

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Request that SDOT report on the impact of over-weight vehicles

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide a written report to the Transportation and Utilities Committee, or successor committee, assessing the impact of over-weight vehicles on Seattle's streets and bridges. For the purposes of this report, overweight vehicles include all vehicles operating at heavier weight than authorized by state law because of (1) federal or state categorical exemptions, (2) permitted overweight uses, and (3) non-compliant uses in violation of state law.

At a minimum, the report should: (1) identify the types of over-weight vehicles operating in Seattle and the types of SDOT assets impacted (e.g., arterials, non-arterials, bridges, sidewalks, areaways); (2) estimate the impact and cost to repair the identified assets; (3) identify best practices and recommendations for reducing damage or minimizing Seattle's costs to repair assets; (4) assess the City's enforcement capacity of non-compliant uses; and (5) recommend federal or state legislative changes for consideration as part of the City's legislative agenda.

The report should rely on transportation literature review, SDOT's engineering judgment, and available asset condition assessments and cost estimates. If additional studies or assessments are necessary to answer any of these questions, the report should provide a cost estimate for the necessary work.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Date Due to Council: September 1, 2022