



**TO:** Transportation Benefit District Governing Board  
**FROM:** Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer /kds  
**COPY:** T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution - Placing Proposition No. 4 on November 3, 2015, General Election  
Ballot – July 14, 2015  
**DATE:** July 9, 2015

**SUMMARY:**

Authorizing the submission of Proposition No. 4 to the electors of the Transportation Benefit District (District), at the General election to be held November 3, 2015, asking voters to approve a District-wide measure for an additional 1/10th of 1 percent sales tax over a period of ten years to fund maintenance for residential and arterial streets, freight access, and bike and pedestrian mobility as identified in the City's transportation plans including the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program, the Capital Facilities Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, and the Infrastructure Maintenance Plan, and directing the City Clerk to transmit to the Pierce County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution on or before August 4, 2015.

**TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT SPONSORS:**

Marilyn Strickland, Transportation Benefit District Chair

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all District residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective City government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

**BACKGROUND:**

Adequate and dedicated funding to preserve and maintain City streets within the District continues to be a significant challenge for the City of Tacoma and for the District. The Tacoma City Council, pursuant to Chapter 36.73 RCW, authorized the establishment of the Transportation Benefit District and for the District's levying of additional revenue sources for the purpose of maintaining and preserving the City's street network including residential street rehabilitation, non-motorized transportation (bike and pedestrian) and arterial street projects, listed in the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

The City Council and Council-appointed task forces have consistently identified providing sustainable dedicated funding for basic maintenance of City and neighborhood streets and road safety upgrades, pothole repairs, repaving of streets and arterials, safety improvements at intersections, sidewalks, and crosswalks near schools, and bridge maintenance and safety repairs as a top priority.

**ISSUE:**

This proposal is to establish a 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1 percent Sales Tax for a 10-year period to fund transportation projects. The estimated 10-year revenues of \$45,000,000 will be used by the District to fund projects that maintain the City's street network including the residential street rehabilitation, non-motorized transportation (bike and pedestrian) and arterial street projects listed in the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program. If approved, the estimated average monthly household impact for this proposal is \$1. The sales tax will sunset at the end of the 10-year period.



**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Transportation Benefit District Governing Board could increase or decrease the requested tax amount or reject Proposition No. 4 altogether. This proposition and tax amount was developed with the input of stakeholders over several months of engagement and underwent multiple iterations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Works Department recommends the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board authorize the proposed Proposition No. 4 be placed on the ballot for the November 3, 2015, general election.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
<b>TOTAL</b>			

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Fund 1070		4313000 - Sales Tax	\$45,000,000*
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$45,000,000*</b>

\* Estimated ten-year total

**POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:**

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
<b>TOTAL</b>			

*This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.*

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$4,100,000**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? No**

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.**

Revenues would not be received until next year, if approved mid-biennium adjustments will be made.