



RESOLUTION NO. TBD 023

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City of Tacoma Transportation Benefit District;
2 authorizing a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax for the
3 Transportation Benefit District Fund, to continue to collect funds to be used
4 for improvements, maintenance, preservation, and operations of the City's
5 street and transportation system.

6 WHEREAS RCW 35.21.225 and 36.73.020 provide for the establishment of
7 a Transportation Benefit District ("TBD") by cities and counties to levy and impose
8 various taxes and fees to generate revenue to support transportation
9 improvements that benefit the district and are consistent with state, regional, or
10 local transportation plans, and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable
11 congestion levels, and

12 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 28099, passed on November 20, 2012, and
13 codified under Chapter 10.28 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, established a TBD
14 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding
15 transportation improvements within the district, and

16 WHEREAS on July 14, 2015, the TBD adopted Amended Resolution
17 No. TBD 008 to place ballot measure Proposition No. 4, later referred to as
18 Proposition A, on the ballot for the General Election, and

19 WHEREAS Proposition A, which authorized a sales tax increase of
20 one-tenth of one percent to fund street improvements, was passed in the
21 November 3, 2015, General Election, and
22
23
24
25
26



1 WHEREAS in the years since its launch, the initiative has helped fund
2 street improvements for over 4,800 residential blocks, and on pace to surpass
3 its original goal of 5,600 residential blocks, has upgraded sidewalks and
4 crosswalks near schools, improved bike and pedestrian mobility in line with the
5 City's goals for sustainable and accessible transportation, and has addressed
6 critical freight access needs to support the City's economic growth; TBD
7 revenues have been instrumental in the success of this initiative, and
8

9 WHEREAS the sale tax increase approved by the voters in 2015 expires
10 on March 31, 2026, and
11

12 WHEREAS RCW 36.73.065(4)(a)(v) authorizes the Board to approve a
13 sales and use tax of up to one-tenth of one percent, and
14

15 WHEREAS if approved, there would be no increase in the sales and use
16 tax for city residents and visitors, as the Board-approved tax would essentially
17 replace the voter-approved tax in 2015, and
18

19 WHEREAS without a continued dedicated funding source, the progress
20 achieved through the Tacoma Streets Initiative is at risk, and the one-tenth of
21 one percent sales tax is vital to sustain these efforts and ensure that the City's
22 streets system will remain efficient for all users, and
23

24 WHEREAS this sales and use tax would begin on April 1, 2026; Now,
25 Therefore,
26



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TACOMA
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT:

Section 1. That a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax for the
Transportation Benefit District Fund, to continue to collect funds to be used for
improvements, maintenance, preservation, and operations of the City's street and
transportation system is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax approved
by the Board shall take effect April 1, 2026.

Passed _____

Mayor/Member of the Transportation
Benefit District

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney