SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE, relating to land use and zoning, amending the Seattle Comprehensive Plan to reflect changes to the University Community Urban Center goals and policies, as well as the Future Land Use Map, as part of the periodic review and to incorporate changes proposed as part of the 2014-2015 Comprehensive Plan annual amendment process.

Summary and background of the Legislation:
The proposed amendments include map and text amendments to the University Community Urban Center portion of the Comprehensive Plan's Neighborhood Planning element. These changes update goals and policies from the 1990s with new content developed through three years of community engagement.

This legislation contains the Mayor's recommendations for amending the City's Comprehensive Plan ("Comp Plan"), specifically focused on changes relating to the University Community Urban Center. The Comp Plan is a collection of goals and policies that guides City actions for managing future population, housing and employment growth. It includes a Future Land Use Map, which guides zoning and other land use policy decisions. The Comp Plan is a requirement of the state Growth Management Act ("GMA"), which calls for most counties and cities in the state to prepare plans showing how they will accommodate the state's projected population growth.

The Comp Plan includes goals and policies for the University Community Urban Center. This content is derived from neighborhood planning in the late 90s. Most of the goals and policies continue to be consistent with the neighborhood's priorities, but some are no longer relevant, or the emphasis in the community has shifted.

This legislation proposes amendments to the goals, policies, and Future Land Use Map designations of the U District to bring this section of the Comp Plan into closer alignment with recent public input.

The City has been extensively involved with several planning efforts in the U District since 2012, in particular working closely with a coalition of neighborhood interests called the U District Partnership.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

____ **This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.**

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

_X_ This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?
These Comp Plan amendments are part of a broader community engagement and planning process from 2012 to the present. The amendments are necessary before DPD can proceed with zoning recommendations and new design guidelines for the U District.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
Several DPD planners have been working on this project for 3+ years. To complete the zoning changes related to this project, Council would need to first approve many of these Comprehensive Plan changes.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
Yes. Council will hold a public hearing on introduction of the bill.

e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
Yes – and notice of publication of the FEIS and determination of adequacy was already published in the DJC on January 26, 2015.

f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
The legislation slightly modifies some of the development standards for properties that would be added to or removed from the University District Urban Center. It creates opportunities for future rezones on several properties.

g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?
No.

h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.
N/A

i) Other Issues:

List attachments below: