

RESOLUTION NO. 230-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO RCW 82.14.045 PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE
ELECTORATE OF THE WHATCOM PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
BENEFIT AREA A PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL TWO-TENTHS OF
ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX**

WHEREAS, the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) is a public transportation benefit area (PTBA) in accordance with the procedures established by Chapter 36.57A RCW; and

WHEREAS, a public transportation benefit area is authorized by RCW 82.14.045 to impose a sales and use tax not to exceed a rate of nine-tenths of one percent to provide funds for the operation, maintenance, or capital needs of public transportation systems, if approved by a majority of the voters in the public transportation benefit area;

WHEREAS, the Whatcom Transportation Authority currently imposes a sales and use tax at a rate of six-tenths of one percent, which has been approved by the voters;

WHEREAS, the Whatcom Transportation Authority is unable to maintain current levels of public transportation services at the six-tenths of one percent tax rate to fund the operation, maintenance, and capital needs of the Whatcom Transportation Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1.

There shall be submitted to the electorate of the PTBA on April 27, 2010, a proposition authorizing the increase of two-tenths of one percent in the rate of sales and use tax imposed by the Whatcom Transportation Authority under RCW 82.14.045 effective October 1, 2010.

Section 2.

As required by RCW 82.14.045, this increase would be used for the sole purpose of providing funds for the operation, maintenance, and capital needs of the Whatcom Transportation Authority.

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WHATCOM COUNTY AUDITOR

Section 3.

The Whatcom County Auditor is requested and directed to place upon the ballot for April 27, 2010 a proposition as follows:

Shall public transportation services in Whatcom County be maintained and improved by authorizing the Whatcom Transportation Authority to impose an additional two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax effective October 1, 2010?

Yes []

No []

Section 4.

A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted forthwith to the Whatcom County Auditor.


PASSED in Open Public Meeting, by the Whatcom Transportation Authority on November 19, 2009.

**WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



SETH FLEETWOOD, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



**VICKI G. ESSER
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



**RICHARD J. LANGABEER
COUNSEL TO THE AUTHORITY**