

## CITY OF SHORELINE

### SHORELINE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 6, 2009 - 9:00 p.m.  
Shoreline Conference Center  
Mt. Rainier Room

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

At 8:55 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ryu, who presided.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call by the Secretary, all Boardmembers were present.

PRESENT: Chairperson Ryu, Vice Chairperson Scott, Boardmember Eggen, Boardmember Hansen, Boardmember McConnell, Boardmember McGlashan, and Boardmember Way.

ABSENT: None.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Vice Chairperson Scott moved approval of the agenda. Boardmember Eggen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

#### 4. ACTION ITEM

##### (a) Adoption of the Proposed Transportation Benefit District Bylaws

Debbie Tarry, Treasurer, proposed that the Board utilize the City of Shoreline Council Rules and Procedures to govern the meetings and highlighted the bylaws. She responded to an inquiry from Boardmember McGlashan and stated that the General Public Comment section should have been placed on the agenda and there will be a time for the public to speak at this meeting.

Boardmember Way asked about the notice of meetings section of the bylaws and asked the Executive Director to include an explanation on the City Council Regular Meeting Agendas noting that the TBD meeting would follow so it is clear to the residents. Bob Olander, Executive Director, said this can be taken care of administratively.

Chairperson Ryu called for general public comment. Mr. Olander clarified that comments not related to bylaws or public hearing can be heard.

(a) Pat Murray, Shoreline, questioned the development concept and why this board is needed. He felt creating this isn't addressing the issue and this isn't appropriate. This is a problem that the legislature passed on and felt the Council should send it back to the legislature and lobby this to be done at the county or state level.

**Vice Chairperson Scott moved to adopt the Transportation Benefit District Bylaws, seconded by Boardmember Way 2x. Motion carried 7-0.**

5. PUBLIC HEARING

(a) Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on an Ordinance of the Shoreline Transportation Benefit District (TBD) authorizing a Vehicle License Fee

Mr. Olander noted that the Council adopted the formation of the Board and the Bylaws will govern how the Board operates.

Debbie Tarry, Treasurer, provided the staff report which highlighted why the City of Shoreline City Council formed a TBD. She noted that the City's funding for its transportation infrastructure is severely limited and discussed the funding sources for transportation maintenance. Prior to 2003, she said the City collected a vehicle license fee which was repealed in 2002 by Initiative 776, which the Shoreline voters didn't vote for. The loss of those funds have led to identified budget projects gaps starting in 2010 and in 2007 the state legislature amended TBD statutes which allow cities and counties to form TBDs. This public hearing on a vehicle license fee is a revenue source that doesn't require voter approval. However, if the Board wants to raise the fee above \$20.00 in the future it would require voter approval. She explained that the proposed \$20.00 vehicle license fee should bring an estimated \$600,000 for transportation-related expenditures into the City annually. The Citizen Advisory Committee recommended this vehicle license fee because citywide surveys and studies have shown that maintenance of the City's transportation infrastructure is a high priority. Additionally, she noted that this fee is a nexus between vehicles using roads and the impacts derived from them. \$600,000, she added, is not enough to address the transportation budget gaps, but partly offsets them. She outlined the next steps and noted that the earliest collections would occur in February 2010.

Chairperson Ryu opened the public hearing.

(a) Bill Meyers, Shoreline, stated that he was an economics major at the University of Washington and said he has never heard a sane economist state that a tax increase during a recession is good. He is asking Shoreline residents to dig deeper. He is opposed to this and would only support it if the City cuts its budget by \$600,000 while this is collected.

(b) Pat Murray, Shoreline, questioned why cars are treated like low-hanging fruit. He noted that the City is giving Tim Eyman more ammunition. He felt that this

legislation lacks equity and puts the burden for road maintenance on the car owners. He noted that transit, delivery trucks, and heavier vehicles do more damage to the road. It isn't fair to put the entire burden on the automobile owners, he said. He encouraged the Board to spread the burden out to every entity that uses the roads in Shoreline.

(c) Laethan Wene, Shoreline, commented that citizens with disabilities need the bus service and encouraged the City to keep bus services in Shoreline.

Mr. Olander communicated that Mr. Murray raised a good point. However, this is the one tool that was granted to us. He noted that the City shifts \$2 million into the road funds through the property tax and general fund money. He noted that the Council amended the 2009 budget and reduced expenditures by \$700,000 because the City staff knew revenues were falling. He noted that there is no Board action required tonight and closing the public hearing does not preclude the Board from taking public testimony next week.

Boardmember Way noted that this is a matter of equity and how fair will it be to all users of transportation in the City of Shoreline. She inquired if there were any figures available to quantify the cost of vehicles on the infrastructure. Ms. Tarry replied that there weren't any cost per vehicle calculations done, but the City spends about \$3.2 million per year in maintaining the roads infrastructure and most of the impact is caused by cars. Additionally, she commented that this figure probably underestimates the actual cost. She summarized that the \$600,000 collected represents about 1/6 of what the City is currently spending. Boardmember Way rebutted that it seems that quantifying this would be a worthwhile thing to do so people can understand the impacts.

Executive Director Olander responded to Chairperson Ryu and stated that the statute allows for the \$600,000 to be utilized for the recapture of direct costs and overhead, but he said that will be kept to a minimum so the funds can be utilized for actual projects on the ground. He added that there may be some information about quantifying the impact of vehicles to roads on the state website.

Boardmember McGlashan pointed out an error in Ordinance Number 1 and asked how much money the City was expending into non-motorized transportation options, such as bike lanes and trails. Ms. Tarry replied that they are taken care of through overlay costs, to include restriping. She added that they come out of the general funds. Boardmember McGlashan suggested some of these funds be set aside for trails and path connectors in the future. Ms. Tarry replied that the City Council will have to make some decisions in the future on what services to continue to maintain in the future and items like this will need to be one of them.

Chairperson Ryu discussed functions and powers and asked if the Board is allowed to make recommendations to the Council on how to divide the funds up. Mr. Olander responded that deciding where the funds go would come under the City Council budget discussions.

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Boardmember Eggen requested that this be publicized as much as possible so there is plenty of public comment and citizen awareness.

Ms. Tarry confirmed that the formation of the Board has been widely publicized and she has received a few telephone calls concerning it.

Chairperson Ryu closed the public hearing.

Vice Chairperson Scott commented that he received an e-mail concerning people with classic cars and if there was any provision about discounts for them because they receive insurance breaks if they rarely drive them. Ms. Tarry responded that the statute does define which vehicles are exempt and there is an exemption for horseless carriage, collector, or restored plate vehicles.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 p.m., Chairperson Ryu declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Passey, Secretary