

Transportation Benefit District

Assumption Public Hearing

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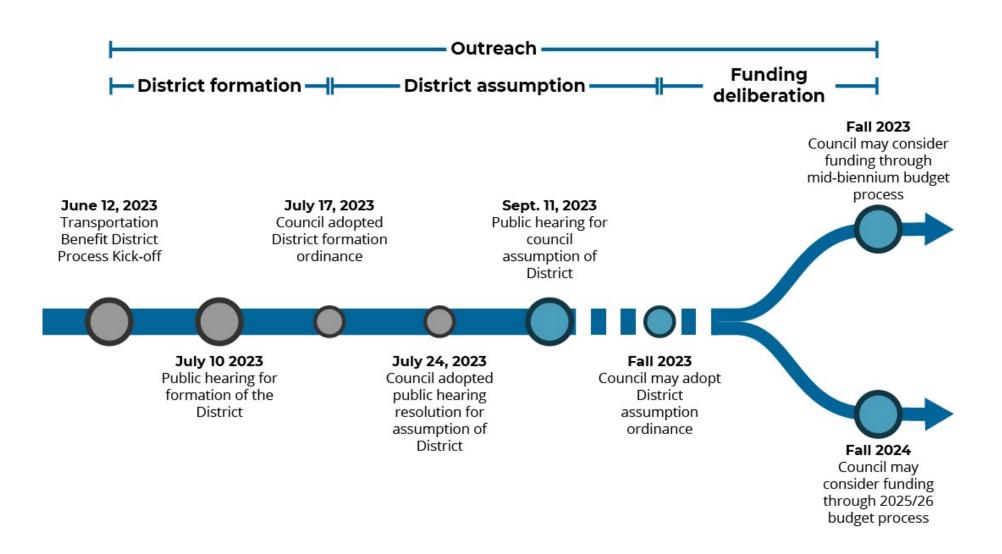
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Direction

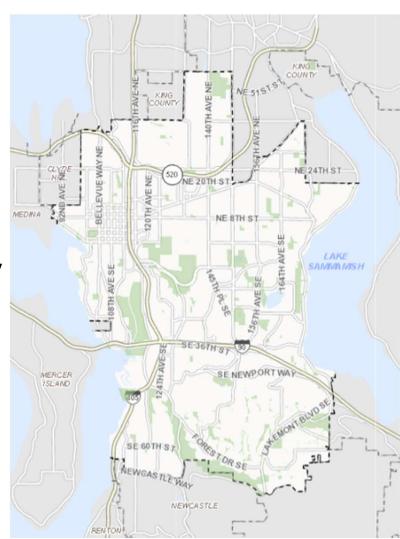
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Timeline



Where are we now?

- On July 17 Council formed the Bellevue Transportation Benefit District with citywide boundaries, per RCW 36.73
- The District now exists as a separate quasimunicipal corporation with independent taxing authority – recognized by the State
- To take action as the District, Councilmembers currently could act ex officio and independently as the separate governing body
- This means that rules, administration, voting procedures, record keeping, etc. need to be separately established
- Council action on whether to levy taxing sources is still a separate, future decision



What is District Assumption?

- State law grants the City the authority to assume the powers and authorities of the District
- "Assumption" would allow the Council to act as the Council as part of regular business – rather than as a separate entity with independent rules, etc
- Assumption streamlines management and administration of the District – and directly connects to normal City and Council processes
 - For example, without assumption, the Transportation Benefit District would have to contract with the City for existing staff support
- It does NOT remove any of the accountability requirements of RCW 36.73 NOR assume any funding action

Public Hearing on Assumption

- Council provided direction to staff to prepare for "Assumption" of the District
- There has been NO Council direction or action related to District funding authorities or priorities
- Tonight is a Public Hearing only on the administrative step of Assumption
- Any potential funding discussion would be at the direction of Council as part of a regular Biennial or Mid-Biennial budget process or as a separate conversation and action



Formation Public Hearing Recap

- Concern for additional cost/taxes to residents and businesses
- General support for funding maintenance
- Improve outreach, specifically to residents
- More explanation of need and resource gaps
- More explanation of process for allocating funds
- Request for more conversation around funding amount and activation process

Outreach Update – Local Events



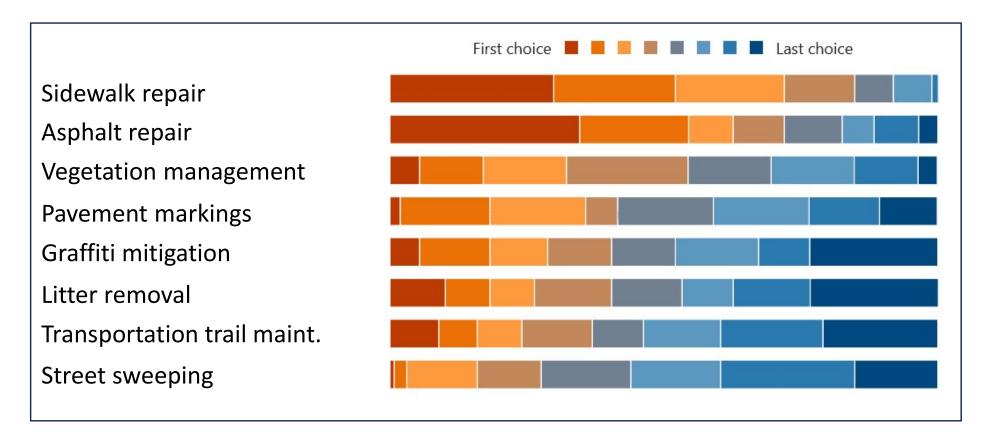
Outreach Update – Social Media





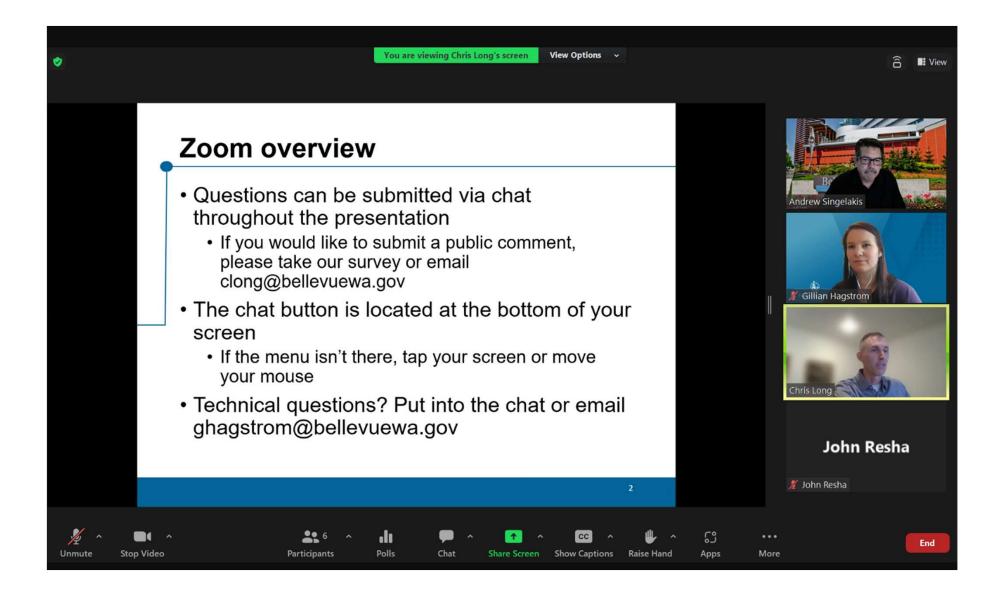
Outreach Update – Survey (In Progress)

Ranking of Maintenance Functions



Early returns (101 responses). Survey runs until September 30th.

Outreach Update – Webinars



Further Council Deliberation

- Whether to assume the Transportation Benefit District
- Discussion of Transportation needs
- Funding approaches, which could include Transportation Benefit District funding
- If funding recommended:
 - to what level and what source(s)
 - priorities for budget process/funding allocation

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