



Staff Report – Public Hearing and Ordinance No. 24-019 for the Transportation Benefit District

November 18, 2024 Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing and Ordinance No. 24-019 for the Transportation Benefit District (TBD)

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Time Estimate: 25 minutes

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BACKGROUND: This public hearing is to consider public comments on the Transportation Benefit District ordinance. Ordinance 24-019 contains the formation of the Transportation Benefit District and two funding sources.

SUMMARY: Transportation Benefit Districts are utilized in more than 110 cities and towns in Washington State as of January 2024. These cities and towns utilize sales tax or vehicle license fees to support transportation costs in the Transportation Benefit Districts. This ordinance forms the district and adopts a sales tax and vehicle license fees to support the preservation, maintenance, and operation of the existing transportation infrastructure of the City of Camas.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: A dedicated revenue source for Street Preservation 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: With the adoption of the ordinance, there will be a delay in receiving the funding. The earliest the sales tax could be implemented would April 1, 2025, and these funds are generally received two months later. Once implemented, the TBD would receive monthly sales tax revenue. The vehicle license fee would not go into effect until July 1, 2025, with funds expected to be received as the Department of Licensing collects them.

BUDGET IMPACT: The Transportation Benefit District and the revenue sources are included in the 2025 Recommended Revenue Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council open a public hearing to consider public comment on the Transportation Benefit District, then close the public hearing and consider the

adoption of the Transportation Benefit District and dedicated funding sources in Ordinance No. 24-019.