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Durkan wants to restart stalled streetcar — but it will cost more

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New line would connect South Lake Union, First Hill

By DAVID GUTMAN
Seattle Times staff reporter

Mayor Jenny Durkan wants to build a streetcar line along First Avenue in downtown Seattle, the long-planned project she put on ice nine months ago, but increased cost



estimates and a funding gap mean the project's future is not secure. The project, once slated for a 2020 opening, has been pushed back to 2025. Design and engineering, which had been finalized, will need to be redone for parts of the project. The city estimates the total construction cost of the streetcar expansion, which would connect the city's existing but separate South Lake Union and First Hill streetcars, at \$286 million. In 2015, the city had estimated the cost at \$143 million; in 2017 it estimated the cost at \$197 million; and in August it estimated the cost at \$252 million. About \$78 million of the most recent estimate is for underground water and electric-utility work. Much of that work would have to

be done at some point anyway, whether the streetcar is built or not, but with the city Department of Transportation digging up First Avenue for streetcar work, it makes sense to do it at the same time. The newest cost estimate also includes up to \$17 million to modify existing roadways and maintenance facilities to accommodate the larger streetcars that the city ordered for the new project. Durkan connected the expanded

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Trump denies jet for Pelosi troop visit

BATTLE OVER SHUTDOWN

President cancels her trip a day after House speaker suggests he delay speech

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS, ANNIE KARNI AND NICHOLAS FANDOS
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — A bus emblazoned with the U.S. Air Force logo was idling outside the Capitol on Thursday, members of Congress on board, ready to depart for Joint Base Andrews and a waiting military aircraft. Inside, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was in her office making final preparations to lead the congressional delegation on a secret visit to U.S. troops in Afghanistan with a stop in Brussels.

Then came word from the White House: President Donald Trump was grounding their plane and killing the trip.

Trump's decision to upend Pelosi's travel plans was a remarkable bit of one-upmanship in an increasingly bitter government. See > **SHUTDOWN, A7**

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Light at the end of the tunnel



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Crews work on the stretch between Aurora Avenue and the new SR 99 tunnel — which replaces the Alaskan Way Viaduct — as southbound motorists pass on the left toward downtown Thursday. When the tunnel opens in early February, traffic exiting Aurora to bypass downtown and emerge near the stadiums will enter the tunnel at right. Lower Aurora will be rebuilt as a city boulevard complete with intersections. If you drive south to downtown on 99, approaching the Battery Street Tunnel, the new decking for the ramp is already visible.

'We have your DNA': Seattle police create video to catch Luna Park killer

UNSOLVED 2018 STABBING

Graphic film has body-cam, surveillance footage and crime-scene photos

By SARA JEAN GREEN
Seattle Times staff reporter

Speaking directly into the camera, Seattle Assistant Police Chief Deanna Nollette assures an unidentified killer that homicide detectives have a pretty good idea of what happened the night Jonathan Pecina was stabbed in the neck, and appealed to the perpetrator to come forward.

"This case will never go away. We have your DNA. It is in your best interest to contact us immediately," Nollette, who heads the Seattle Police Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau, says near the end of the three-minute video posted on the department's web site.

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To watch the Seattle police video, "We Need Your Help to Solve a Murder," go to st.news/solve

Titled "We Need Your Help to Solve a Murder," the video includes surveillance footage, video from officers' body cameras, crime-scene photos, photos of evidence and footage of Nollette, dressed in her dark-blue uniform with city skyline in the distance. Dramatic music plays in the background.

Pecina, 22, was fatally stabbed June 2 near Luna Park, a T-shaped promontory that juts into the water on Duwamish Head, the northernmost point in West Seattle



SPD

Assistant Chief Deanna Nollette narrates "We Need Your Help to Solve a Murder," the department's first public-service video announcement.

where Harbor Avenue Southwest curves into Alki Avenue Southwest.

It's the first time SPD has ever produced a public-service announcement video showcasing evidence from a homicide investigation, Nollette said in a phone interview Thursday. It's an experiment that recognizes the growing importance of social media to for disseminating information, she said.

"It's easier for us to produce our own message if we control the

delivery," Nollette said. "We're going to sit back and see if we get good tips out of it. If we do, it's something we'll consider doing again."

She couldn't say how much the video cost since it was produced in-house with the department's existing budget. Homicide detectives worked with Nollette and the department's media unit on the script, and the video production unit — officers who are responsible for collecting video evidence in

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More migrant families split at border, report says

NO SYSTEMATIC COUNT

Tracking was lax until ACLU filed lawsuit, but data still flawed

By AMY GOLDSTEIN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A government report released Thursday said the Trump administration probably separated thousands more migrant children from their parents at the U.S. border than has previously been made public, but federal efforts to track those children have been so poor that the precise number is unknown.

The report issued by the inspector general for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) says no one systematically kept count of separated children until a lawsuit last spring triggered by the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy, under which the government tried to criminally prosecute all parents who crossed the

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