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 #0825, Message and order approving an appropriation of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) 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, to be credited to the Capital Grant Fund from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

Docket #0826, Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,500,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for Dorchester Field House, General Parks Improvements, Restroom Facility Improvements at the Boston Common, and the Municipal Animal Shelter.

Docket #0827, Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) from the Parking Facility Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, maintenance and construction, for the parking facilities.

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the committee on April 9, 2025.

From April to June, the Committee held 34 hearings overall on the FY26 departmental budgets and associated capital projects, as well as 6 working sessions. Prior to the FY26 budget process, the Committee held 3 hearings and 7 working sessions to collate the Council's FY26 budget priorities.

Summary of Legislation
Docket #0825 is an appropriation in the amount of $5,000,000 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

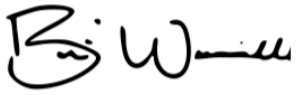
Public Utilities (DPU) the number of rides from the previous calendar year that originated within each city or town and a per-ride assessment of $.20, which are credited to the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund. Half of that fee is distributed by the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) 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.

The FY26-30 Capital Plan includes $19.5 million in revenue from this source.

Docket #0826 is an appropriation in the amount of $3,500,000 from the Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction for projects including the Dorchester Field House, General Parks Improvement, Restroom Facility Improvements at the Boston Common, and the Municipal Animal Shelter.

Docket #0827 is an appropriation in the amount of $5,000,000 from the Parking Facility Fund, established by Chapter 484 of the Acts of 1946, and credited with proceeds from activities related to City owned off-street parking facilities acquired under the aforementioned legislation. The funds shall be credited to the Capital Fund for the planning, design, maintenance and construction of parking facilities. The City's two current revenue generating lots are Lafayette and Sullivan Square.

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**.



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