



MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Commission

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Date: December 8, 2022

Subject: Transportation Benefit District Implementation

I. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Transportation Commission receive an update on Kirkland's Transportation Benefit District (TBD). Staff is seeking feedback from the Commission on the final TBD project list and the proposed program delivery.

II. BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

On Tuesday, December 13th, the Kirkland City Council will hold a public hearing on the establishment of funding for Kirkland's TBD. Upon completion of the hearing, Council will take action on Ordinance O-4834 establishing an annual \$20 per vehicle license fee (car tab) effective January 1, 2024 to provide additional funds for specific transportation improvements.

TBD projects in the Ordinance include elements of the Safer Routes to School Plan (2021), the Active Transportation Plan (2022), Vision Zero, maintenance priority sidewalk repairs, and wheelchair ramp improvements. An interactive map of the potential project list is available [here](#). The TBD also includes funding for two additional streets and grounds maintenance personnel to specifically address maintenance of landscaped medians, public rights of way, and the urban canopy. An estimated \$26 million in transportation projects are included in the TBD with car tabs accounting for \$21 million. In total, approximately \$1.3 million will be generated annually from the vehicle license fee which will allow the City to issue debt to accelerate the investments.

Based on the projects identified and staff capacity for delivery, the TBD delivery plan envisions completion of the improvements over the next 6-7 years (see attached); without the TBD, it was estimated that the improvements would require 25 to 30 years to complete.

III. NEXT STEPS:

Pending Council action on the ordinance, first elements of the TBD are anticipated to begin in 2024 using existing City revenue. TBD projects are being scoped and additional staff are being hired to begin the work.

Attachment (proposed delivery schedule)

