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July 17, 2014

## NOTICE

### LAKWOOD TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Lakewood Transportation Benefit District Board will be meeting on Monday, July 21, 2014, following the City Council's Regular meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m., at Lakewood City Hall, Council Chambers, 6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, Washington.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss setting Monday, August 25, 2014 at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing on a proposed \$20 annual vehicle license fee and various transportation improvement projects and funding options relative to the Transportation Benefit District.

Alice M. Bush, MMC  
City Clerk



**LAKWOOD  
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT  
BOARD AGENDA**

Monday, July 21, 2014  
*Following the City Council meeting*  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

- ( 3) **Approval of the meeting minutes of July 14, 2014.**
- ( 5) **Motion No. TBD 2014-01**

Setting Monday, August 25, 2014, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the Transportation Benefit District Board on a proposed \$20 annual vehicle license fee tab and various transportation street improvement projects.

**Adjournment**

*The Council Chambers is accessible to persons with disabilities. Equipment is available for the hearing impaired. Persons requesting special accommodations or language interpreters should contact the City Clerk's Office, 589-2489, as soon as possible in advance of the meeting so that an attempt to provide the special accommodations can be made.*

<http://www.cityoflakewood.us>

*City Hall will be closed 15 minutes after adjournment of the meeting.*



**LAKESWOOD  
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT  
BOARD MINUTES**

Monday, July 14, 2014  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:44p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members Present: 7 – Chair Don Anderson; Board members Jason Whalen, Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2014.**

BOARD MEMBER MOSS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 27, 2014 TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BARTH. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDING OPTIONS.**

Assistant City Manager Kraus provided background information from the May 27, 2014 Board meeting which consisted of \$1.3 million from the general fund for current and grant funded transportation projects; fund \$9.1 million via general fund and a \$20 vehicle license fee; impose no utility tax and sales tax financing options; there was some interest in gambling tax; draft a \$20 vehicle license fee ordinance including a sunset clause; extend the scope of three new street and sidewalk projects; move three street and sidewalk projects to a later list and consider a property tax excess levy and include parks projects. She the reviewed Options 1 and 2 funding packages.

Discussion ensued on sunsetting the vehicle license fee; considering a property tax excess levy provision in the \$25 million range versus \$34 million; consider setting of a public hearing regarding the draft ordinance; providing a schedule for public

outreach in coordination with targeting an April 2015 election and going with the Option 1 proposal; how information will be disseminated to educate the public; consider September 2, 2014 as the date for the Board to consider taking a vote on a proposed ordinance to include Option 1; and holding a TBD Board meeting on Monday, July 21, 2014 to set a public hearing for August 25, 2014; consider holding an April 28, 2015 special election date for the Option 2 Package of transportation improvement projects proposal; and consider holding discussions about the transportation packages with the community visioning process.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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DON ANDERSON, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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| <b>DATE ACTION IS REQUESTED:</b><br>July 21, 2014<br><br><b>REVIEW:</b> | <b>TITLE:</b> Setting August 25, 2014, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a Public Hearing on the implementation of a \$20 vehicle licensing fee.<br><br><b>ATTACHMENTS:</b><br>Draft Ordinance<br>Options 1 and 2<br><br>“Package 1- General Government Contributions, Grants, Vehicle License Fee” | <b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b><br><br>—     ORDINANCE NO.<br><br>—     RESOLUTION NO.<br><br><u>X</u> MOTION TBD 2014-01<br><br>—     OTHER |
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**SUBMITTED BY:** Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney

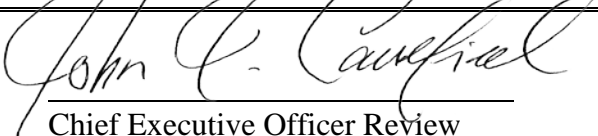
**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Transportation Benefit District Board (TBD) set August 25, 2014 as the date for a Public Hearing on implementation of a \$20 vehicle licensing fee for the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Lakewood.

**DISCUSSION:** The TBD Board finds that an annual vehicle license fee in the amount of \$20 is the best way to preserve, maintain, operate, construct, or reconstruct the transportation infrastructure of the City of Lakewood and fund transportation improvements within the District that are consistent with existing state, regional or local transportation plans necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels.

The TBD Board has discussed the transportation infrastructure needs of the City of Lakewood and available financing to address these needs. At the TBD Board meeting held on Monday, July 15, 2014,

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** Alternatives to the \$20 vehicle license fee are to reallocate existing resources with the consequence of impact to service, seek other funding without assurance of success or accept the declining condition of the roadways.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** By implementing a \$20 vehicle licensing fee the TBD is estimated to generate \$4.08M over 2015-2020. This does not entirely pay for the projects listed; the remainder (\$5.06 M) will come from general government contributions.

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**CONTINUED:** the Board reached consensus that a set of projects presented as “Package 1 – General Government Contributions, Grants, Vehicle License Fee” is an appropriate measure to take at this time. The projects included in Package 1 would be funded by a \$20 vehicle license fee which would sunset upon the completion of the projects included in the package if the Council prefers to set a sunset (both options of ordinance are attached). Under RCW 82.80.140 & RCW 46.17.350 the \$20 vehicle license fee will be charged for the following:

- Auto stage, six seats or less
- Commercial trailer
- For hire vehicle, six seats or less
- Mobile home (if registered)
- Motor home
- Motorcycle
- Passenger car
- Sport utility vehicle
- Tow truck
- Trailer, over 2000 pounds (but if private use single axel, it's exempt).
- Travel trailer
- And for each vehicle subject to grow weight license fees with a scale weight of six thousand pounds or less

The following vehicles are exempt from the fee under this section:

- Campers, as defined in RCW 46.04.085;
- Farm tractors or farm vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.04.180 and 46.04.181;
- Mopeds, as defined in RCW 46.04.304;
- Off-road and nonhighway vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.04.365;
- Private use single-axle trailer, as defined in RCW 46.04.422;
- Snowmobiles, as defined in RCW 46.04.546; and
- Vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW and the international registration plan.

Option 1

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Lakewood Transportation Benefit District, authorizing a vehicle license fee of twenty dollars and identifying projects to be funded.

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2012 the City of Lakewood established the Transportation Benefit District by adopting Ordinance No. 550 , as authorized by RCW 35.21.255 and subject to the provisions of Chapter 36.73 RCW; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.73.065 authorizes a transportation benefit district to impose, by majority vote of the district's governing board, up to \$20 of the vehicle license fee authorized in RCW 82.80.140; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 82.80.140, the new \$20 vehicle license fee may not be collected until six months after approval of this action by the governing board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 25, 2014, regarding the adoption of the proposed annual vehicle license fee in the amount of \$20 and selection of projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the City of Lakewood, Transportation Benefit District, which is the governing board of the District, finds it is in the best interest of the District to establish an annual vehicle license fee in the amount of \$20 for the purpose of preserving, maintaining, operating, constructing, or reconstructing the transportation infrastructure of the City of Lakewood and funding transportation improvements within the District that are consistent with existing state, regional or local transportation plans necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT DOES ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Fee Established. An annual vehicle license fee in the amount of \$20 is established, consistent with RCW 36.73.065 to be collected by the Washington Department of Licensing on qualifying vehicles, as set forth in RCW 82.80.140 and Chapter 36.73 RCW.

Section 2. Projects. The projects listed herein shall be funded with the revenue generated:

- Steilacoom Boulevard-Lakewood Dr to W of South Tac Way
- Pacific Highway - 108th to SR 512
- 100th - Lakeview to South Tacoma Way
- New LED Street Lights
- Signal Projects
- Minor Capital Projects
- Neighborhood Traffic Safety
- Personnel, Engineering, Professional Services
- Chip Seal Program - Local Access Roads
- Lakewood Dr - 100th to Steilacoom Blvd
- Lakewood Dr - Fleet Creek to N. City Limits
- Main Street - Gravelly Lake Drive to 108th St
- 59th - Main Street to 100th
- 59th - 100th to Bridgeport
- 108th - Bridgeport to Pacific Highway
- 108th - Main Street to Bridgeport
- Custer - Steilacoom to John Dower
- 88th - Steilacoom to Custer
- 100th - 59th to Lakeview

Section 3. Notification to DOL. The City of Lakewood Transportation Benefit District Governing Board requests that the City Clerk for the City of Lakewood notify the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) of the vehicle license fee established in Section 1 of this ordinance and to request that DOL take all the steps necessary to implement collection of this fee in accordance with RCW 82.80.140.

Section 4: Term. This ordinance shall expire and cease to have any effect upon completion of the identified projects in Section 2.

Section 5. Publication, Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five days after passage and publication of a summary consisting of the title in the official newspaper of the City of Lakewood.

Section 6: Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect any existing right acquired or liability or obligation incurred under the sections this Ordinance or under any rule or order adopted under those sections, nor does it affect any proceeding instituted under those sections.



Section 7: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take place five (5) days after its publication or publication of a summary of its intent and contents.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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Don Anderson, Chair of Board

Attest:

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Alice M. Bush, MMC, TBD Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Heidi A. Wachter TBD Attorney

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Don Anderson, Chair of Board

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Alice M. Bush, MMC, TBD Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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