

# Transportation Benefit District

**Program Kick-off and Formation** 

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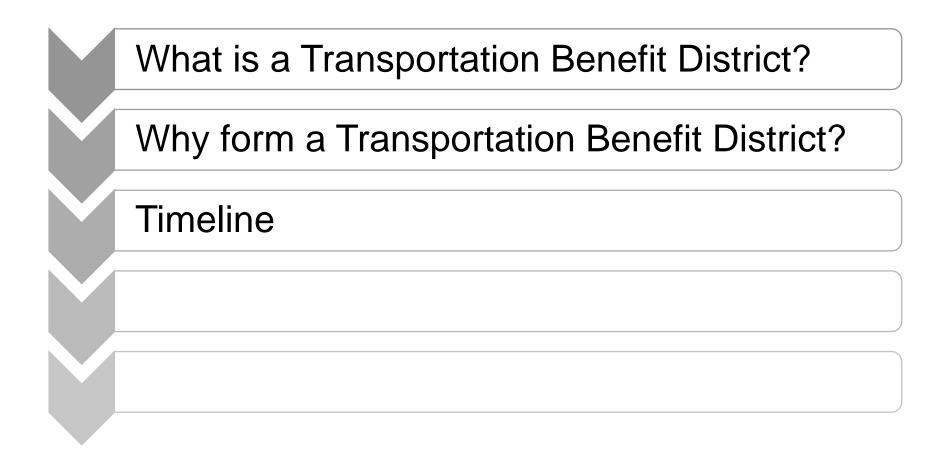
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## **Direction**

Direction to continue the process to form a Transportation Benefit District.

#### **AGENDA**



# What is a Transportation Beneit District?

#### **Quick Facts**

- Quasi-municipal corporation with independent taxing authority
- Funding exclusively for Transportation maintenance and improvements
- Requires annual performance and financial reporting
- Detailed in RCW 36.73 (est. 2005)
- 18 Transportation Benefit Districts in King County

Evaluating formation of Citywide Transportation Benefit District



# **Funding Options**

- Council Approved
  - Sales or use tax up to 0.1%
  - Annual vehicle license fee up to \$50
  - Fee or charge associated with commercial construction or land development
  - Vehicle toll on city streets (also requires state tolling authority approval)
- Voter Approved
  - Sales or use tax up to 0.3%
  - Annual vehicle fee up to \$100
  - "Ad valorem" property tax

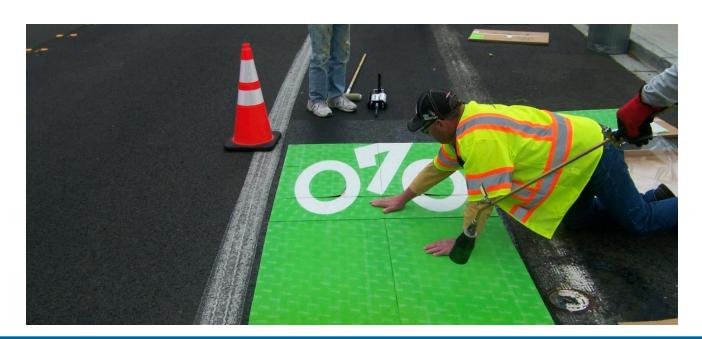
### Revenue Options – Vehicle License Fee

- Applies to all vehicles registered in Bellevue
- \$20 fee in first year raises
   \$2M/year
- Can increase to \$40/year after two years and \$50/year after four years

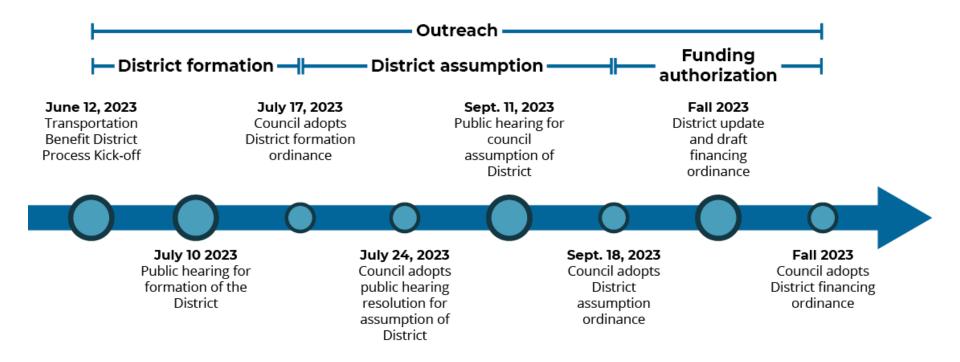


# **Revenue Options – Sales Tax**

- 0.1% sales tax raises \$10M/year
- Council can adopt any percentage up to 0.1%
- 0.1% sales tax costs average Bellevue household \$20-\$30/year



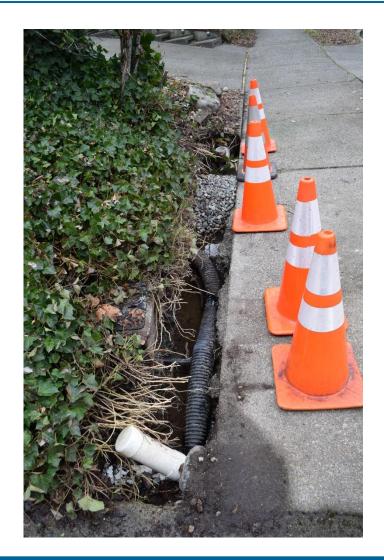
#### **Timeline**



# Why form a Transportation Benefit District?

#### **Deferred Maintenance**

- COVID impacts required 8% budget reduction for Transportation for FY2021/22
- Deferred maintenance continued into FY2023/24 due to other citywide priorities



#### **Deferred Maintenance Dollars**

- Roadway and sidewalk maintenance
- Traffic signal and streetlighting

- Pavement markings and signing
- Roadside vegetation

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Status Quo Budget	\$9.1M	\$9.2M	\$10.0M	\$10.1M
Reduction	\$1.7M	\$1.8M	\$1.9M	\$2.0M

## **Accounting for New Infrastructure Costs**

#### New in last four years

- 27 traffic signal
- 43 enhanced crosswalks
- 150 traffic cameras
- 33% increase in crosswalks/markings
- 1200 lane-mile increase in sweeping needs



# Min. Maintenance Need in 2024

Deferred Maintenance \$2.0M

New Infrastructure \$1.0M

Total: \$3.0M



# **Deferred Maintenance Impacts**

Reduced standards for pavement marking replacement

Reactive vegetation management





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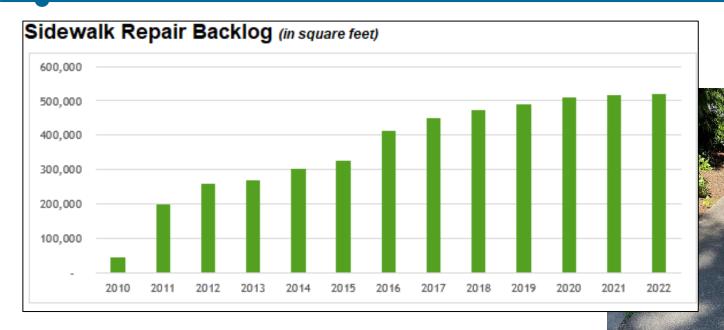
Elimination of sidewalk cleaning

Reduction in sidewalk repair funding





# **Deferred Maintenance Impacts**



- >\$16M in total repairs needed (2023 dollars)
- Deferred maintenance repairs ~ 3,700sf annually
- Asphalt mitigation life expectancy ~ 3-years

# **Needs of Growing City**

#### Support for re-occurring capital programs

- Bridge and Pavement Preservation
- Traffic Operations, Signals and Lighting
- Neighborhood Traffic Safety
- Major Maintenance

- Smart Mobility Plan Implementation
- Vision Zero
- Pedestrian Facilities
   Compliance
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity
- Neighborhood Sidewalks

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Major Maintenance

Pedestrian Safety





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Vision Zero

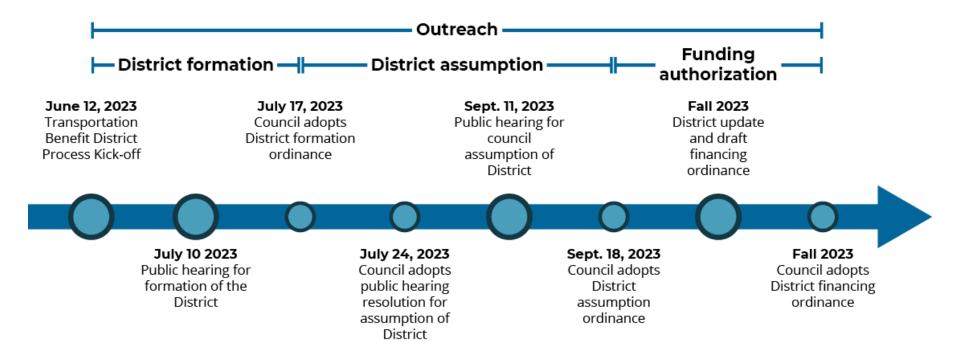
#### Pavement Overlay/ADA Transition





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#### **Outreach**

- Presentations scheduled with local business organizations
- Website to launch this week
- Two public hearings during the process
- Use of city communication channels

# **Action**

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