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Transportation Benefit District Annual Vehicle Fees Take Effect

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, June 11, 2013 – Owners of vehicles registered on Bainbridge Island will pay an annual \$20 vehicle fee for registrations that are due on or after August 1, 2013. The Bainbridge Island Transportation Benefit District (BITBD) established this fee in January of 2013. The Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) administers the fee statewide for transportation benefit districts that have established a similar fee.

Most, but not all, vehicles are subject to the annual vehicle fee. Examples of exemptions include campers, off-road and non highway vehicles and private use single-axle trailers, all with particular definitions in the Revised Code of Washington. Further information is available on the TBD website: http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us/transportation_benefit_district.aspx

BITBD will begin receiving revenue from DOL on a monthly basis starting in September 2013. The revenue from the TBD fee will be tracked separately from City of Bainbridge Island revenues. The TBD revenue will be retained until spending plans are authorized by the BITBD board. The BITBD board membership is the same as the City of Bainbridge Island City Council. The board is chaired by Debbi Lester.

“The annual vehicle fee is a demonstration of the community, City, and the TBD’s shared commitment to the road network,” said Treasurer Ellen Schroer. “I’m looking forward to working with the BITBD board and the City’s Public Works Department to identify appropriate projects in the coming months.”

For more information, please visit the contact BITBD Treasurer Ellen Schroer (eschroer@bainbridgewa.gov or 780-8619).

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