

# Ballot measure submission cover sheet

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## Ballot Measure Information

2025 election date of participation

☐ February 11

☐ April 22

☒ August 5

☐ November 4

Proposition

type of measure (levy, bond, etc.)

## Contact Information for Publication

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

**A RESOLUTION,** of the City Council of the City of Wenatchee, Washington, acting through its assumed powers of the Transportation Benefit District, providing for a ballot proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the special election that is scheduled in conjunction with August primary election to be held on August 5, 2025, to authorize a sale and use tax to be imposed within the boundaries of the City upon all taxable retail sales and uses in the amount of two-tenths of one percent for a period of not more than ten years, commencing on January 1, 2026, for the purpose of funding projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Program adopted by the City, general street maintenance and repairs, and transportation infrastructure.

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**WHEREAS,** chapter 36.73 RCW enables cities and counties to create transportation benefit districts to finance and carry out transportation improvements necessitated by economic development and to improve the performance of transportation systems; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to chapter 36.73 RCW, the Wenatchee City Council approved Ordinance No. 2011-60 creating a Transportation Benefit District (the "District") with boundaries coterminous with the City of Wenatchee, Washington (the "City"); and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2014-21 amending prior Ordinance No. 2011-60 to extend the dissolution date of the District to December 31, 2030; and

**WHEREAS,** the District was originally organized as a legally separate municipal entity and taxing authority from the City; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2015-35, whereby the Council assumed the rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations of the District, as allowed by RCW 36.74.020, and as a result, the District was absorbed into the City and is no longer considered a legally separate entity; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has identified the sales and use tax as an authorized source of revenue identified in chapter 36.73 RCW to acquire, construct, improve, provide and fund transportation improvements within the City that are consistent with any state, regional, or local transportation plans and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels; and

**WHEREAS,** RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) gives transportation benefit districts the authority to impose a sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 in the total amount of three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) for a period of ten years; and

**WHEREAS,** as authorized by RCWs 36.73.040(3)(a), 36.73.065(4)(v), and 82.14.0455, the City Council, on September 22, 2022, passed Ordinance 2022-19, that permits the

reasonably foreseeable congestion; and the cost of all necessary design, engineering, financial, legal and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, and other costs incurred in connection with the transportation improvements.

3. Action. The City, acting through its assumed powers of the District, will take the necessary action to place a ballot measure before the voters pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) to impose a sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455.

**Section 2.** Sales and Use Tax. If approved by a majority of voters voting at the August 5, 2025 election, the City Council shall fix and impose an additional sales and use tax as authorized by RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) and RCW 82.14.0455 upon all taxable retail sales and uses at the rate of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the selling price (in the case of sales tax) and the value of the article used (in the case of the use tax). Revenues of the sales and use tax shall be dedicated to transportation improvements. The sales and use tax shall be imposed for a period not to exceed ten years. The tax shall be in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, including, but not limited to, the one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) sales and use tax authorized by Ordinance 2022-19 effective January 1, 2023, and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW, as amended, upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the City. The City Council may reduce the amount of the sales and use tax in the manner provided by law.

**Section 3.** Ballot Measure. The Auditor of Chelan County, Washington (the "Auditor"), as ex officio supervisor of elections in Chelan County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct an election in the City to be held on August 5, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection, a proposition in accordance with state law and in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON  
(TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT)  
PROPOSITION \_\_\_\_  
SALES AND USE TAX FOR  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The City Council of Wenatchee, Washington, acting through the assumed powers of the Transportation Benefit District, adopted Resolution No. 2025-11 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would increase the sales and use tax rate by 0.2% (for a total rate of 0.3% as authorized by RCW 82.14.0455) to be collected on taxable retail sales within the City for 10 years beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of funding projects identified in the City's Transportation Improvement Program, general street maintenance and repairs, and transportation infrastructure.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes..... [ ]

No..... [ ]

ATTEST:

By: *Tammy McCord*  
TAMMY McCORD, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: *Danielle R. Marchant*  
DANIELLE R. MARCHANT, City Attorney