

MARYSVILLE VOTER

APRIL 22, 2014
BALLOT MEASURE
FACT SHEET



PROPOSITION 1: SALES AND USE TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

WHAT IS A TBD ?

A TBD is a separate and independent public entity authorized by state law and created for the sole purpose of repairing, building, improving, preserving and funding transportation improvements within the district. The Marysville TBD was formed on Jan. 13, 2014 with boundaries identical to City limits. The City Council acts as the district's Board of Directors.

WHY DOES THE CITY NEED A TBD NOW?

Marysville has numerous road segments among the 201 miles (420 lanes miles) maintained by the City that are in failing or near failing condition.

The gas tax, sales tax and other traditional "street revenues" have steadily declined to the point where we are faced with a deteriorating infrastructure and no way to invest in all the projects necessary. One tool the State gives cities is to create our city's own Transportation Benefit District to fund repair and preservation of our roads.

A 0.2% SALES TAX INCREASE WOULD GENERATE ABOUT \$1.6 MILLION PER YEAR TO ADDRESS MARYSVILLE'S UNMET TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

A two-tenths of a percent sales-tax measure will go before Marysville voters on April 22 that will pave the way for fixing roads, taking care of unmet transportation needs, and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety and access.. The boundaries of the TBD are identical to City limits.

TBD BOARD

The Marysville City Council voted on Jan. 13, 2014 to create a Transportation Benefit District. The City Council, acting as the governing Board of the TBD, approved a 0.2% sales and use tax for transportation improvements, subject to voter approval. Proposition 1 will appear on the April 22, 2014 ballot.

PROPOSITION 1

A 0.2% sales tax increase is being proposed to generate enough revenue to continue to maintain and repair Marysville's streets, and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and access. It would raise the sales tax rate in Marysville from 8.6% to 8.8%. Marysville's tax rate would remain lower than most cities in Snohomish County, which range from 7.7% to 9.6%.

The sales tax would be paid by everyone who shops in Marysville and uses Marysville streets and services, not just Marysville residents. If approved, the ballot measure would generate about \$1.6 million per year in revenue. The sales tax increase would expire in 10 years.

For complete TBD project list, map, info visit:

www.marysvillewa.gov/tbd

In an era where transportation dollars are hard to come by, "skimming" is one cost-effective technique that City Public Works Street crews rely on to improve and extend the life of failing arterials and roads in Marysville. Skimming enables the City to repair more spans of roadway in Marysville than could be done otherwise through much costlier major overlay or reconstruction projects.



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