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**Fife Considers Annual \$20 Vehicle License Fee**

**Fife, WA** – The City of Fife Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Board will consider adopting a \$20 annual car tab fee at its next meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21 at Fife City Hall.

The proposed \$20 vehicle license fee will fund local transportation projects in Fife. Fife City Council formed a TBD in November, 2014, but the TBD has not yet established any revenue stream. If the TBD adopts the proposed \$20 vehicle license fee, it will collect approximately \$150,000 per year. The revenue will be used to improve and maintain the City's residential streets.

"The \$20 car tab fee will help the city to keep up with street maintenance which is important to the residents of Fife," City of Fife Manager Subir Mukerjee said.

Almost 90 cities and towns in Washington have formed TBD's, which are typically funded through additional sales tax or by the adoption of vehicle license fees. Tacoma, Bremerton, Everett, Lakewood, Olympia and Spokane are cities with TBDs funded through vehicle license fees. Seattle's is funded through an \$80 vehicle license fee.

One of the first projects Fife's TBD is slated to fund is repaving David Court, which currently has poor road quality.

If the \$20 vehicle license fee is adopted at the June 21 Transportation Benefit Board meeting, the State Department of Licensing will begin collecting the fees on behalf of the City.

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