

RESOLUTION R-5511

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATED TO THE KIRKLAND TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT AND THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND TO ASSUME THE RIGHTS, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS THEREOF AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING RELATED THERETO.

1 WHEREAS, in accordance with chapter 36.73 RCW, the City  
2 Council did establish a transportation benefit district known as the  
3 Kirkland Transportation Benefit District (KTBD) through Ordinance  
4 O-4435 in 2014; and

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6 WHEREAS, code provisions related to the KTBD are codified  
7 at Kirkland Municipal Code Chapter 19.22; and

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9 WHEREAS, at its November 16, 2021 meeting, the Council  
10 considered ways in which revenue generating options available  
11 the KTBD through chapter 36.73 RCW and KMC 19.22 could be  
12 activated to help fund priority projects from the Safer Routes to  
13 School Action Plans, the Active Transportation Plan and for other  
14 lawful purposes; and

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16 WHEREAS, at such meeting the Council, through  
17 Resolution R-5502, amended the 2021-2022 City Work Program  
18 to add a goal of activating the authority of the KTBD for the  
19 purpose of funding Safer Routes to School Action Plan priority  
20 projects, Active Transportation Plan priority projects, Vision Zero  
21 Plan priority projects and other active transportation projects to  
22 further the Goals of Community Safety, Vibrant Neighborhoods,  
23 Inclusive and Equitable Community, Balanced Transportation, and  
24 Dependable Infrastructure; and

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26 WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 36.74 RCW, a city in which  
27 a transportation benefit district has been established with  
28 boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the city may by  
29 ordinance or resolution of the city legislative authority assume the  
30 rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the transportation  
31 benefit district ("assumption") in accordance with such chapter;  
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34 WHEREAS, the boundaries of the city of Kirkland and the  
35 KTBD are coterminous; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to initiate the  
38 assumption process related to the KTBD by indicating the Council's  
39 intention to conduct a public hearing to consider such assumption,  
40 by setting a date for such public hearing, by providing for the  
41 publication of public notice of such hearing at least twice, and by  
42 stating that all persons interested may appear and be heard (even  
43 if that is required to occur remotely due to then-applicable COVID-  
44 19 pandemic restrictions), all as provided for by RCW 36.74.020.

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regular City Council meeting on February 15, 2022 related to the potential assumption of the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the Kirkland Transportation Benefit District by the City of Kirkland. The regular City Council meeting will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. City Council meetings are generally held at Kirkland City Hall, but the February 15 meeting hearing may be closed to in-person participation due to applicable health care standards related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If that is the case, all persons interested may appear and be heard by ZOOM, telephone, or through written testimony.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution at least two times during the two weeks preceding the scheduled hearing in a newspaper of general circulation printed or published in the coterminous boundaries of the city of Kirkland and the Kirkland Transportation Benefit District. The City Manager shall utilize all City communication channels to publicize the scheduled hearing. The City Manager shall also develop a community engagement plan about the process and purposes for which any transportation benefit district funding options could be utilized, which plan shall be presented as part of the scheduled hearing.

Section 3. Following such public hearing, the City Council may close the hearing and act on the issue of assumption, or continue the hearing from time to time, not exceeding 60 days in all.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 1 day of February, 2022.

Signed in authentication thereof this 1 day of February, 2022.

  
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Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kathi Anderson, City Clerk