

# November 5, 2019 Ballot Measure Voter Fact Sheet #2



## 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

### What does the STREET FUND do and how is it financed?



The Street Fund receives its funding from Fuel Tax Revenue and CAPRON (Special State Compensation). It does not receive General Fund contributions. The Street Fund pays for:

- the maintenance of approximately 103 miles of paved roadways (crack sealing, pothole patching, shoulder maintenance, vegetation and tree trimming in the right-of-way)
- maintenance, installation and replacement of 2,900+ traffic and street signs, 8 signalized intersections, 35 School Zone flashing lights, 10 pedestrian-activated lighted crosswalks, 2 radar activated speed reader boards, and striping/pavement markings
- power costs for all street lights including 1,014 PSE owned lights and 271 City owned lights, plus maintenance of the City owned lights
- snow and ice removal



All this work is performed and managed by a staff of four people. After all of these expenses, there has been very little remaining for street overlay or reconstruction projects.

### What could the proposed 0.2% sales tax revenue be used for?

If approved, only local access / residential roads will be repaired. In addition to road repair, the funds can be used for sidewalk and pedestrian / bicycle lane improvements.



*\*Over for Scenario Years by Treatment Map\**

### For more information about the projects visit

[www.oakharbor.org/tbd](http://www.oakharbor.org/tbd)

### What would the sales tax apply to?

Taxable retail sales means goods and services, such as buying household wares and getting your car's oil changed. Exemptions are food, prescription drugs, etc. For more information, visit WA Department of Revenue <https://dor.wa.gov/find-taxes-rates/retail-sales-tax>.

### What will the impact be if the sales tax passes?

Passage of the proposition will provide a ten-year funding source for the 103 lane miles of local roads. The estimated revenue for one year would be \$987,000, based on the sales tax revenue collected in 2018. Using this estimate, over a ten-year period the total revenue would be just under 10 million dollars.

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### What is the difference between the vehicle license registration fee and the sales tax impact?

 If City Council implemented the \$20 Vehicle License Registration Fee, it would bring in approximately  \$315,236 annually, and only residents who register their vehicles locally would be contributing to the maintenance of local streets.

 The 0.2% Sales Tax would generate approximately  \$987,000 annually and would impact tourists, Island County residents, and everyone who uses Oak Harbor's local streets and shops in Oak Harbor.  

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**SCENARIO YEARS BY TREATMENT**

