



City of Tacoma

**Transportation Benefit District Governing Board
Action Memorandum**

TO: Transportation Benefit District Governing Board
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COPY: City Manager and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution - Setting Public Hearing Date for the 2021-2022 Transportation Benefit District Board Budget/Spending Plan – October 6, 2020
DATE: September 2, 2020

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution setting Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan and directing the City Clerk to prepare and circulate proper notices of the time and place of such hearing.

BACKGROUND:

This Department's recommendation is based on RCW 35.21.225 and 36.73.020, and City of Tacoma Ordinance No. 28099 which authorized the establishment of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements within the TBD, consistent with any state, regional, or local transportation plans and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels.

On November 27, 2012, the TBD Governing Board (Board) adopted Resolution No. TBD 001 authorizing the collection of a vehicle license fee of \$20. Passage of I-976 in 2019 repealed the City's authority to collect the vehicle license fee which generated approximately \$2,898,000 per year.

On July 14, 2015, the Board adopted Amended Resolution No. TBD 008 to place ballot measure Proposition No. 4, later referred to as Proposition A, on the ballot for the General Election. Proposition A, which authorized a sales tax increase of one tenth of one percent (0.1%) to fund street improvements was passed in the November 3, 2015, General Election.

The City of Tacoma Office of Management and Budget estimates that the City will collect an estimated \$11,185,418 in TBD revenues for the 2021-2022 biennium. The total proposed Budget/Spending Plan is \$11,185,418.

RCW 36.73.020 states the Board shall consider the following criteria when selecting transportation improvements: reduced risk of transportation facility failure and improved safety; improved travel time; improved air quality; increases in daily and peak period trip capacity; improved modal connectivity; improved freight mobility; cost-effectiveness of the investment; optimal performance of the system through time; and other criteria, as adopted by the governing body in Tacoma Municipal Code 10.28.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan provides maintenance of the City's street system and affects all of Tacoma's residents. Maintenance projects are selected primarily upon the pavement condition of the City's street system and the Department uses the City's Equity Index to help guide selection of maintenance in underserved/underrepresented communities. The public hearing provides residents the opportunity to learn about and testify on the 2021-2022 Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan.



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2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**Equity and Accessibility:**

This resolution sets the date for a public hearing before the Transportation Benefit District Board. The public hearing provides residents with the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget and spending plan which includes maintenance and repair of residential streets and the construction of new ADA accessible curb ramps.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* High Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

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ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
Do not conduct a Public Hearing. Neither RCW nor TMC requires a public hearing be held prior to the Transportation Benefit District Board adopting the Budget/Spending Plan.	By forgoing the public hearing it saves staff time and does not require the Board to convene a meeting.	Public hearings provide residents the opportunity to learn about and testify on the 2021-2022 Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan and provides transparency to the Boards and the Public Works Departments actions.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

This resolution sets the date for a public hearing before the Transportation Benefit District Board. Testimony at the public hearing will provide the proposed Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan for 2021-2022, which will be followed by a resolution adopting the Budget/Spending Plan at a later date.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends the Transportation Benefit District Board approve this request to set Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing before the Transportation Benefit District Board. A resolution to adopt the Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan will be forthcoming to the Board at a later date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.