



TACOMA TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Sales Tax for Street Improvements

WHAT WILL PROPOSITION A DO?

Proposition A provides additional funding for transportation projects outlined in the Comprehensive Transportation Program. Additional funds are restricted to pay for; permanent pothole repair, street resurfacing, maintenance and improvements to arterials and freight access roads, installation of school crossing beacons, and building missing sidewalks.

HOW WILL THE CITY OF TACOMA BENEFIT FROM PROPOSITION A?

The Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is a separate taxing district established for the purpose of funding specific transportation projects within the City of Tacoma. In 2014, TBD funded projects included 39 blocks of residential chip seal, 30 lane miles of arterial chip seal, installation of 56 ADA compliant curb ramps, and permanent repair of 1,978 potholes. Proposition A will more than double the funding for these types of projects in the City.

HOW WILL PROPOSITION A WORK?

Proposition A will raise the sales tax by 1/10 of 1% for a period of 10 years. Sales tax in Tacoma will go from 9.5% to 9.6%. The increase will amount to one cent on a \$10 purchase.

HOW MUCH REVENUE WILL PROPOSITION A GENERATE?

Proposition A is projected to generate \$4.5 million per year, or \$45 million over the 10 year period. This will more than double the funding available for TBD transportation projects by increasing TBD revenue from \$2.5 million per year to \$7 million per year over the next over 10 years.

HOW CAN I KNOW HOW PROPOSITION A REVENUES ARE SPENT?

The TBD is required by state law to issue annual reports specifying the status of TBD revenues, expenditures and construction schedules. These reports are available to the public.

WHEN WILL THE PROPOSITION A SALES TAX INCREASE END?

The sales tax authorized by Proposition A will expire after 10 years (January 2026).

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