

SEQUIM RESIDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

PROPOSITION NO.1 TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT SALES AND USE TAX LEVY FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

On July 27, 2009, the Sequim City Council voted to place an initiative on the November 4th ballot. This initiative would provide sales and use tax revenue to improve streets which are components of the City's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Transportation Benefit District (TBD) revenue can be used *only* to fund approved transportation projects within the City. All revenues will remain in the City. No monies go to the county or the state or to the City's general fund.

The approval of Proposition No.1 would increase sales and use taxes for taxable items purchased by city residents, non-residents, tourists, etc., in the City of Sequim on designated items by 0.2%. In other words, a \$100 purchase of items or services covered by this tax would increase the purchaser's cost by 20 cents. Basic necessities such as groceries, prescriptions, gasoline, rent, insurance and mortgages would not be affected by this tax.

Estimates suggest that in the early years the TBD would raise about \$600,000 per year for transportation projects. ***Over two thirds of this revenue would be paid by non-city residents since most of Sequim's sales tax revenue comes from neighbors and tourists, not residents.***

For further details on the TBD and an outline of TIP projects and priorities, please go to the City's website ci.sequim.wa.us and click on Public Works.