

**RESOLUTION NO. R2025-005**

**A RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington expressing support for the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements on the April 22, 2025, Special Election Ballot.

**WHEREAS**, voters residing within the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District, which consists of the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Tumwater, will be presented with a proposition authorizing the renewal of a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for a period of ten (10) years to fund transportation improvements at the Special Election on April 22, 2025, with the following official Ballot Title:

**TUMWATER TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT,  
TUMWATER, WASHINGTON  
RENEWAL OF SALES AND USE TAX FOR  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS**

The Tumwater City Council adopted Resolution R2025-001 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize renewal and continued imposition of a two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax to be collected for ten years. Revenues would fund a repair, maintenance and improvement program for existing city streets and associated infrastructure, including rebuilding, repaving, sealing, patching and other methods to improve and extend the life of pavement, bridges, drainage facilities, and pedestrian improvements including repair, replacement, infill, or extension of sidewalks and curb ramps.

Should this proposition be:

Approved.....

Rejected.....

**WHEREAS**, the City has identified the sales and use tax as an authorized source of revenue identified in Chapter 36.73 RCW to finance the transportation capital improvements identified in Tumwater Municipal Code 12.42.040; and

**WHEREAS**, if renewed by the voters, the sales and use tax will apply to persons who shop and thereby use the roads in the City of Tumwater and not just City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the sales and use tax, generated approximately \$18,900,000 over eight and a half years since it was initially approved by the voters in 2015 and is estimated to generate approximately \$2,600,000 in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the TBD funding was used as matching funds to leverage an additional approximately \$6,500,000 in grant funding for transportation projects within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the sales and use tax will be used entirely to fund a repair, maintenance, and improvement program for existing city streets and associated infrastructure, including rebuilding, repaving, sealing, patching, and other methods to improve and extend the life of pavement, bridges, drainage facilities, and pedestrian improvements, including repair, replacement, infill and extension of sidewalks and construction of curb ramps in conjunction with authorized pavement work or as standalone projects and other transportation projects identified in Ordinance No. O2014-2019 creating the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's street system comprises its single most valuable asset with a replacement value of almost \$305,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the street system is a basic necessity to be provided by the City in order to provide for the health and safety of our citizens and for a strong economy; and

**WHEREAS**, State and Federal transportation funding has significantly declined in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, construction costs have increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has adopted as a Strategic Priority the maintenance of the City transportation system including the implementation of funding strategies necessary to fund this maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State law allows city councils to express collective support or opposition to ballot propositions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tumwater held a properly noticed public hearing on February 18, 2025, at a regularly scheduled Tumwater City Council meeting to allow the public, those in favor and those in opposition, the opportunity to comment on Resolution No. R2025-005, in support of the Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of its residents and the City to express its collective position in support of the Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City of Tumwater City Council supports the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements which will be presented to voters at a Special Election on April 22, 2025.

**Section 2.** The City of Tumwater City Council hereby urges citizens to vote yes on the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements on April 22, 2025.

**Section 3. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 4. Severability.** The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

**RESOLVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

CITY OF TUMWATER

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney