



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2025-3510
Ordinance: 26-011

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Notice of Intent to conduct a public hearing concerning the assumption of the rights, powers, immunities, functions and obligations of the Snohomish County Transportation Benefit District (TBD).

Scope: This ordinance is procedural in nature and ensures compliance with state law by formally setting the required public hearing.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: The County Council sets a hearing to determine whether the assumption of rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations of the Snohomish County Transportation District would satisfy the public interest or welfare, on April 22nd, 2026.

Background: Establishing a hearing date is the necessary first step toward assumption, providing transparency, public participation, and a clear process for the County Council to evaluate whether assumption of the TBD is in the public interest.

RCW 36.74.010 authorizes a county legislative authority to assume the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of a TBD. According to RCW 36.74.020, this assumption process must begin with the adoption of an ordinance or resolution stating the Snohomish County Council’s intention to consider assumption and directing that a public hearing be held.

The ordinance or resolution must set a time and place for the hearing at which the County Council will consider the proposed assumption and must provide that all interested persons may appear and be heard. State law further requires that notice of the hearing be published at least twice during the two weeks preceding the hearing in newspapers of general circulation within the county.

Action Requested: For Council to move the ordinance to March 25th GLS to set time and date for a Public Hearing, with the suggested date and time of April 22nd, 2026, at 10:30 am.