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IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute certain lease documents with BNSF Railway needed for fire suppression maintenance (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:
The Bureau of Environmental Services is currently working on the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant (CBWTP) Renewable Natural Gas Facility (RNGF) project to treat biomethane and inject into the Northwest Natural Gas pipeline. For safety reasons to ensure hazard trees do not fall onto the new facilities and to meet permit conditions by the Portland Fire Bureau to complete this project require the Bureau of Environmental Services to control certain real property adjacent to the Columbia Boulevard Treatment Plant for purposes of managing vegetation in a manner sufficient to mitigate hazard trees through select removal as determined by Urban Forestry and to reduce fire risk. BES does not currently have signature authority over leases, this ordinance will allow the Director of BES to enter into leases with BNSF Railway for the purpose of managing vegetation to protect City property and reducing fire risk in compliance with requirements set forth by the Fire Bureau for the CBWTP RNGF project. This lease authority is limited to vacant/vegetated land immediately adjacent to the Columbia Blvd Treatment Plant.

Financial and budgetary impacts:
The Annual cost of the lease is $0 with annual increases of 0%. Not entering into the lease would result in costs for redesign of the project, permitting the new design and rebuilding certain new facilities that have already commenced.

Community impacts and community involvement:
None anticipated – this lease is for land currently inaccessible to the public, and will not be opened to the public to continue hazard tree mitigation and vegetation management for fire suppression needs.

100% Renewable Goal:
Not applicable

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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