

City of Tacoma

Transportation Benefit District Governing Board Action Memorandum

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Transportation Benefit District Governing Board and City Clerk

SUBJECT:

Resolution: Setting November 1, 2016 as the Public Hearing Dates on the 2017-2018

Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan – October 18, 2016

DATE:

September 29, 2016

SUMMARY:

Setting Tuesday, November 1, 2016, as the date for the public hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 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.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

• Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

• Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan will improve public infrastructure by maintaining and repairing arterial and residential streets in need of repair.

BACKGROUND:

As authorized by RCW 35.21.225 and 36.73.020, City of Tacoma Ordinance No. 28099 established 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. 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's Budget Office estimates the City will collect an estimated \$5,368,000 (authorized vehicle license fee) and \$10,477,790 (sales tax increase of one tenth of one percent 0.1%) for a total of \$15,845,790 of TBD revenues in the 2017-2018 biennium.

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.

A public hearing is required prior to the date the Board considers the resolution to establish the 2017-2018 Budget/Spending Plan.

ISSUE:

This resolution will set Tuesday, November 1, 2016, as the date for the public hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

Without an approved Budget/Spending Plan, the City cannot appropriate TBD funding for transportation improvements nor coordinate with stakeholders and utilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Setting Tuesday, November 1, 2016, as the date for the public hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 Transportation Benefit District Budget/Spending Plan and directing the City Clerk to prepare and circulate proper notice of the time and place of such hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.