



Memorandum

DATE: September 20, 2018

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Nytasha Walters, Transportation Services Manager

RE: Shoreline Proposition 1

CC: Randy Witt, Public Works Director
Sara Lane, Administrative Services Director
Nora Daley-Peng, Senior Transportation Planner

Requested Board Action

Tonight's presentation is for informational purposes only.

Project or Policy Description and Background

On July 30, 2018, the Shoreline City Council voted to place a sales and use tax for sidewalk improvements on the November 6 general election ballot (Proposition 1). If approved by Shoreline voters, Proposition 1 would increase the sales and use tax in Shoreline by two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). Sales tax in Shoreline is currently set at 10.0%. Proposition 1 would increase it to 10.2% for a period of 20 years. The City would use the money generated to construct, maintain, and repair sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements in the City.

The adopted resolution placing the sales tax on the ballot identified 12 high priority sidewalk projects for construction. The projects, all part of the 2018 Sidewalk Prioritization Plan, are:

STREET	FROM	TO
15th Ave NE	NE 150th St	NE 160th St
Meridian Ave N**	N 194th St	N 205th St
8th Ave NW	North side of Sunset Park	Richmond Beach Rd NW
Dayton Ave N	N 178th St	N Richmond Beach Rd
19th Ave NE	NE 196th St	NE 205th St
1st Ave NE	NE 192nd St	NE 195th St
Westminster Way N	N 145th St	N 153rd St
Ballinger Way NE**	19th Ave NE	25th Ave NE
Dayton Ave N*	N 155th	N 160th St
5th Ave NE*	NE 175th St	NE 185th St
Linden Ave N	N 175th St	N 185th St
20th Ave NW	Saltwater Park entrance	NW 195th St

* Two sides of the street (bus route)

** Add sidewalk on second side of the street (bus route)

6a. Sales Tax Measure for Sidewalks

Current projections show that the money generated will be more than the cost to construct the above listed high-priority projects. If this occurs, once the above listed projects are completed, the City Council will fund additional sidewalk projects using the 2018 Sidewalk Prioritization Plan and Prioritization Matrix as guides. Council may also choose to use available funds to expedite repair and maintenance of existing sidewalks. All monies generated from the ballot measure must be expended to support the City's sidewalk program.

Increasing the sales and use tax by 0.2% would add two cents to every ten-dollar purchase of taxable goods or services within the city.

Budget Implications

If the sales and use tax does not pass, the City will continue to largely depend on success with highly competitive, and relatively modest, federal, and state grant programs to fund the construction of new sidewalks.

Additional Information

For more information about sidewalk improvements, please contact Senior Transportation Planner, Nora Daley-Peng at ndaleypeng@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2483. For more information about the sales and use tax, please contact Administrative Services Director, Sara Lane at slane@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2301.