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SESSION PRIORITIES – 2009

Public Safety

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Seattle Center

Regional Transportation

Both of the Transportation Committees heard briefings from WSDOT, SDOT and KCDOT on the Alaska Way Viaduct replacement project. **SB 5768** identifies a deep bored tunnel as the final design for the replacement project, references state costs of \$2.8 billion and state responsibilities for the tunnel and AWV demolition and City of Seattle responsibilities as utility relocation. It also requires a traffic and toll revenue study.

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Growth Management, Land Use and Annexation

SB 5321, extending the time period for cities to access a state sales tax credit to help offset the increased service costs in a newly annexed area, will be heard in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on February 4. Although this bill would allow Seattle to use this tool, the legislation does not reflect the North Highline agreement reached with other jurisdictions. The bill would provide an estimated amount of \$600,000, if Seattle were to annex any portion of the North Highline community. **Seattle supports amending the legislation to reflect the North Highline area agreement.**

HB 1710 extends the deadline to January 1, 2015 for cities to access the state sales tax credit for annexations, and reflects the agreement reached regarding the North Highline unincorporated area. **Seattle supports this legislation.**

Hazardous and Solid Waste

Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Human Services

Infrastructure/Finance

HB 1422, clarifying that cities may tax brokered natural gas, will be heard in the House Finance Committee on February 5. **Seattle supports this legislation.**

SB 5301 would allow counties to supplant up to ten percent of the one-tenth sales tax used for chemical dependency and mental health treatment programs. All other funds would continue to go towards new or expanded chemical dependency and mental health treatment services. This bill will be heard in Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee on February 5.

SB 5630 would expand the use of the second quarter REET to allow the same capital projects as the first quarter. It would also allow funding of park operation and maintenance. This bill will be heard on February 4 in the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

SB 5737 and **HB 1874** would prohibit cities and towns from requiring a business to be licensed if the only activity conducted within such city or town is the delivery of tangible personal property sold by the business.

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