

An aerial photograph of a city street intersection, showing multiple lanes, crosswalks, and surrounding greenery. The image is darkened to serve as a background for the text.

Transportation Benefit District (TBD)

City of Camas

2025-2026 Budget Preparation

What is a Transportation Benefit District?

Quasi-municipal corporation or independent taxing district that can raise revenue for specific transportation projects, usually through sales tax or vehicle license fees.

TBDs may be used for transportation improvements included in the local, regional or state transportation plan. Construction, maintenance, and operation costs are eligible.

RCW 36.73



Streets Maintenance and Operations

Street Maintenance and Operations -

- 123.5 miles Roadway Maintenance
- Street Lighting – Maintenance and Replacements
- Storm Events
- Downtown Maintenance and Events

Current Funding

- Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax – estimate \$450,024
- Multi-Modal Fees – estimate \$27,870
- General Fund - \$3,000,000



Street Preservation Program

Street Pavement Management Program

- Goal to increase Pavement Condition Index (PCI) to above 80 (optimal 83)
 - *Current PCI = 78*
- Current funding the PCI is projected to decline to 74 with a backlog of \$15.4 million

Street Preservation Funding

- 2014 Banked Capacity of Property Tax
- Currently at approximately \$1 million annually

CONDITION

Good
Fair
Poor
Very Poor

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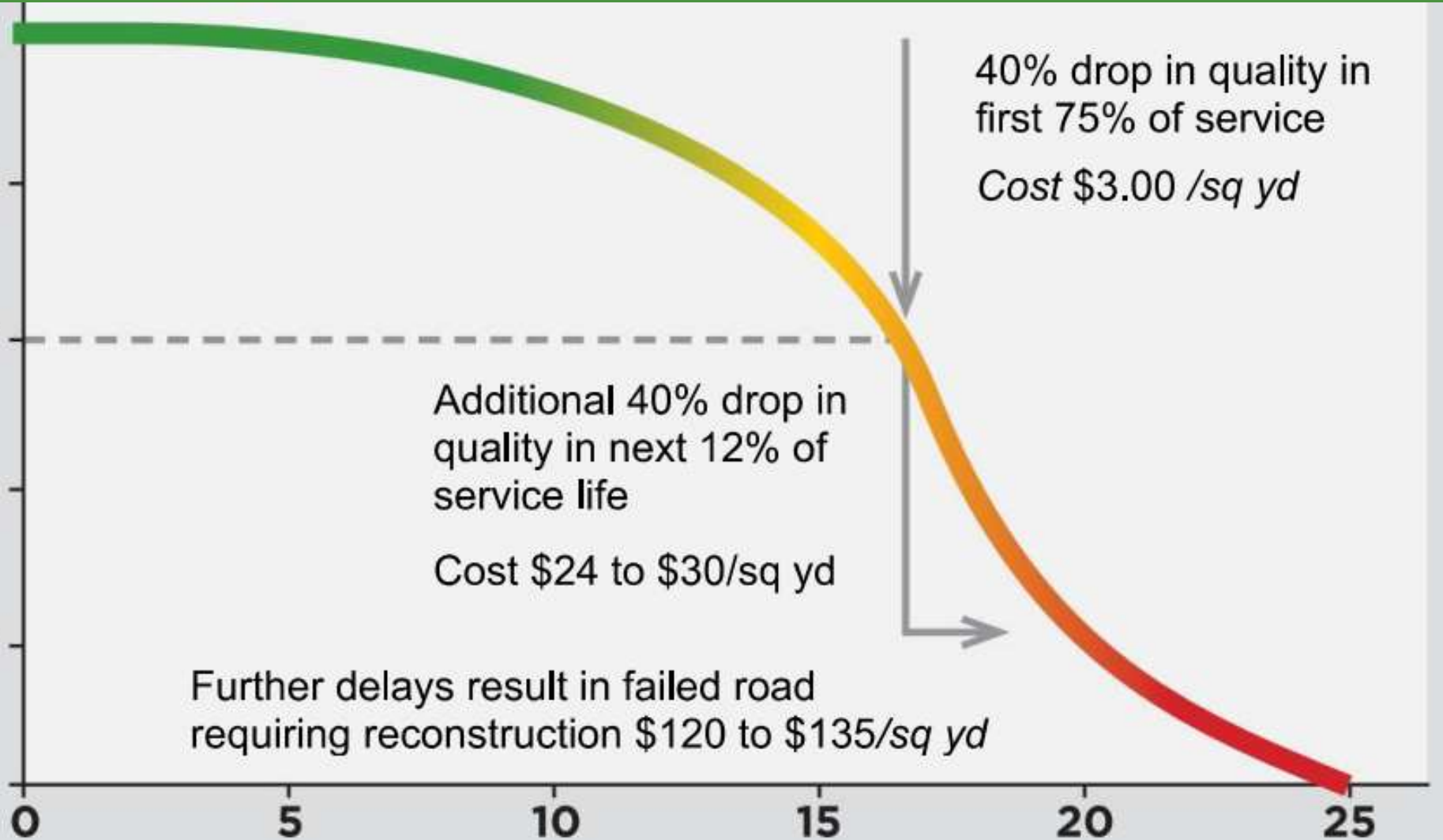
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YEARS

40% drop in quality in first 75% of service
Cost \$3.00 /sq yd

Additional 40% drop in quality in next 12% of service life
Cost \$24 to \$30/sq yd

Further delays result in failed road requiring reconstruction \$120 to \$135/sq yd



Street Preservation Support



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Prop Tax Banked	\$625,000	\$675,610	\$704,710	\$737,024	\$766,039	\$795,373	\$831,360	\$873,211	\$912,444	\$942,514	\$967,421
Preservation Costs	\$597,620	\$599,237	\$167,276	\$990,176	\$919,495	\$754,027	\$722,574	\$404,892	\$1,824,441	\$1,363,274	
Fund Bal	\$27,380	\$76,373	\$537,434	\$(253,152)	\$(153,456)	\$41,346	\$108,786	\$468,319	\$(911,997)	\$(420,760)	\$967,421

■ Prop Tax Banked
 ■ Preservation Costs
 — Fund Bal

Examples to Improve PCI

City doubles the funding to \$2 million each year = Maintains PCI at 78 in 5 years

City increase funding to \$3 million each year= PCI would improve to 80 in 5 years

City increases to \$4 million each year = PCI improves to goal of 82 in 5 years

TBD Funding Options – Sales Tax

SALES TAX OPTIONS

Sales Tax up to 0.3% requiring a vote of a simple majority for 10 years but can be renewed. To generate up to \$1.8 million annually

Council (majority vote) may impose 0.1% for up to 10 years and may be renewed. To generate approximately \$600,000 annually

CURRENT SALES TAX RATE FOR CAMAS

Washington State Sales Tax Rate	6.50%
Camas Basic/Optional Rate	1.00%
Camas Criminal Justice Rate	0.10%
C-TRAN Rate	0.70%
Clark County Public Safety	0.10%
Clark County Mental Health Rate	0.10%
Total Sales Tax Rate	8.50%

TBD Funding Options – Vehicle License Fees

Fee Amount	Conditions
\$20	Vehicle License Fee can be implemented with Council vote.
Up to \$40	Only if a \$20 fee has been in effect for at least 24 months
Up to \$50	Only if a \$40 fee has been in effect for at least 24 months but is subject to a potential referendum
Up to \$100	Subject to a simple majority of voters but voters have rejected this effort every time with the exception of Seattle

Year & License Fee	Household Estimate	Vehicle Estimate (2.28 per household)	License Fee Revenue Estimate
2025 - \$20	9,763	28,776	\$575,520
2026 - \$20	10,063	29,660	\$593,205
2027 - \$40	10,313	30,397	\$1,215,884
2028 - \$40	10,488	30,913	\$1,236,516
2029 - \$50	10,688	31,502	\$1,575,120
2030 - \$50	10,908	32,151	\$1,607,542

Funding Options – Vehicle License Fees

Other TBD Funding Options

Use of General Obligation Bonds

Impact Fees

Vehicle Tolls

Excess Property Tax Levies

Local Improvement District



Questions and Next Steps