HSD) submit a report describing the status of contracts with other organizations to provide public toilet services. It is the Council's intent that the contracted services reflect the following policy direction:

- 1) Contract Organizations. To help control cost, contracting for use of existing toilet facilities is preferred to contracts for construction of new facilities.
- 2) Facilities Provided. Services provided under the contracts may include additional amenities beyond those provided by the recently removed Automated Public Toilets (APTs) such as gender-specific restrooms, greater user capacity per day, or additional hygiene facilities (such as showers or laundry facilities).
- 3) Location. At least five public toilets should be available in areas that are convenient for users (including the homeless) and where few other publicly accessible toilet facilities are available. Hygiene centers outside the target geographic areas may be considered for funding for expanded hours of operation if alternative locations are not found in the geographic target areas. City-owned facilities also should be considered as possible locations where public toilets could be made available.
- 4) Operating Hours. Although 24-hour access to public toilets is desirable, public toilet facilities should be open at least between 5 am and midnight. If facilities operated by the organizations under contract are already available for some of those hours, the public toilet contracts should seek to expand hours to provide access during target hours.
- 5) User Groups. No segment of the public should be excluded from public toilet facilities and all facilities are expected to accommodate the homeless as a primary user group.

Hygiene Center Utility Bill Assistance: If public toilet funds remain after contracting for the public toilet services, those remaining funds may be used for providing utility bill assistance to hygiene centers. Eligible centers must be open to the general public and provide toilet, shower and laundry facilities primarily to people with incomes less than 50% of the state median income. The utility bill assistance may pay for up to 50% of SPU utility bills for eligible hygiene centers.

Responsible Council Committees: Public Safety, Human Services, and Education (Lead Committee); Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities.

Date Due to Council: Friday, January 30, 2009

22) ***Set criteria for allocating funding in HSD for Advocacy and Technical Assistance & Capacity Building, and develop and report on performance measures***

SLI 96-5-A-2

Statement of Legislative Intent:

In green sheets Tab #96, Actions #2 and #4, the Council allocated money in the 2009 - 2010 Budget for the Human Services Department (HSD) for contracts that support:

- Advocacy
- Technical Assistance & Capacity Building.

Council requests that HSD conduct a Request for Information (RFI) process and prioritize allocation of these funds to programs that meet the following criteria:

Criteria for Distribution of *Advocacy Funds*

The Council recognizes the value of community-based advocacy that supports housing and human services for Seattle residents. Advocacy funding should focus on programs that secure support from regional, state, and federal bodies for safety-net programs that benefit residents of the City of Seattle such as income benefits, emergency food, housing, childhood healthcare, etc. Priority consideration should be given to:

- Organizations that engage in legislative initiatives which directly increase safety net funding for Seattle residents; and
- Organizations with a demonstrated record of legislative advocacy for human services and public benefits needs
- Agencies that collaborate with the City's legislative agenda

Criteria for Distribution of *Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Funds*

Technical Assistance & Capacity Building funding should support agencies that help non-profit organizations develop fundraising skills, grant writing techniques, business plans, and board development. Funding assistance should be directed to agencies that prioritize providing technical assistance and capacity building to community-based non-profits that are: i) less than five years old and ii) have annual budgets of less than \$500,000. Priority consideration should be given to:

- Organizations that provide assistance to non-profit organizations that support under-represented communities in Seattle, including immigrant and refugee groups; and
- Organizations with a record of providing technical assistance and capacity building support.

The Council also requests that HSD develop program goals and parameters to define what the City expects successful applicants to achieve over the 2009 - 2010 funding cycle. Council requests that HSD submit a report on the draft goals and parameters to the Chair of the Council's Public Safety, Human Services & Education (or successor) Committee no later than January 15, 2009. The Council also requests that HSD evaluate the outcomes of the 2009 funding recipients and report back to the Council's Public Safety, Human Services & Education (or successor) Committee no later than March 31, 2010.

Responsible Council Committee: Public Safety, Human Services, and Education

Date Due to Council: Report due Thursday, January 15, 2009; Program evaluation due Wednesday, March 31, 2010

- 23) *Select performance reporting and grant funding standards to apply to a pilot group of HSD-contracted nonprofit agencies whose data will be posted online in 2010*

SLI 100-2-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The City of Seattle's Human Services Department (HSD) has approximately 600 contracts with about 230 nonprofit agencies. In 2008, General Fund contracts are projected to cost \$38,857,000 and contracts funded by other revenue streams are projected to cost \$59,818,000. Some of the agencies with contracts are large organizations whose services are well known in the community. Other agencies are very small and their highly specialized services may be less well known.

While the City has systems in place to manage HSD contracts, it has not yet employed Web-based technology now available to better promote transparency about and accountability for the services provided by community-based organizations. Using such technology, Seattle City Government, the individual agency and the larger provider community, private donors, and citizens would have an opportunity to understand how resources are being deployed and the effect they are having in the lives of many of Seattle's residents. The technology would also allow agencies and others to compare results against performance metrics. In this way, our community can review how resources are being used, determine whether outcomes are being optimized, and identify opportunities for improvement.

The Council believes it is time to investigate whether the City can make use of the available technology. The Council requests that HSD work in consultation with Legislative Department staff to select performance reporting and grant funding standards to apply to a pilot group of HSD-contracted nonprofit agencies whose data will be posted online. HSD will select the standards and detail the scope of the pilot project by August 31, 2009. Council intends to fund and implement the pilot in 2010.

Responsible Council Committee: Public Safety, Human Services, and Education

Date Due to Council: Monday, August 31, 2009

- 24) *Centralize the collection and analysis of hunger program statistics*

SLI 101-3-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

In order to improve Human Service Department's (HSD) ability to forecast the demand for hunger assistance programs, the Council requests that HSD create a central database to store statistics already being collected on hunger assistance programs. Council requests a report on the content of the database and how the new, more comprehensive look at the information affects the Department's ability to plan.

Responsible Council Committee: Public Safety, Human Services, and Education

Date Due to Council: Wednesday, April 1, 2009

- 25) *Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (Economic Development, Finance General, Human Services, Neighborhood Matching Fund, Parks & Recreation, Police, Policy & Management)*
SLI 122-2-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

In approving the budgets for the 22 elements of the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative and the Finance General reserve for the initiative, it is the Council's intent that the City increase its efforts to protect children from criminal influence and protect neighborhoods and schools from youth violence. The Council intends that the initiative include a continuum of response that will both reduce youth violence immediately and address its long term causes.

To this end, the Council intends:

- (a) That the initiative begin delivering as soon as possible the services of violence interrupters, anger management training and youth employment, because these offer good prospects of helping young people avoid violence in the short and medium term;
- (b) That law enforcement play a larger role in the initiative than originally proposed, in order to immediately increase safety in schools and on the street;
- (c) That the initiative continue to organize and develop a strategic plan for community involvement, case management and youth services that promise long term reductions in violence;
- (d) That the City improve its understanding of the nature, extent, location and origins of youth violence, so that the initiative can be as focused and effective as possible; and
- (e) That the City open a regional discussion with community leaders and law enforcement officials from other jurisdictions about reducing youth gang involvement, which is one major source of youth violence.

The Council requests that the Executive provide a strategic plan addressing the goals stated above no later than March 31, 2009. The plan should first address the design, implementation and effectiveness of the elements of the initiative for which funds are reserved in Finance General in 2009 and 2010, so that the Council will have a sound basis for timely decisions on reappropriating these funds. The plan should also address these questions:

1. How will the Human Services Department manage the transition from its existing youth case management system to the new system planned for the initiative?
2. What are the expectations about the use of the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) for the initiative in the medium and long term? Renewing in 2009 some NMF projects begun in 2008 will be an exception to the normal NMF practice. Does this represent a temporary measure or a long term change? How will the open, citizen-driven approach of the NMF be effectively combined with a rigorous, evidence-based approach to violence prevention?

3. What will be the role in the initiative of the Police Department and law enforcement generally? What strategies will the police employ beyond school outreach and periodic emphasis patrols? In particular, how can law enforcement reduce the number of illegal guns in the hands of juveniles?
4. What more can we learn about the nature, extent, location and origin of youth violence in the city? How will this information be used to guide the initiative?
5. What should be the balance between a focus on the prevention of criminal violence and a broader effort to improve the health and welfare of children and young people in need?
6. How will the initiative as a whole and each element be evaluated? How will the City ensure a fit between the objectives of each element and the stated overall goal of substantially reducing violence soon? At what points will the City review evidence of the effectiveness of each element and decide whether to continue the element, increase it, revise it or end it, as the evidence indicates?
7. How is the initiative best organized? What departments should be responsible for what elements? What is best form of leadership for the initiative as a whole?

In addition to the requested strategic plan, the Council requests monthly updates on the progress of the initiative beginning in January 2009, and requests that the Executive present any plans for the use of the reserved funds well in advance of the need for the funds and any associated contracting or hiring decisions.

Responsible Council Committee: Public Safety, Human Services, and Education

Date Due to Council: Monthly updates beginning January 2009; strategic plan by Tuesday, March 31, 2009

26) *Jail Capacity Study*
SLI 142-2-C-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

As part of the City’s work to identify regional solutions to jail capacity issues, the Council, in cooperation with the Mayor, will assess whether the City’s use of jail beds can be reduced by adopting a more treatment-focused approach toward the enforcement of certain lower level drug offenses. Over the last ten years, there has been a 40% reduction in the average daily population of people in jail on Seattle misdemeanor charges. There are a variety of reasons for this, including the City’s expansion of diversion and treatment models for its misdemeanant population and a reduction in crime, as reflected in the 28% drop in misdemeanor jail bookings. The success of City diversion programs raises the question of whether additional alternative models of enforcement that rely less on jails and more on alternative responses could reduce rates of incarceration, enhance, or at least not negatively impact, public safety and improve the long-term outcomes for offenders.

When combined with changes in King County's approach to felony prosecutions of these and other unrelated crimes, it is possible that a shift in the City's arrest policy toward lower level drug offenders could significantly affect the county-wide demand for jail services. In the context of the City's on-going work to identify regional solutions to jail capacity constraints, these potential changes need to be better understood.

The Council intends to conduct this assessment by working cooperatively to form a staff-level project team with representatives from the Municipal Court, the City Attorney's office and the Executive (specifically including staff from the Office of Policy and Management, the Finance Department, the Human Services Department and the Seattle Police Department).

The team will be tasked with reviewing questions such as:

- What reductions in jail demand can be reasonably forecast and what will it take to maintain these reductions for the long run if alternative responses to low-level drug offences are utilized, including, possibly, pre-arrest diversion programs?
- What types of alternatives, including drug dependency treatment and other services would be needed, and at what cost?
- Will there be negative impacts on public safety, and if so, what are they likely to be?
- Can these alternatives to criminal prosecution of low-level drug offenses be established in such a manner as to ensure long-term changes in the demand for jail services?
- How will changes in King County's approach to felony and/or misdemeanor prosecutions affect the forecast growth in the regional demand for jail services?
- What other jurisdictions have tried similar alternatives to incarceration and what has been their experience?

To ensure that the staff team has the information needed to address these questions and to fully assess what changes would be needed within the criminal justice system, what enhancements will be required in the network of support services, and what the potential impact on public safety, and the public perception of safety, will be, the project team will work collaboratively with an advisory group, which will include representatives from the leadership of SPD, the Municipal Court, the City's Attorney's Office and the City's contracted public defense services, King County and others in the community who have knowledge of, or expertise in, drug enforcement and treatment, mental health and criminal justice matters.

A final report, including specific policy recommendations, will be presented to the Council's Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee by no later than July 1, 2009.

Responsible Council Committee: Public Safety, Human Services, and Education

Date Due to Council: Wednesday, July 1, 2009

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- 18) *Council review of Agreements with WSDOT and King County regarding the Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement CIP Project*
SLI 73-2-A-1

Note: This SLI appears twice – Full Council and Transportation Committee

Statement of Legislative Intent:

Assuming that the Governor, King County Executive and Mayor of Seattle reach agreement by year end 2008 or thereabouts on the Central Waterfront portion of the Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement (AWV) Project, the City Council intends to conduct a thorough review of the tri-executive agreement. The Council requests the Mayor via the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to provide the Council with a detailed report that, among other things, describes the policy and financial aspects of the tri-executive agreement, including but not limited to policy changes regarding road pricing, parking pricing, and significant reprogramming of city rights-of-way in downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. The Council requests that the Mayor and SDOT Director provide a series of briefings to the Council on the tri-executive agreement prior to bringing any future proposed AWV Project agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King County, and others to the Council for its review and approval. In particular, the Council expects that the Mayor or SDOT Director will submit proposed agreements with WSDOT concerning the South End and Central Waterfront components of the AWV Project to the Council for review and approval prior to the Mayor or SDOT Director executing such agreements. It is also the Council's intent during the review of each such agreement to conduct a status review of the overall AWV Project.

Responsible Council Committees: Full Council; Transportation

Date Due to Council: Ongoing

- 27) *Review of SDOT's street use fee schedule*
SLI 74-1-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

Council is interested in an examination of the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) sidewalk café permit fees. In particular, questions have been raised about whether the current \$1.56/square foot occupancy fee for renting sidewalk space appropriately represents the value of the public right-of-way given Seattle's historically strong real estate market and high property values.

With this concern in mind and given that sidewalk café permit fees have not been adjusted since 2004, Council requests that SDOT review all street-use fees and propose changes for Council consideration in 2009.

As part of this review Council anticipates that SDOT will:

- Survey sidewalk café permit fees (or a similar type of fee) from at least 10 similar sized jurisdictions in the United States and identify any policies these jurisdictions use to set such fees;
- Evaluate all inflationary costs associated with administering sidewalk café and other street use fees;
- Examine other City fees, including those in other departments, associated with the private use of public right-of-way and evaluate whether SDOT’s sidewalk café and other street use fees are valued consistently for similar uses;
- Develop a policy basis and rationale for setting sidewalk café permit fees and other street use fees in accordance with City goals;
- Identify potential revenue generated from any proposed fee increases; and
- Consider potential revenue generation, public benefit, and possible impacts on permit applicants/customers, such as the impact on sidewalks as public gathering spaces.

Council anticipates that SDOT will submit a final report with its analysis and proposal for adjustments to sidewalk café permit fees and other street use fees by June 1, 2009. Subsequent to Council feedback and consideration, SDOT is requested to develop fee legislation for Council consideration as part of the 2010 budget review process.

Responsible Council Committee: Transportation

Date Due to Council: Report and proposal due Monday, June 1, 2009; Fee legislation due with 2010 Proposed Budget

28) *Advancing the Linden Avenue North Complete Streets CIP Project TC366930*
SLI 77-4-A-1

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The City Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) prioritize the planning, design and implementation of pedestrian and roadway improvements to Linden Avenue North from N. 128th Street to N. 145th Street in 2009 and 2010 as part of SDOT’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Council regards the Linden Avenue North Complete Streets (Linden) CIP Project (TC366930) as a major transportation project and has redirected unanticipated Commercial Parking Tax (CPT) revenues in 2009 and 2010 in the amount of \$2 million (\$1.5 million in 2009 and \$500,000 in 2010) to Linden as an initial investment toward accelerating planning activities and achieving 100% design for the 17-block, final link of the Interurban Trail by the end of 2010 (See Green Sheet 77-3-A). This funding is intended to advance planning and design, refinement of cost estimates, continued public engagement and identification of a phased approach that would enable SDOT to begin construction as soon as possible on specific segments along Linden.

Council requests SDOT to work in conjunction with Seattle City Light (SCL) and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to develop a progress report on the Linden Project including, but not limited to, updated information on project scope, design, cost estimates, financing plan and timeline. Given the potential need for additional future funding to achieve the proposed enhancements and infrastructure improvements to Linden, Council requests SDOT to examine the feasibility of phasing construction on the project and identifying priority improvements that could be implemented as soon as possible. Council recognizes that SDOT's original plan and proposed budget assumes completing 30% design on the project in late 2009. It is anticipated that with Council's allocation of an additional \$2 million over the biennium, 100% design should be achieved in 2010. Council expects SDOT to provide a progress report and public briefing no later than September 1, 2009.

Responsible Council Committee: Transportation

Date Due to Council: Tuesday, September 1, 2009