

RESOLUTION NO. TBD 2015-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015 TO IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.2%), IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER TAXES AUTHORIZED BY LAW, WITHIN THE DISTRICT FROM ALL TAXABLE RETAIL SALES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 82.14.0455 FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS (2016 – 2025) TO PAY OR FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AND/OR COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA.

WHEREAS, the City of Centralia (the "City") approved Ordinance No. 2337 on October 28, 2014, creating the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Centralia, Washington (the "District") pursuant to chapter 36.73 RCW; and,

WHEREAS, the City does not currently have sufficient funds with which to pay for transportation improvements identified in the six year transportation plan (TIP) and/or the city of Centralia Comprehensive Plan transportation element; and,

WHEREAS, the District is authorized pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) to impose a sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for a period of ten years upon a favorable vote of the qualified electors within the District for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the City has identified the sales and use tax as an allowable and feasible source of revenue identified in chapter 36.73 RCW to finance transportation improvements identified in the six year transportation plan (TIP) and/or the city of Centralia Comprehensive Plan transportation element; and,

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the sales and use tax will apply to persons who shop and thereby use the roads in the City and not just to City residents; and,

WHEREAS, the sales and use tax is estimated to generate, approximately \$650,000 of additional revenue per year (based on 2014 sales and use tax figures), which would be used entirely to fund transportation improvements identified in the six year transportation plan (TIP) and/or the city of Centralia Comprehensive Plan transportation element;

NOW THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the District (the "Board") hereby finds that the best interests of the inhabitants of the District require the District to impose a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) and RCW 82.14.0455 for the purpose of providing a portion of the funds necessary to finance transportation improvement projects identified in the six year transportation plan (TIP) and/or

the city of Centralia Comprehensive Plan transportation element (together referred to as the "Project");

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District, the proposition whether the District shall impose a sales and use tax within the limitations established in RCW 82.14.0455 for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election to be held on November 3, 2015. For the purpose of providing funds necessary to pay or finance a portion of the costs of the Project, the Lewis County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Lewis County, Washington, is hereby requested to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition to impose a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of the use tax. The sales and use tax authorized by this section is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the State of Washington under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the District, and shall be imposed for a period of ten years from its first date of collection.

Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the District may use proceeds of such sales and use tax for the purpose of paying or financing a portion of the costs of the Project. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to said official in the following form:

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF CENTRALIA
Sales and use tax levy

The Governing Board of the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Centralia, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2015-01 concerning a sales and use tax to finance transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected, in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, within the District from all taxable retail sales in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years (2016 – 2025) to pay or finance a portion of the costs of transportation improvement projects identified in the six-year transportation improvement and/or comprehensive plans of the City of Centralia. Should this proposition be approved?

APPROVED

REJECTED

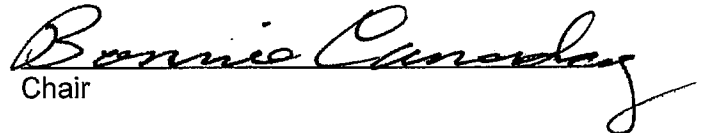
Section 3. Corrections. The Secretary of the District and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such


invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON THIS 14 DAY OF July, 2015.

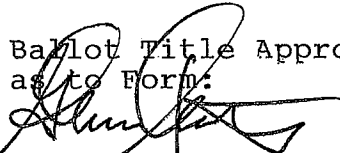
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT
OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA,
WASHINGTON


Chair

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


Secretary

Ballot Title Approved
as to Form:


Glenn Carter, Chief Civil Deputy
Prosecuting Attorney