

RESOLUTION NO. TBD 008

1 BY REQUEST OF BOARD CHAIR STRICKLAND

2 A RESOLUTION relating to the City of Tacoma Transportation Benefit District;
3 providing for the submission of a proposition to the electors of the City of
4 Tacoma Transportation Benefit District, at the General Election to be held
5 on November 3, 2015, asking voters to approve a measure for an
6 additional 1/10th of 1 percent sales tax over a period of ten years to fund
7 maintenance for residential and arterial streets, freight access and bike and
pedestrian mobility; setting forth the ballot proposition; and authorizing the
transmission of a ballot title and explanatory statement to the Pierce
County Auditor’s Office.

8 WHEREAS RCW 35.21.225 and 36.73.020 provide for the establishment of
9 a transportation benefit district by cities and counties to levy and impose various
10 taxes and fees to generate revenue to support transportation improvements that
11 benefit the district and are consistent with state, regional, or local transportation
12 plans, and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels,
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15 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 28099, passed on November 20, 2012, and
16 codified under Chapter 10.28 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, established the City
17 of Tacoma Transportation Benefit District (“District”) for the purpose of acquiring,
18 constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements within
19 the district that are consistent with existing state, regional, and local transportation
20 plans and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels,
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24 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma’s Six-Year Transportation Improvement
25 Program includes a City-wide residential street rehabilitation project, non-motorized
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1 transportation (bike and pedestrian) and arterial street projects, and freight access
2 projects, and

3 WHEREAS the corporate boundaries of the District are contiguous with the
4 corporate boundaries of the City of Tacoma, and

5 WHEREAS adequate and dedicated funding to preserve and maintain City
6 streets within the District boundaries continues to be a significant challenge for the
7 City of Tacoma and the District, and

8 WHEREAS the Tacoma City Council and Council-appointed task forces have
9 consistently identified the issue of sustainable, dedicated funding for basic
10 maintenance of City and neighborhood streets and road safety upgrades, pothole
11 repairs, repaving of streets and arterials, safety improvements at intersections,
12 sidewalks, and crosswalks near schools, and bridge maintenance and safety
13 repairs as a top priority, and

14 WHEREAS RCW 36.73.040 authorizes the District to impose a sales and
15 use tax in an amount not to exceed 2/10th of 1 percent of the selling price or value
16 of the article used, to be used for the above-described purposes, and

17 WHEREAS the District Governing Board deems it necessary to submit to the
18 qualified electors a proposal for an additional 1/10th of 1 percent sales tax over a
19 period of ten years, to generate an estimated \$45,000,000, for the sole purpose of
20 maintaining the City's street network within the District, including residential street
21 rehabilitation, non-motorized transportation (bike and pedestrian) and arterial street
22 projects listed in the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, and
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1 WHEREAS the Governing Board of the District authorizes the submission of a
2 proposition to the electors of the District at the General Election to be held on
3 November 3, 2015, asking voters to approve a measure for an additional 1/10th
4 of 1 percent sales tax over a period of ten years to fund maintenance for
5 residential and arterial streets, freight access and bike and pedestrian mobility,
6 and further authorizes the transmission of a ballot title and explanatory statement
7 to the Pierce County Auditor's office, and

8 WHEREAS transparency and accountability of how funds are spent, the
9 budgets of the projects, leverage of funds achieved and demonstration of
10 progress made are critical to delivering the improvements promised to voters,
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13 WHEREAS, to ensure transparency and accountability, state law requires
14 the District to issue an annual report, indicating the status of transportation
15 improvement costs, transportation improvement expenditures, revenues, and
16 construction schedules, to the public and to newspapers of record in the District,
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19 WHEREAS, in furtherance of transparency and accountability of how the
20 newly generated funds will be spent, it is the intent of the Transportation Benefit
21 District to establish new and separate funds to segregate the revenues collected as
22 a result of this measure, and to restrict the use of these funds for the purposes set
23 forth in this measure; Now, Therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TACOMA
26 TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT:

1 Section 1. That the Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of
2 elections in Pierce County, Washington, is hereby requested to submit to the
3 qualified electors of the District, for their approval or rejection at the General
4 Election to be held on November 3, 2015, a proposition authorizing an additional
5 1/10th of 1 percent sales tax over a period of ten years to fund maintenance for
6 residential and arterial streets, freight access, and bike and pedestrian mobility in
7 the District.

8 Section 2. The Tacoma Transportation Benefit District shall submit a
9 proposition to the electorate of the City of Tacoma in the form substantially as
10 follows:
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12 **GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TACOMA**
13 **TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT**
14 **PROPOSITION NO. 4**

15 The Board of the City of Tacoma Transportation Benefit
16 District adopted Amended Resolution No. TBD 008 concerning
17 a sales and use tax to fund street improvements. If passed,
18 Proposition No. 4 would authorize a sales and use tax of one
19 tenth of one percent (0.001) to be collected from all taxable
20 retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW
21 82.14.0455 beginning in 2016 for ten years for the purpose of
22 funding maintenance, preservation and improvement for
23 residential streets, arterials, freight access, bike and
24 pedestrian mobility projects as identified in the City's
25 Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program.

26 Should this proposition be approved?

Yes.

No

Section 3. That, prior to August 4, 2015, the City Clerk shall certify to the
Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, a certified copy of this

1 resolution, together with a proposition substantially in the form set forth above, for
2 the November 3, 2015, General Election.

3 Section 4. That staff is directed to bring forward an ordinance establishing
4 dedicated and restricted funds to ensure that any revenue generated as a result of
5 this measure is used solely as outlined in the initiative proposal.

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Marilyn Strickland, Board Chair

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12 City Clerk

13 Approved as to form:

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15 Deputy City Attorney
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