



City Council

Approval of a Resolution Announcing Council's Intent to Hold a Public Hearing Concerning the Assumption of the Olympia Transportation Benefit District

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve a resolution announcing Council's intent to hold a Public Hearing concerning the assumption of the Olympia Transportation Benefit District.

Report

Issue:

Whether to move forward with the formal process to assume the Olympia Transportation Benefit District.

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

A Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is a quasi-municipal corporation and independent taxing district. It was created for the sole purpose of acquiring, constructing, providing, and funding transportation improvements within the district.

The Washington State legislature permits local governments to establish a TBD and accompanying funding sources to provide for the preservation, maintenance, and construction of local public ways. The Olympia City Council established a TBD in 2008. The boundaries of the TBD are identical with

the City limits.

Recent legislation allows the City Council to assume the authority and powers of the TBD. RCW 36.74.020 states in part that the City's "assumption of the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of a transportation benefit district may be initiated by the adoption of an ordinance or a resolution by the city ... legislative authority indicating its intention to conduct a hearing concerning the assumption of such rights, powers, functions, and obligations." The assumption of the TBD by City Council would streamline administration and oversight.

Attached is a proposed Resolution announcing the Council's intent to hold a Public Hearing concerning the assumption of the Olympia TBD. If approved, the Public Hearing will be held on October 19, 2021. Following the Public Hearing, Council will need to adopt an Ordinance if they choose to assume the authority and powers of the TBD. Several other Washington cities have already implemented this process.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Cost to residents is \$40 per year for each registered vehicle within City limits. Collection of the fee is administered by the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) on behalf of the Olympia TBD. This \$40 fee is collected at the time of renewal for all registered vehicles within the City of Olympia.

Options:

1. Approve a Resolution announcing Council's intent to hold a Public Hearing concerning the assumption of the Olympia Transportation Benefit District. A Public Hearing will be held on October 19, 2021.
2. Modify the Resolution with a later date for the Public Hearing. The TBD Board will still need to perform their obligations into 2022 until such time that those functions may be assumed by the City Council.
3. Do not approve the Resolution. The TBD Board will continue to function as they do now.

Financial Impact:

In 2021, revenue collected through TBD fees is estimated to be \$1,500,000 and are applied to the City's Transportation Capital Fund for pavement resurfacing and preservation.

Attachments:

Resolution