

TO: City Council
FROM: Brandon Hicks, Transportation & Engineering Director
DATE: February 18, 2025
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2025-003 appointing a committee in support of Proposition No. 1

1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. R2025-003, appointing a committee to prepare arguments in support of Proposition 1, seeking renewal of a two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax to be collected for ten years to fund TBD transportation improvements, to be included in the Thurston County Local Voters' Pamphlet.

2) Background:

City Council adopted Resolution No. R2025-001, providing for a ballot proposition to be submitted on April 22, 2025, to renew the 0.2% sales and use tax for a period of ten (10) years to fund Transportation Benefit District transportation projects.

For each measure included in a local voters' pamphlet, RCW 29A.32.280 requires the City Council to formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure not later than the resolution deadline of February 21, 2025. The Council must appoint persons that reside within the jurisdictional boundaries and are known to favor the measure to serve on the committee advocating approval and shall, whenever possible, appoint persons that reside within the jurisdictional boundaries and are known to oppose the measure to serve on the committee advocating rejection. Each committee shall have not more than three members.

The City has advertised for residents to submit letters of interest expressing an interest in writing arguments advocating for or against the measure. The letters of interest are due to the City Clerk by 1:00 p.m. on February 18, 2025. The names of those individuals that have submitted letters of interest will be provided at the meeting.

Resolution No. R2025-003 appoints a committee to write and submit arguments advocating the approval of Proposition 1 for the local voters' pamphlet.

3) Policy Support:

C. Create and Maintain a Transportation System Safe for All Modes of Travel

4) Alternatives:

- Do not appoint a committee in support of Proposition 1 and allow the County to do so.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

None as a result of this action. If renewed by qualified electors, the TBD sales tax is estimated to generate more than \$30 million for street maintenance in the next ten years.

6) Attachments:

A. Resolution No. R2025-003 appointing a committee in support of Proposition No. 1