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## **RESOLUTION NO. TBD 026**

A RESOLUTION relating to the City of Tacoma Transportation Benefit District's budget; approving the proposed modifications to the 2025-2026 Transportation Benefit District Budget and Spending Plan, to budget additional projected revenues associated with Transportation Benefit District sales and use tax.

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

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

WHEREAS on November 27, 2012, the TBD Board adopted Resolution No. TBD 001, authorizing a vehicle license fee of \$20, and

WHEREAS 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, and

WHEREAS Proposition A, approved by the voters in the November 3, 2015 General Election, authorized a sales and use tax increase of one-tenth of one percent to fund street improvements with an end date of this tax increase of March 31, 2026 and



WHEREAS on December 3, 2024, the TBD Board approved Amended Resolution No. TBD 023 to replace and impose the 0.1 percent sales and use tax starting April 1, 2026, replacing the voter approved tax from 2015, and

WHEREAS the City's Office of Management and Budget estimates that the City will collect \$5,796,000 in authorized vehicle license fees, and \$15,122,691 from the sales tax increase of one-tenth of one percent, and

WHEREAS in addition, there are anticipated investment revenues of \$51,772 and a planned use of \$364,400 of existing cash balance, for a total of \$21,334,863 of TBD revenues for the 2025-2026 biennium, and

WHEREAS the proposed TBD Budget/Spending Plan includes the regular planned transfer of \$5,900,000 to Streets Fund for street maintenance and repair, with an additional \$387,650 specifically to replace aging fleet equipment, a budgeted transfer of \$9,493,127 to the Streets Initiative Fund for street maintenance and repair, a budgeted transfer of \$744,435 to the Transportation Capital and Engineering Fund dedicated to pedestrian safety improvements, including but not limited to sidewalks, streetlights, and bulb outs, and a balancing entry of \$4,809,651 to the ending cash balance, for a total expense appropriation of \$21,334,863, and

WHEREAS RCW 36.73.020 states that the Board shall consider the following criteria when selecting transportation improvements: (1) reduced risk of transportation facility failure and improved safety; (2) improved travel time; (3) improved air quality; (4) increases in daily and peak period trip capacity; (5) improved modal connectivity; (6) improved freight mobility; (7) cost-



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effectiveness of the investment; (8) optimal performance of the system through time; and (9) other criteria, as adopted by the governing body in Tacoma Municipal Code 10.28, and

WHEREAS a budget/spending plan is necessary to outline the transportation improvements to be funded by the TBD, appropriate funds for said improvements, and coordinate with stakeholders and utilities, and

WHEREAS the TBD Board held a public hearing on October 14, 2025, to allow the public to comment on the proposed TBD Budget/Spending Plan; Now, Therefore,

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

That the 2025-2026 Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan, substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby approved.

Passed	
	Obstactilla Terrandotta
	Chair of the Transportation Benefit District
Attest:	
City Clerk	
Approved as to form:	

**Deputy City Attorney**