Seatle City Council Select Budget Committee

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2027-2028 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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OPCD-001-A

Increase OPCD by $250,000 GF (2027) and $250,000 GF (2028) and 1.0 FTE Planning Development Specialist II for North Aurora

SPONSORS

Debora Juarez, Eddie Lin, Dan Strauss

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(250,000)	$(250,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(250,000)	$(250,000)

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) by $250,000 GF (2027) and $250,000 GF (2028) (one-time) to expand North Aurora planning work and add 1.0 FTE Planning and Development Specialist II with a two year sunset. The 2027-2028 Proposed Budget did not extend $500,000 (one-time) from the 2026 Adopted Budget and proposed to continue the work utilizing existing FTE staff time (0.7 FTE dedicated to this work) and budget. Of the $500,000 appropriated for 2026, OPCD has spent less than $20,000, although they have contracted for $260,000 and expect to have contracted for an additional $150,000 by the end of 2026.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OPCD	Planning and Community Development	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2027		$250,000
OPCD	Planning and Community Development	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2028		$250,000

POSITIONS

Dept	BCL	Year	Position Title	Positions	FTE
OPCD	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2027	Planning and	1	1

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			Development Specialist II		
OPCD	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2028	Planning and Development Specialist II	1	1

2027-2028 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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OPCD-003-A

Increase OPCD by $200,000 (2027) for Ballard Regional Center planning

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Eddie Lin, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(200,000)	$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(200,000)	$0

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase appropriations to the Office of Planning and Development (OPCD) by $200,000 in 2027 (one-time) for continuing subarea planning for the Ballard Regional Center.

OPCD is completing subarea plans for each of its seven designated Regional Centers. Two of these subarea plans were adopted in 2026 Comprehensive Plan annual amendment. Planning for the five remaining centers, including Ballard, is currently underway, supported by funding from 2022-2025 budgets that has been fully encumbered. No additional funding has been proposed to support center subarea planning in the 2027-2028 Proposed Budget. Four centers' plans are anticipated for adoption in 2027, while the Ballard subarea plan is anticipated for 2028. This funding would support planning for the Ballard center, given its lagged timeline.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OPCD	Planning and Community Development	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2027		$200,000

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

2027 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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OPCD-004S-A

Request that OPCD prepare a scope of work for a feasibility study on lidding Interstate 5 at SoundTransit's Pinehurst light rail station area

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) prepare a scope of work for a feasibility study for lidding Interstate 5 at SoundTransit's Pinehurst light rail station area.

In preparing the scope of work, OPCD should consult with the Seattle Design Commission, the University of Washington's Department of Urban Design and Planning, and the University of Washington's Runstad Center for Real Estate. At a minimum the scope should include:

(1) A cost estimate for the study;
(2) A public outreach plan;
(3) An inventory of existing conditions;
(4) An economic and financial feasibility study;
(5) A real estate market scan; and
(6) A technical feasibility memorandum that assesses lid constructability.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

DUE DATE: June 30, 2027

2027-2028 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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OPCD-005-A

Increase OPCD by $3,000,000 GF to increase funding for a Public Market project such as African Community and Housing Development

SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Rob Saka, Dionne Foster

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(3,000,000)	$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(3,000,000)	$0

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) by $3,000,000 GF (one-time) to increase funding for a public market in the Highland Park community, such as the African Community and Housing Development International Public Market project.

Council adopted a CBA last year adding $1 million for African Community and Housing Development International Public Market, which has not yet been contracted. The organization is still spending down from prior EDI contracts worth $4.54 million.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OPCD	Equitable Development Initiative	00100-BO-PC-X2P40	2027		$3,000,000