



# Staff Report – Public Hearing and Ordinance No. 25-001 for the Transportation Benefit District Assumption of Powers

January 21, 2025 Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing and Ordinance No. 25-001 for the Transportation Benefit District (TBD)  
Assumption of Powers

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Time Estimate: 25 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** This public hearing is to consider public comments on the Council’s assumption of powers of the Transportation Benefit District ordinance. Ordinance 25-001 contains the assumption of powers.

**SUMMARY:** The Camas Transportation Benefit District was adopted by Ordinance 24-019 that established the boundaries of the Camas Transportation Benefit District to be the Camas city limits as they are currently exist or as they may exists following future annexations. The Camas Transportation Benefit District governing board is the same as Camas City Council. However, as a separate legal entity, there would need to be separate meetings and separate audits for the Camas Transportation Benefit District. By assuming the powers of the district, separate meetings would no longer be required, and the administration of the district would be more efficient and effective.

According to the MRSC, 85% of cities or towns have assumed the powers of Transportation Benefit Districts (July 2022).

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** The assumption of the powers of the Camas Transportation Benefit District by the Camas City Council would make for more efficient governance of the district and reduce costs to the City.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** None are noted.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The assumption of the powers of the district would not have a material impact to the budget. However, it will save on state audit expenses as there would not need to be two separate audits.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that Council open a public hearing to consider public comment on the assumption of powers of the Transportation Benefit District, then close the public hearing and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 25-001 for the City Council to assume the powers of the Transportation Benefit District.