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Interested in Better Sidewalks, Streets and Pathways?

Lake Stevens Wants to Hear from You!

Lake Stevens, Wash. – The City of Lake Stevens is asking residents and business to participate in an important survey about sidewalks, streets and pathways. The survey can be filled out through the city's website at www.lakestevenswa.gov.

The city has a Transportation Benefit District (TBD), which must be funded by a one, two or three-tenths of 1% sales tax. That's 10, 20 or 30 cents on a \$100 sale of goods. If approved by voters, this funding source would provide revenue to construct critical connections for these transportation needs. Sales tax would apply to both residents and visitors to the city who come for the purpose of shopping and recreation.

“We’re just collecting data at this point to see what residents want,” said Russell Wright, Community Development Director. “If our community agrees to funding a Transportation Benefit District, we will be able to complete more street and sidewalk projects as well as qualify for matching funds from the state or the federal government. This helps local tax dollars stretch further.”

The survey is open for residents and businesses until May 14 at which point responses will be shared with the community. The Lake Stevens City Council is expected to meet on the issue in June or July to discuss funding options before considering a resolution to be on the ballot sometime this fall.

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The City of Lake Stevens, Wash. (pop. 39,000) is located 36 miles north of Seattle in Snohomish County. The City shares the name of the lake it surrounds, and is nestled between the beautiful Cascade Range and Puget Sound. The City's vision is to be “one community around the lake” with a vibrant economy, modern infrastructure, and exceptional quality of life for residents and businesses alike. More information about Lake Stevens can be found at www.lakestevenswa.gov.