

RESOLUTION NO. 1159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR GIG HARBOR TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT PROPOSITION 1 THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN THE CITY SALES TAX OF TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT FOR TEN YEARS BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2020, TO FUND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CHAPTER 36.73 RCW.

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor established a Transportation Benefit District as authorized by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.21 .225 and subject to the provisions of RCW 36.73 through the adoption of Ordinance No. 1392 on July 8, 2018 for the purpose of funding transportation improvements within the District that are consistent with any existing state, regional, and local transportation plans and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor found it to be in the best interest of the City to establish a citywide Transportation Benefit District for the construction of capital projects related to motorized travel set forth in the City's Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City's six-year (2019-2024) Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP") and "Connect the Gig" study identify projects that constitute transportation improvements that may be funded by the District; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a fact sheet on the Proposition, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, passage of Gig Harbor Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 on the November 2019 ballot would provide funds for needed transportation improvements within the City of Gig Harbor; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of September 23, 2019, the Gig Harbor City Council took public testimony on the subject ballot measure, allowing an equal opportunity for the expression of viewpoints supporting and opposing this measure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555, and after consideration of all public testimony, the City Council desires to formally express a collective position supporting the subject proposition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

The Gig Harbor City Council strongly supports the passage of the November 5, 2019 Gig Harbor Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 that would authorize an increase in the City sales tax of two-tenths of one percent for ten years beginning on April 1, 2020, to fund transportation improvements as authorized under Chapter 36.73 RCW.

PASSED ON THIS 23rd day of September, 2019.

APPROVED:



MAYOR KIT KUHN

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



MOLLY TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 09/09/19
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 09/23/19
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FACT SHEET

GIG HARBOR TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

Proposition No. 1

Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the imposition and collection of a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected from all taxable sales and uses within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455, beginning April 1, 2020, for ten consecutive years, to fund transportation improvements.

- The City of Gig Harbor formed the Gig Harbor Transportation Benefit District (TBD) for the purpose of constructing transportation improvements.
- A two-tenths of one percent increase would bring the total sales tax rate in Gig Harbor from 8.5% to 8.7%.
- The tax increase will expire after 10-years unless an extension is recommended by the TBD and approved by the voters
- This tax will be paid by anyone who makes a taxable purchase in the City, whether a resident or non-resident.
- According to the 2010 US Census, the population of Gig Harbor increases by 87.5% during the day. At the time of the census, an additional 6,246 people were coming into the City each day. The Sales tax increase would apply to all of the purchases made by these people while shopping in City limits.
- State law requires that the additional sales tax revenues may only be spent for transportation improvements as identified by the Governing Board of the TBD.
- Revenues can be used only for the motorized transportation portions of projects, but the projects can include non-motorized elements that are funded from other sources.
- The Governing Board has identified projects from the City of Gig Harbor Transportation Improvement Program for funding (as listed on the following page). Any material changes to the projects funded using sales tax revenue would require a public hearing and passage of a resolution by the Governing Board.
- State law requires that the TBD submit annual financial reports to the State Auditor's office and publish an annual transportation improvement report to the public and newspapers of record detailing revenues, expenditures, and the status of all projects, including cost and construction schedules.
- The Gig Harbor City Council can dissolve the TBD and the tax would expire at the end of the 10-year term

Potential TBD Project List - May 2019

	Project Name	Cost	2019-2024 TIP Project No.	Connect the Gig Project No.	TIF Project No.
1	Stinson Ave Improvements (Pioneer Wy to Rosedale St)	\$741,000	2	2	--
2	Stinson Ave/Rosedale St Intersection Improvements	\$600,000	3	1	1
3	Stinson Ave/Harborview Dr Intersection Improvements	\$1,800,000	7	5	5
4	38 th Avenue Improvements (Ph 1A-Southern City Limits to Briarwood Ln)	\$3,500,000	4	19	14
5	38 th Avenue Improvements (Ph 1B-Briarwood Ln to 50th St)	\$2,500,000	5	19	14
6	38 th Avenue Improvements (Ph 1C-50th St to 56th St)	\$2,000,000	6	19	14
7	38 th Avenue Improvements (Ph 2-56th St to Hunt St)	\$6,400,000	16	19	14
8	Metering of Roundabout at Borgen Blvd/Burnham Dr/Canterwood Dr/SR-16 WB Ramps	\$700,000	15	8	2
9	Wollochet Dr Right Turn Lane at SR-16 EB Off Ramp	\$400,000	10	15	11
10	Pioneer Wy/SR-16 WB On-Ramp Right Turn Slip Lane	\$800,000	9	--	--
11	Wollochet Dr Interchange Improvements (Kimball Dr to SR-16 EB Off Ramp)	\$18,000,000	27	16	12
12	Hunt St/Skansie Ave Intersection Improvements	\$1,500,000	13	17	13
13	Burnham Drive Improvements (Ph 1-Harborview Dr to Harbor Hill Dr)	\$2,225,000	18	22	--
14	50 th St Improvements	\$3,400,000	17	3	3
15	Skansie Ave Improvements (Rosedale St to Hunt St)	\$6,500,000	26	38	--
16	Hunt St/Soundview Dr Intersection Improvements	\$1,000,000	19	4	4
17	Wollochet Dr/Wagner Wy Intersection Improvements	\$925,000	11	6	6
18	Vernhardson St Roadway Improvements	\$3,750,000	28	9	8
19	Rosedale St/Skansie Ave Intersection Improvements	\$2,200,000	24	13	10
		Total = \$58,941,000			