

November 5, 2019 Ballot Measure Voter Fact Sheet



PROPOSITION 1: SALES AND USE TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

A 0.2 % Sales Tax Increase would generate approximately \$987,000* annually to address Oak Harbor's unmet transportation needs.

*Estimate based on 2018 sales tax generated

Background Information

In May 2018 City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1835 which created the Oak Harbor Transportation Benefit District # 1 (OHTBD). City Council assumed the duties of the OHTBD via Ordinance No. 1865. On July 24, 2019 City Council passed Resolution 19-16, calling for an initiative to be on the November 2019 Ballot for citizens to vote on whether or not to adopt a 0.2% sales tax (Taxable Retail Sales only) to fund local road improvements, which currently do not have a funding source. Another funding option considered was enacting an additional \$20 per Vehicle License Registration Fee, which would not require a vote of the citizens. The Council determined the per Vehicle License Registration Fee would only impact citizens registering their vehicles locally. All visitors to Oak Harbor benefit from the use of local roadways and the Sales Tax option would be applied to all who shop in Oak Harbor.

Funding Options



0.2% Sales Tax (Taxable Retail Sales only) will generate an estimated \$987,000
(Requires a vote of the citizens)



Example of impact: If a family purchased a new clothes dryer in Oak Harbor for \$500, currently they would pay 8.7% sales tax (\$43.50). If the sales tax initiative passes, the sales tax would be 8.9% (\$44.50). This equates to a \$1 tax increase on a \$500 purchase.

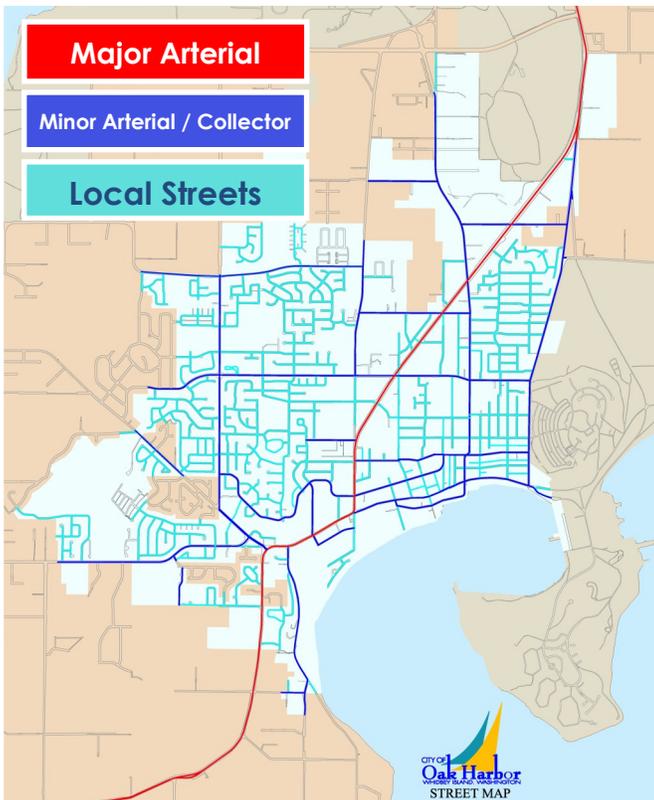


Adding \$20 to the Vehicle License Registration Fee will generate an estimated \$315,236

(Council can enact without a vote of the citizens)



Example of impact: A family that registers two vehicles in Oak Harbor pays approximately \$64 for a car registration and \$104 for a truck registration, for a total of \$168 per year. If the Council enacted the \$20 additional vehicle tab, the total family bill for vehicle registration would be \$208 (\$40 annual increase for a family with two vehicles).



For more information about the projects visit

www.oakharbor.org/tbd

What does the OHTBD Fund?

The OHTBD was created to fund the improvements of "local" streets within the City limits. Other sources of funding are available to improve major and minor arterials and collectors, but local streets do not currently have a funding source. There are approximately 148 lane miles of streets in the city limits, 103 lane miles are local streets. The Street Saver Management Plan, which studied the existing conditions of Oak Harbor's roadways and the Oak Harbor Capital Improvements Plan (2019-2024) are the sources of the OHTBD projects. To review a list of projects and see potential impacts to neighborhood streets, visit www.oakharbor.org/tbd.

Island County Mail in Ballots are due NOVEMBER 5

