



Staff Report

November 4, 2024 Council Workshop Meeting

Transportation Benefit District (TBD) – District Formation

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Time Estimate: 15 minutes

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BACKGROUND: This presentation is to get direction from Council related to forming a Transportation Benefit District.

SUMMARY: Transportation Benefit Districts (TBDs) are utilized in more than 110 cities and towns in Washington State as of January 2024. These cities and towns utilize the TBD for preserving, maintaining, and operating the existing transportation infrastructure of the district.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: A Transportation Benefit District would move the City closer to meeting essential street maintenance to meet best practices and save money for the residents in the future by not allowing streets to deteriorate at a rate that will be more expensive to repair.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT: The Mayor’s Proposed Budget is projected to implement a Transportation Benefit District. Once formed, depending on which funding option is selected, the budget impact would be as follows:

Estimated Budget Impact		
Transportation Benefit District	.1% Sales Tax	\$500,000
Transportation Benefit District	\$20 Vehicle License Fee	\$570,000

The .1% sales tax can be imposed without voter approval, and cannot be implemented sooner than 75 days before January 1, April 1, or July 1. The earliest the sales tax could be collected would be April 1, 2025. The sales tax would need to be renewed in 10 years.

The vehicle tab license fee can be increased to \$50 without voter approval (\$20 for two years, \$40 for two years, then can be raised to \$50). The fee may be raised up to \$100 with voter approval. If adopted, the fee cannot be collected until six months after approval per RCW 36.73.065. This would make it collectible starting July 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the adoption of the Transportation Benefit District, including the entire City of Camas as the boundaries currently exist or as they may exist following future annexations for the preserving, maintaining, and operating the existing transportation infrastructure of the City of Camas.