

Response to 6-12-2023 Study Session Question Regarding Other Transportation Benefit Districts

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Question: How are Transportation Benefit Districts being used by other jurisdictions in our area.

Response: The Municipal Research and Services Center's [webpage for Transportation Benefit Districts](#) keeps a [spreadsheet](#) current of all Transportation Benefit Districts established in the state. Below are some quick facts about other Transportation Benefit Districts in the state based on MRSC data through March 30, 2023. The following page contains a summary of how some of the nearby cities in King County are using their district funding.

- 114 cities have formed Transportation Benefit Districts in the state.
- 98 of these cities assumed the power of the district after completing the process outlined in [RCW Chapter 36.74](#).
- 66 cities have used sales tax and 56 are using vehicle license fees (14 of these cities are using both).
- Six cities have formed a Transportation Benefit District but have left them unfunded.
- 19 Transportation Benefit Districts have been formed in King County and 18 of them are funded.
- The following cities in King County have a sales tax of 10.2% or higher: Auburn, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Pacific, Seattle and Shoreline. Redmond just approved an ordinance on June 20, 2023 to add a sales and use tax of 0.1% to fund their Transportation Benefit District, raising their sales tax to 10.2% as well.

City	District Established	Funding	Use
Lake Forest Park	2008	0.1% sales tax & \$40 vehicle license fee	Transportation improvements that preserve, maintain and, as appropriate, construct or reconstruct the existing transportation infrastructure.
Mercer Island	2014	\$20 vehicle license fee	Protect the City's long-term investments in their transportation infrastructure, to reduce the risk of transportation facility failures and improve safety, to continue optimal performance of the infrastructure over time, and to avoid more expensive infrastructure replacements in the future.
North Bend	2011	0.2% sales tax	Funding for projects in the City's six-year Transportation Improvement Plan.
Seattle	2010	0.15% sales tax & \$40 vehicle license fee	Provides funding to support expanded transit services and projects that provide connections to transit.
Shoreline	2009	0.2% sales tax and \$40 vehicle license fee	Provides funding for construction of new sidewalks and maintenance and repair of existing sidewalks.
Redmond	May 2023	0.1% sales tax	Support transportation related maintenance and improvements to city streets, public transportation, strategies aimed at maximizing safety and traveling choices, and other transportation projects designed to reduce congestion on facilities of city significance. <i>(Not yet represented on MRSC site. See Transportation Benefit District / Redmond, WA)</i>
Kirkland	December 2022	\$20 vehicle license fee	Safe routes to school projects and various maintenance activities. <i>(Not yet represented on MRSC site. See Transportation Benefit District – City of Kirkland (kirklandwa.gov))</i>

Source: <https://mrsc.org/getattachment/7f543017-0a14-44ae-95ba-04c357ae7b81/List-of-Transportation-Benefit-Districts.xlsx?lang=en-US> (March 30, 2023)