



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Ways and Means
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Dear Councilors:

The Committee on Ways and Means was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket #0736, message and order approving an appropriation of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

Docket #0737, message and order authorizing an appropriation Order in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction of coastal resilience solutions around the City.

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the committee on April 8, 2026.

From April to June, the Committee held 31 hearings overall on the FY27 departmental budgets and associated capital projects, as well as 6 working sessions and 2 public testimony sessions. Prior to the FY27 budget process, the Committee held 5 hearings, 1 committee meeting, and 1 working session to collate the Council's FY27 budget priorities, to collate the Council's Request for Information (RFI), and to discuss forecasted revenues and expenditures for the FY27 budget.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0736 is an appropriation in the amount of \$3,500,000 from the City's Capital Grant Fund, to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure, or to be used for any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network companies (TNCs) in the City. Under Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016, certain transportation network companies must submit to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) the number of rides from the previous calendar year that originated within

each city or town and a per-ride assessment of \$.20, which are credited to the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund. Half of that fee is distributed by the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) proportionately to each city and town based on the number of rides that originated in that city or town. The funds are collected and deposited to the City as special revenue and must be appropriated to be spent. These funds are earmarked for TNC-related purposes, including investments into ways of mitigating the impact of TNCs and alternate modes of transportation. This fee will be discontinued as of January 1, 2027, which will be mid-way through FY27.

The FY27-31 Capital Plan includes \$\$20.9 million in revenue from this source.

Docket #0737 is an appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction of coastal resilience solutions around the City. In recent years, surplus property dollars have supported the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) decarbonization project, helped repair and improve the municipal Animal Shelter, and supported the City's interim coastal resilience efforts.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At that time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these matters **OUGHT TO PASS**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Weber", is positioned above the printed name.

Benjamin J. Weber, Chair
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