

FORM A – Budget Proposal Worksheet for Deliberations Papers

For Budget Committee on 10.12 – 10.17, due to CS Analyst on Monday, 10.09.17 @ Noon

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Department(s) Affected	DoIT, OPI, or OPCD

Budget Action Type:

- Green Sheet
- CIP Amendment
- Proviso
- Statement of Legislative Intent

Confidentiality – Check One:

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Brief Description of Proposed Budget Action (Include Estimated Funding Amounts)

In 2015, the City of Seattle commissioned a feasibility study that found the city could provide gigabit-speed internet access to residents of Seattle for \$45 a month. The buildout of such a utility would cost approximately \$440 million in public funds.

Projected monthly savings derived from the public utility would save Seattle-area residents approximately **\$60 million a year** in lower internet bills. This conservative estimate does not include the benefits of higher-speed internet than is currently provided.

In 2016, the Seattle City Council added an amendment to the 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan listing municipal broadband as a potential project to dedicate future capital spending towards.

CM Johnson would like to allocate \$170,000 to be designated for the creation of a “Business and Implementation Plan.” Unlike previous studies, this plan is intended to create a shovel-ready project that includes:

- The cost of upfront infrastructure investments
- Expected monthly charges for customers
- Accommodations for a “low-income utility discount program”
- Expected roll-out of availability of internet utility services based on time and location.
- Potential revenue sources to be used to fund the upfront costs of the utility.
- A ballot measure that could be approved by council and sent to voters for approval.

The budget amendment also included the costs necessary to fund one Full Time Employee to administer the study in either DoIT, OPI, or OPCD.