

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Pay claim of Estate of Mara Forsythe-Crane in the sum of \$50,000 involving the Bureau of Transportation. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This ordinance will settle a wrongful death claim brought by the estate of a young woman who was struck and killed by a truck at an intersection. The driver was not a city employee, but the claim alleged that the city was at fault for not making safety improvements at the location. The intersection was part of PBOT's High Crash Corridor program. Suggested signal changes were made after the collision. Although we do not agree that the city is responsible for the collision, settling the claim now avoids costly litigation.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The funds for the settlement will be paid out of the Liability Fund. The cost of settling the claim is less than the cost of defending a lawsuit would be.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Public involvement is generally not appropriate for adjudicating legal claims against the city. Settling the claim avoids the adversarial nature of litigation in response to a tragic event.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

x **NO:** Skip this section

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