

TO: City Council
FROM: Brandon Hicks, Transportation & Engineering Director
DATE: January 7, 2025
SUBJECT: Transportation Benefit District Briefing (TBD)

1) Recommended Action:

No recommended action. This is an informational briefing in anticipation of 2025 TBD renewal.

2) Background:

The Tumwater City Council created the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District (TBD), a quasi-municipal taxing jurisdiction, authorized by State law to fund street maintenance. Tumwater voters approved a sales tax increase of 0.2% (two-tenths of one percent) for a period of ten years to fund street maintenance projects in the City limits. Revenues collected from this additional sales tax levy are held in separate accounts and used only for authorized street maintenance projects. The City Council serves as the governing body of this taxing district.

The City continues to use the strategy of leveraging future TBD funds as local match when applying for federal and state grant funding. Each time we are successful, the planned pavement management program grows in size and allows other transportation items to be addressed including curb ramps, audible pedestrian systems, and traffic signal upgrades.

3) Policy Support:

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

4) Alternatives:

N/A

5) Fiscal Notes:

None

6) Attachments:

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