



# Transportation Benefit District (TBD)

City of Tacoma | Public Works Department

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## BACKGROUND



- Ordinance No. 28099 passed on November 20, 2012, establishing the TBD in the City of Tacoma and created Chapter 10.28 of the Municipal Code
- Currently, the limitations of the TBD are funded only to provide adequate funding levels to projects set forth in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan and the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program

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## BACKGROUND



- Request for ordinance amending two sections of Section 10.28.020 – “Transportation Benefit District – Statement of Purpose” and Section 10.28.060 – “Use of Funds”
- This proposed ordinance will enhance the usage of funds within the benefit district.

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## ISSUES



- The current sections limit the scope of the usage of funds
- Clarifies language to enhance purpose and scope of Transportation Benefit District to address preservation of the system.
- Changes have the potential to reduce transportation inequities, disparities, and discrimination
  - Promoting equity by allocating resources to address diverse needs
  - Foster inclusive and accessible transportation networks

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS



- **TMC 10.28.020**
  - The purpose of this chapter is to establish a transportation benefit district within the limits of the City of Tacoma ... [and to maintain and preserve the City's street and transportation system.](#)
- **TMC 10.28.060**
  - ... Additional transportation improvement projects of the district may be funded only after compliance with the provisions of RCW 36.73.050(2)(b). [The funds generated by the Transportation Benefit District may also be used for maintenance, preservation, and operations of the City's street and transportation system.](#)

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## NEXT STEPS



- City Council Consideration – April 23, 2024
- First Reading – April 30, 2024
- Second Reading – May 7, 2024

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## RECOMMENDATIONS



- Staff recommends approval/adoption of TBD Ordinance
  - Amendment of “Transportation Benefit District – Statement of Purpose” – Section 10.28.020 & “Use of Funds” – Section 10.28.060

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