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# WOODLAND TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

September 2016



The TBD .2% sales tax initiative will provide additional funds for residential street restoration projects like this one completed in 2013. Current funding sources do not allow for these types of projects.

## Transportation Funding Needed *Proposed 0.2% Sales Tax*

In June 2016, the City created the new Woodland Transportation Benefit District. This brochure will explain the function of the district, the projects which are anticipated to be constructed, and the upcoming ballot initiative

### Background

With the establishment of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD), the TBD and the City plan to begin replacing the transportation funding that has been lost over the years due to declining State and Federal revenue sources, and be able to better preserve, maintain, and expand the City's transportation infrastructure into the future. The newly created Board held their first meeting in June and created their by-laws and finance plan which detail those projects which are candidates for funding. The TBD determined that it was important to serve the public interest by providing transportation improvements that focus on both the residential and commercial sectors of the community. A list of proposed projects and corresponding map is shown on page 2 of this publication

### How Can the TBD Create Revenue?

The Woodland Transportation Benefit District is legally empowered to create revenue through impact fees, vehicle tab fee increases, and sales and use tax increases.

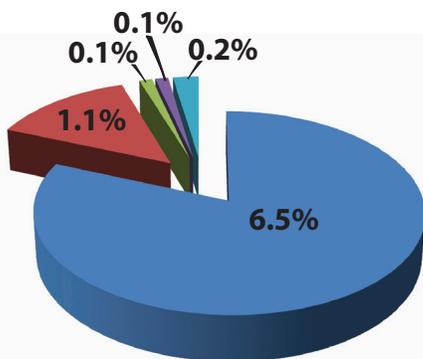
The TBD has placed this sales tax increase on the November 2016 ballot and plans to ask the voters to support it. If the ballot measure is passed, the State Department of Revenue will be remitting collected TBD sales tax revenue after April 2017, when the tax is implemented. Revenues are expected beginning in June 2017. The tax will be in place for ten years. It is important to note that there are very few sources of funding available for transportation projects and the .2% sales tax is the resource which will most effectively spread the costs of correcting deficiencies among all user groups.

The tax does not apply to the cost of groceries, prescriptions, gasoline, rent or mortgage payments, as these are exempted by State law and therefore it is anticipated that the tax will be paid for by residents and non-residents shopping in Woodland.

## The Proposal



### TBD Sales Tax Distribution of 8.0%



- State
- City regular sales tax
- Public Safety Sales Tax (City & County)
- Mental Health-County
- Proposed TBD

### What Is a Transportation Benefit District?

A Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is a quasi-municipal corporation and independent taxing district created for the sole purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing and funding transportation improvements within the District. The boundaries of the TBD are identical to the City limits. The members of the legislative authority proposing to establish the District, in this case the Woodland City Council, make up the TBD Board and are acting ex-officio and independently from the City Council.



# What Projects can be Funded by the TBD?

Funds used to operate the District must make transportation improvements that are consistent with existing regional, State, and local transportation plans. The District Financial Plan contains the following projects (in no order of priority)

## SIDEWALK & CURB REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT

Love Street between 2nd & Park  
 Madrona to Evergreen  
 CC Street/Park Street to Glenwood - New  
 Gunclub/Blacktail to Cimмерon  
 2nd Street between Dunham & Davidson

## CHIP SEAL - PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE/REPAIR

City chip sealing projects are scheduled annually as budget allows

## CAPITAL PROJECTS (SIX YEAR PLAN) & SCOTT AVENUE RECONNECTION

SR503/I5 Southbound/Pacific Improvement  
 East Scott/Old Pacific & Goerig/SR503  
 Intersection Improvement  
 West Scott Avenue

## PAVEMENT OVERLAYS

Goerig Street & Davidson Avenue  
 Insel Road  
 Gun Club Road  
 Old Pacific Highway

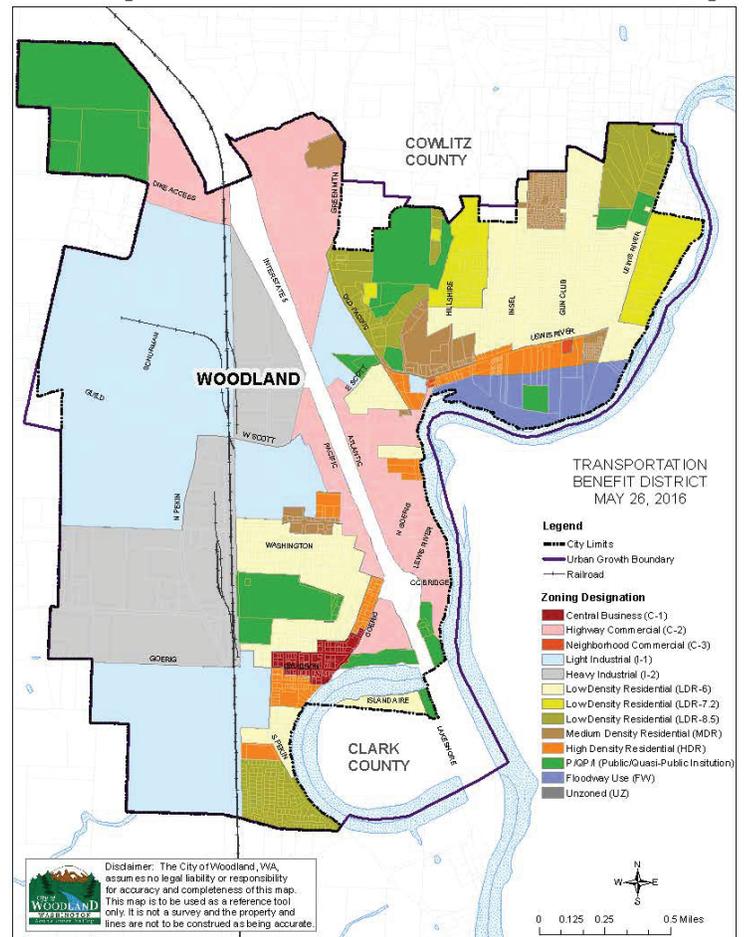
## Our Transportation Funding Challenge

Woodland is struggling with **two factors** that stand in the way of making critical transportation infrastructure investments:

1. Since the 2001 passage of Initiative 747, municipalities have been faced with a constant cycle of budget cuts as inflation outpaced property tax revenues. Add in sluggish gas tax revenues, and the result is a Street Fund that lags behind inflation
2. Rising costs for materials and labor are also eating away at the city's buying power. This problem is magnified because construction industry inflation is rising much faster than general inflation--the cost of some construction materials has more than doubled in ten years.

(Washington State Construct Cost Trends at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Business/Construction/CostTrends.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Business/Construction/CostTrends.htm))

## Transportation Benefit District Map



Details on street projects can be found in the City of Woodland's Six-Year Transportation Plan (Res 670)  
 This is available online at [www.ci.woodland.wa.us](http://www.ci.woodland.wa.us) or contact us at 360-225-7999

# NEXT STEPS



*In November of 2016, the Woodland TBD Board will submit to the voters a proposed 2/10ths of 1% (.2%) sales tax increase to fund the TBD. This is equal to two cents on a \$10 purchase. This is anticipated to generate 2.7 million in funds over ten years and may leverage grant matches to stretch the dollars and accomplish as many needed projects as possible*



*This street is typical of many streets in Woodland with potholes & alligating*

## THE BALLOT INITIATIVE

### PROPOSITION 1

#### Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

The Board of the Transportation Benefit District, Woodland, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2016-001 to fund transportation improvements through a sales tax. This proposition authorizes a tax no greater than two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) on all taxable retail sales within the District for ten years pursuant to RCW 82.14.0455. Tax proceeds will fund projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Programs adopted by the City of Woodland beginning with the 2017-2022 TIP Plan.

Should this proposition be approved? ..... [ ] Yes [ ] No

## Matching Funds

The TBD and City could utilize the .2% sales tax as match funding as a grant procurement strategy. In the past, the City has applied for several transportation related grants, some of which have been awarded. If the .2% sales tax funding measure is approved, the TBD could leverage those funds in pursuit of funding for roads and non-motorized transportation projects. Creation of matching revenue has been proven to result in greater success in the competitive grant funding arena.

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*Potholed and alligatored surfaces are some of the problems the TBD plans to address*

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*Improving sidewalk conditions is another focus of the TBD Board*

