

CITY OF MOSES LAKE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT FACT SHEET

What is the Transportation Benefit District (TBD)?

A Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is a quasi-municipal corporation and independent taxing district created for the sole purpose of acquiring, consulting, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements within the District (City Limits).

What will a TBD do for Moses Lake?

A Transportation Benefit District would allow the City to better maintain its streets for all users. The City has 200 lane miles and a backlog of street projects to maintain. Revenue generated by the TBD, the City will begin to replace, in part, the transportation funding that has been lost to the City, augment the City's general fund contribution, and help preserve and maintain the City's transportation infrastructure.

How does it work?

On December 27, 2016 the City of Moses Lake established a TBD 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. 2847. With the creation of the TBD Board, RCW 36.73.056 authorizes the TBD Board to adopt a \$20.00 vehicle license fee that will help pay for street maintenance projects and pedestrian improvements within the City. The revenues received from the \$20.00 vehicle license fee shall only be expended on transportation projects approved by the TBD Board.

How much money could be raised from Moses Lake's vehicle license fees?

Numbers received from WA State Department of Licensing estimates that the \$20.00 vehicle license fee will generate \$333,669.60 annually to help maintain the City's transportation system. This additional revenue received would help alleviate the street project backlog the City is currently facing.

Street Construction		Revenue
Current Annual Budget		\$1,093,949.36
Add \$20.00 Vehicle License Tab Fee	Net Potential Annual Collection	+ \$333,669.60
Total Potential Annual Budget		\$1,427,618.96
Total Amount of Unfunded Street Projects (Deferred)		\$13,400,000.00



Does the \$20.00 vehicle license fee apply to all vehicles registered in Moses Lake?

No, the \$20.00 vehicle license fees applies to registered owners who live in the corporate limits (city limits) of the City of Moses Lake.

Vehicles subject to the fee include, but are not limited to – passenger vehicles, trucks that weigh 6,000 pounds or less, motorcycles, commercial passenger vehicles, commercial trailers, travel trailers, tow trucks and taxicabs.

Vehicles exempt from the license tab fee include, but are not limited to – all farm vehicles, campers, off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, mopeds, personal use trailers with a single axle and less than 2,000 pounds scale weight, government vehicles, and vehicles properly registered to Disabled American Veterans.

For more information on exemptions, please see RCW 82.80.140. Vehicles subject to fees can be found on the WA Department of Licensing website at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/localfees.html>.

Cost of Road Maintenance versus Road Reconstruction

Road Maintenance		VS.	Road Reconstruction	
Method	Cost per Lane Mile		Method	Cost per Lane Mile
Crack Sealing	\$1,950		Overlay (2 inch)	\$150,000
Seal Coat	\$17,600		Reconstruction	\$500,000

Current funding can't keep up with the deterioration of our city streets, so implementing the vehicle license fee as additional revenue for road maintenance, would help with our transportation system. The more we defer the road maintenance the sooner we would be forced to reconstruct the streets. As stated above, the cost is significantly larger per lane mile and long term street funding is our goal.

What revenue options does the Moses Lake TBD have?

Excess property taxes (RCW 36.73.060), sales and use taxes (RCW 36.73.040(3) (a)), and vehicle tolls (RCW 36.73.040(3) (d)). Majority of the transportation benefit districts (TBD) are primarily funded through vehicle license fees and/or sales taxes. With a backlog of street projects totaling more than \$13.4 million dollars, the Moses Lake TBD Board may consider sales and use taxes as a revenue option and repeal the \$20.00 vehicle license fee after a period of time. In recent years, with other TBD jurisdictions, the voters approved the proposed TBD sales and use taxes with the belief that all who share their roads would contribute to safer streets in their cities. We hope that Moses Lake and surrounding communities view this revenue option as an investment to better and safer streets here in Moses Lake.

How much money will be raised with a Retail Sales increase of .1%?

Based on the numbers from the Department of Revenue, DOR estimates that the Retail Sales increase of .1% would potentially generate \$703,881.13 annually to help maintain the City's transportation system.

Street Construction		Revenue
Current Annual Budget		\$1,093,949.36
Add Retail Sales Increase of .1%	Net Potential Annual Collection	+ \$703,881.13
Total Potential Annual Budget		\$1,797,830.49
Total Amount of Unfunded Street Projects (Deferred)		\$13,400,000.00

For more information and answers to your questions, please contact us at:

Email us at mlstreets@cityofml.com or contact the Public Works Department at 509-764-3951. We will do our very best to answer your questions in a timely manner and put you in touch with those who can answer your questions.