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September 12, 2014

## NOTICE

### LAKWOOD TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Lakewood Transportation Benefit District Board will be meeting on Monday, September 15, 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 a proposed ordinance for establishing a \$20 annual vehicle license fee and various transportation improvement projects.

Alice M. Bush, MMC  
City Clerk



**LAKewood  
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT  
BOARD AGENDA**

Monday, September 15, 2014  
*Following 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 August 25, 2014.**

(6) **Ordinance No. TBD-01**

**Authorizing an annual \$20 vehicle license fee 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, August 25, 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 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members Present: 5 – Chair Don Anderson; Board members Jason Whalen, Mary Moss, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

Board members Excused: 2 – Board member Mike Brandstetter (arrived at 7:03 p.m.) and John Simpson.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Approval of the meeting minutes of July 21, 2014.**

Board member Moss moved to approve the July 21, 2014 minutes as presented. Seconded by Board member Whalen. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

**This is the date set 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.**

Speaking before the Board were:

*John Arbeeney, Lakewood resident,* spoke in opposition to the proposed \$20 annual vehicle license fee tab and suggested a non-binding advisory ballot to citizens. He also expressed concern about some of the street projects proposed.

*Linda Smith, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce,* spoke about the concerns of the Chamber Board and the need for working with businesses, contractors and the City. The Board's concerns were how significant are the impacts with ingress and egress

to their businesses; coordinating construction projects with the Water District projects; and utilizing night crews to alleviate traffic impacts.

*Susan Campbell, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of the \$20 vehicle license fee provided that the funds are earmarked for street improvements.

*Todd Smith, Lakewood resident*, spoke about why should the burden fall upon citizens who drive vehicles when the greatest damage is done by large vehicles and tractor trailers and that those who are not from Lakewood will not pay.

*Joseph Boyle, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of the \$20 vehicle license fee and asked for consideration to not have to pay excess fees to support more than his fair share.

*Jerry Gasaway, Lakewood resident*, asked what other options have been explored for this \$20 fee, how many vehicles are registered and how was the \$4 million derived. He asked why improvements on 100<sup>th</sup> Street from Bridgeport Way to Pacific Highway were re-done, and what is the cost per mile to improve these roads.

*Donn Tyler, Lakewood resident*, spoke about his experiences and concerns on the impacts of street improvements on businesses and asked that Water District projects be coordinated with the City street projects being proposed. He asked if improvements on Lakewood Drive from the creek to Steilacoom Boulevard are included.

*Ray Dotson, Lakewood resident*, spoke about sunsetting the vehicle license tab fee and limit the ability to expand expenses with increasing costs.

*Rodney McLean, Lakewood resident*, spoke about using dollars wisely and look at ways to become more efficient. He asked why a Public Works building was purchased instead of being leased.

*Pad Finnegan, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the core functions of the City and that everything cannot be funded. He suggested cutting back on non-core functions of the City until the City can afford to maintain streets.

The public hearing was declared closed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 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

<b>DATE ACTION IS REQUESTED:</b> September 15, 2014	<b>TITLE:</b> Authorizing a \$20 vehicle licensing fee and various transportation street improvement projects for the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Lakewood.	<b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE NO.TBD-01 <input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTION NO. <input type="checkbox"/> MOTION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
<b>REVIEW:</b> August 25, 2014		
	<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	

**SUBMITTED BY:** Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Transportation Benefit District Board (TBD) adopt an Ordinance which authorizes an annual \$20 vehicle licensing fee and various transportation street improvement project for the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Lakewood.

**DISCUSSION:** 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 TBD. 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. The TBD Board has 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 improvements in Package 1 total \$15.67 million, of which \$6.53 million or 42% is funded with existing revenues that include real estate excise tax, motor vehicle fuel tax, and grants, both secured and anticipated. The balance or \$9.14 million would be funded by a \$20 vehicle license fee that will generate \$4.08 million over the six-year period with the balance or \$5.06 million funded with existing general government funds to be identified as part of the 2015-2016 bienannual budget proposal. **(Continued on page 2 )**

**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.

Prepared by _____  _____ Department Director	 _____ Chief Executive Officer Review
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**DISCUSSION (continued from page 1):** 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
- 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 \$20 vehicle license fee:

- 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 non-highway vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.04.365
- Private use single-axel 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.

Without the \$20 vehicle license fee, the City would have to identify and reallocate \$4.08M in city resources with the consequence of impact to current services, seek that amount from outside sources without assurance of success or accept the declining condition of the roadways.

Project # / Name	Years 2015 - 2020		
	Funded	Unfunded	Total Cost
2 Steilacoom Boulevard - Lakewood Dr to W of South Tac Way	\$ 745,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 800,000
3 Pacific Highway - 108th to SR 512	\$ 478,000	\$ 117,000	\$ 595,000
4 100th - Lakeview to South Tacoma Way	\$ 480,000	\$ 49,000	\$ 529,000
xx Chip Seal Program - Local Access Roads <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 495,000	\$ 1,995,000
<b>Total Pavement Preservation - Current Projects</b>	<b>\$ 3,203,000</b>	<b>\$ 716,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,919,000</b>
New LED Sreet Lights	\$ -	\$ 975,000	\$ 975,000
Signal Projects	\$ 300,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 690,000
Minor Capital Projects	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000
Neighborhood Traffic Safety	\$ 65,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 150,000
Personnel, Engineering, Professional Services <sup>2</sup>	\$ 2,656,000	\$ 257,000	\$ 2,913,000
<b>Total - Other</b>	<b>\$ 3,121,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,907,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,028,000</b>
5 Lakewood Dr - 100th to Steilacoom Blvd	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000
6 Lakewood Dr - Fleet Creek to N. City Limits	\$ -	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 1,155,000
7 Main Street - Gravelly Lake Drive to 108th St	\$ -	\$ 331,000	\$ 331,000
8 59th - Main Street to 100th	\$ -	\$ 496,000	\$ 496,000
9 59th - 100th to Bridgeport	\$ -	\$ 276,000	\$ 276,000
10 108th - Bridgeport to Pacific Highway	\$ -	\$ 661,000	\$ 661,000
11 108th - Main Street to Bridgeport	\$ -	\$ 743,000	\$ 743,000
12 Custer - Steilacoom to John Dower	\$ -	\$ 540,000	\$ 540,000
13 88th - Steilacoom to Custer	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
14 100th - 59th to Lakeview	\$ 205,000	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,320,000
<b>Total Pavement Preservation - New Projects</b>	<b>\$ 205,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,517,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,722,000</b>
<b>Total - Package 1</b>	<b>\$ 6,529,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,140,000</b>	<b>\$15,669,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Chip seal program totals \$300,000 per year that will provide improvements to 8-10miles of residential road ways annually.

<sup>2</sup> Accounts for 4 FTEs plus additional costs totaling \$450,000 per year that supports and implements both these projects, but also a number of existing street and sidewalk projects between 2015 and 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. TBD-01

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 consistent with provisions of the LMC Chapter 12A.16, currently or as later amended, upon the dissolution of the Lakewood Transportation Benefit District.

Section 5: 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 6: 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 15th day of September, 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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Lakewood City Hall  
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**(Legal Notice)**

September 16, 2014.

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PASSED  
BY THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD**

The following is a summary of an Ordinance passed by the City of Lakewood Transportation Benefit District Board on the 15th day of September, 2014.

**ORDINANCE NO. TBD-01**

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

Section 1 of the Ordinance provides for establishing 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 of the Ordinance provides for funding a list of projects herein with revenue generated.

- Steilacoom Boulevard-Lakewood Dr to W of South Tacoma Way
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Section 3 of the Ordinance provides for 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 of the Ordinance provides that this ordinance shall expire consistent with provisions of the LMC Chapter 12A.16, currently or as later amended, upon the dissolution of the Lakewood Transportation Benefit District.

Section 5 of the Ordinance provides that 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 6 of the Ordinance provides that this ordinance shall take place five (5) days after its publication or publication of a summary of its intent and contents

The full text of the Ordinance is available at the City Clerk's Office, Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, Washington 98499, (253) 589-2489. A copy will be mailed out upon request.

Alice M. Bush, MMC, City Clerk

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