



Buckley Transportation Benefit District Newsletter

Transportation Benefit District News, Spring 2015



**SR410 & Park Avenue Safety
Improvement Project**



Street Overlay Program



**River Avenue Pedestrian
Improvements**

TBD Established

In November of 2012, through adoption of Ordinance No. 13-12, the City created the new Buckley Transportation Benefit District. On July 30, 2013 the Buckley TBD held its first meeting during which the Board members adopted Resolution TBD No. 001 establishing Bylaws governing membership, officers and committees, meetings, amendments and administration.

Because of the additional revenue from the TBD, the City has for the 1st time in several years, been able to perform maintenance on City streets that have been long neglected due to funding constraints. We were able to stripe most of the streets in the City and all major crosswalks. The City plans to increase the level of maintenance and implement smaller capital projects, such as local access pavement preservation and sidewalk construction, that have been delayed as additional revenue becomes available. The projects to be funded in 2015 (in whole or in part) include:

City of Buckley Street Fund 101 (operation and maintenance) Pavement Preservation and Overlay Program

Transportation Projects, described in detail within the (2015 - 2020) Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Projects proposed for 2015 are listed in Table 22 below:

Background:

Over the last ten years the City has seen a significant reduction in revenue that comes in for maintenance and construction of the City's transportation system.

- ~ Since peaking in 2003 the City has seen a drop of \$34,218 in revenue from a high of \$121,291 in 2003 to \$87,073 in 2013 due to initiatives and lower tax distributions;
- ~ Since 2008 the City's general operating fund has experienced declining revenue which left very little available to support street maintenance services;
- ~ During the same 10 year period maintenance and capital transfers from the general fund have been reduced by (-99.63%) to match revenue;
- ~ This same period has seen an almost doubling in the annual cost for street and parking lot lights from \$36,000/yr in 2003 to \$56,000 in 2013. This accounts for more than one-half the amount of revenue coming into the street budget;
- ~ As a result of the funding constraints City Public Works crew has delayed, reduced and/or eliminated maintenance of alleys, pot hole patching, street striping, marking crosswalks, curb painting (no parking), right-of-way maintenance (planter strips), etc.

With the establishment of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD), the TBD and the City can help replace the funding lost over the years due to declining state and federal revenue sources, and will be able to better preserve, maintain, and expand the City's transportation infrastructure into the future.

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, and funding transportation improvements within the District. The boundaries of the TBD are identical to the City limits. The members of the Buckley City Council make up the TBD Board and are acting independently from the City.

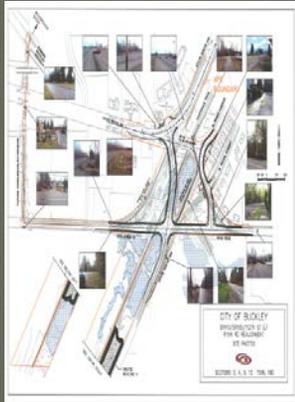
What revenue options do TBD's have?

TBD's have both voter approved and non-voter approved options for generating revenue to fund transportation maintenance and improvements:

Voter approved options consist of:

- Property taxes – a 1-year excess levy or an excess levy for capital purposes;
- Up to 0.2% sales and use tax;

Buckley Transportation Benefit District Newsletter Page 2



SR410/SR165 Realign

TBD Established

In November of 2012, through adoption of Ordinance No. 13-12, the City created the new Buckley Transportation Benefit District. On July 30, 2013 the Buckley TBD held its first meeting during which the Board members adopted Resolution TBD No. 001 establishing Bylaws governing membership, officers and committees, meetings, amendments and administration.

At the July 30th 2013 meeting the Board conducted a public hearing on the possible establishment of a \$20 vehicle license fee, and after lengthy discussion and deliberation adopted Resolution TBD No. 002 enacting a \$20 vehicle registration fee (for each eligible vehicle registered in Buckley). The \$20 vehicle registration fee went into effect on February 1st, 2014 and is currently projected to generate \$61,882 in this 1st year of implementation. For 2015, the TBD is projected to receive \$80,000 in revenue from the vehicle fees all of which will be spent locally.

Because of the additional revenue from the TBD, the City has for the 1st time in several years, been able to perform maintenance on City streets that have been long neglected due to funding constraints. We were able to stripe most of the streets in the City and all major crosswalks. The City plans to increase the level of maintenance and implement smaller capital projects, such as local access pavement preservation and sidewalk construction, that have been delayed as additional revenue becomes available. The projects to be funded in 2015 (in whole or in part) include:

- City of Buckley Street Fund 101 (operation and maintenance)
- Pavement Preservation and Overlay Program
- Transportation Projects, described in detail within the (2015 - 2020) Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Projects proposed for 2015 are listed in Table 22 below:

Fund	Name	Expenditures	Projected EFB
SA - 102	Street Capital Improvements	\$2,742,580	\$254,536
~	2015 Sidewalk Project		
~	TIB Pavement Preservation Project (dependent on grant funding)		
~	Phase II SR410/SR165 Realignment Project Construction		
~	Elk Heights Roadway Paving		
~	TIB Pedestrian Safety Project (dependent on grant funding)		

The TBD plans to seek grants to supplement the approved funding.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of April and the second Tuesday of November of each year in the City Council Chambers starting at 6:00 PM. In addition to the regular Board meetings, Special Board meetings may be scheduled from time to time. The public is encouraged to attend.

April 14, 2015

November 10, 2015

TBD Board Members

- Board President Milt Tremblay
- Board Vice President Bryan Howard
- Board Member Cristi Boyle-Barrett
- Board Member James Montgomery
- Board Member John Leggett
- Board Member Lynn Rose
- Board Member Marvin Sundstrom