

**JURISDICTION:**                      **Transportation Benefit Districts (TBD)**

**RCW:**                                      36.73

**BACKGROUND**

- Cities, towns and counties may establish TBDs to fund capital improvements and operation of city streets, county roads and state highways, high capacity transportation systems, public transportation, and other transportation programs of regional or statewide significance including transportation demand management.
- Counties or cities may create a TBD through interlocal agreement. The areas may include multiple jurisdictions, including all or portions of transit district or port districts, with the approval of those agencies.
- A city TBD may include areas of another city or unincorporated area with approval of the governing jurisdiction.
- A district may not be formed in King, Pierce or Snohomish counties prior to December 1, 2007.
- Creation of the district requires a public hearing and a finding of public interest for formation.
- The Governing body is legislative authority of the city or county creating the district, acting in an ex-officio capacity. A multi-agency district must have at least a five member governing body, with at least one member from each participating jurisdiction.
- Interlocal agreement is provided for multi-jurisdiction districts and the electors are all residents within the district.
- Ownership of the facilities revert to appropriate jurisdictions after improvements are made.
- Existing TBDs in the state include: Point Roberts in Whatcom County, Liberty Lake near Spokane, Ridgefield in Clark County, and Sequim in Clallam County.

**FUNDING**

- Single-year, voter-approved excess property tax levies
- Multi-year, voter-approved levies for bond redemption
- General obligation bonds
- A voter approved sales tax of up to 0.2%, which may not exceed a ten-year period without voter reauthorization
- A \*voter approved motor vehicle license renewal fee of up to \$100 (\*except for passenger only ferry transportation improvements, up to \$20 may be imposed without voter approval if imposed in a jurisdiction-wide TBD)
- With voter approval, vehicle tolling; however, tolls on state routes must be administered by WSDOT. All tolls must be approved by the Transportation Commission.
- LID formation
- Late-comer fees
- Commercial and industrial development fees related to transportation projects
- Acceptance of gifts, grants, and donations

(See the *Local Tax* section of this manual for information on *Local Option Taxes*.)