RESOLUTION 2012-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPPENISH APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON AND THE TOPPENISH TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE COORDINATION OF THEIR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO PURSUE THEIR INDIVIDUAL, JOINT AND MUTUAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE STREETS AND RELATED TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE CITY OF TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Toppenish found it to be in the best interest of the City to establish a citywide Transportation Benefit District for the operation, preservation and maintenance of the City’s streets and related facilities and programs consistent with Chapter 36.73 RCW, to protect the City’s long term investments in that infrastructure, to reduce the risk of transportation facility failures and improve safety, to continue optimal performance of the infrastructure over time, and to avoid more expensive infrastructure replacements in the future; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 2012-2, the City Council of the City of Toppenish established a Transportation Benefit District as authorized by RCW 35.21.225 and subject to the provisions of RCW 36.73; and

WHEREAS, the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District will collect, through the Washington State Department of Licensing, vehicle fees in accordance with Ordinance No. 2012-TBD-02 but lacks internal staff to manage its daily affairs;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Interlocal Agreement between the City of Toppenish and the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is hereby approved.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and signatures hereto.

PASSED by the City Council at its regular meeting held on May 14, 2012.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

LINDA B. MEAD, CMC, Finance Director/City Clerk
EXHIBIT "A"

AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON, AND THE TOPPENISH TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

This agreement between the City of Toppenish, Washington ("Toppenish"), and the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District ("TBD"), each of whom is organized as a Municipal or Quasi-Municipal Corporation under the laws of the state of Washington, is dated this ____ day of May, 2012.

WHEREAS, Chapter 39.34 RCW (Interlocal Cooperation Act) permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate on the basis of mutual advantage;

WHEREAS, Toppenish is empowered to operate, maintain, construct, and reconstruct, public street infrastructure within its city limits in accordance with the powers granted pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020 and Chapter 35A.47 RCW;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 2012-2, the TBD was created to provide funding for preservation, maintenance and improvement of transportation facilities and, as appropriate, construct or reconstruct the existing transportation infrastructure of the City of Toppenish consistent with Chapter 36.73 RCW;

WHEREAS, Toppenish and the TBD desire to better coordinate their efforts in order to pursue their individual, joint and mutual rights, responsibilities and purpose to maintain, preserve and improve streets and related transportation infrastructure within the City of Toppenish;

NOW, THEREFORE, The parties have entered into this agreement in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived and to coordinate their efforts through the structure provided by the Interlocal Cooperation Act.

1. Purpose and Interpretation. Toppenish is empowered by Title 35A RCW to construct, reconstruct, maintain and improve City streets and other related public infrastructure either by contract or through City authorizations. The TBD has been formed in accordance with state law to provide a source of funding for the maintenance, preservation and improvement of streets and related infrastructure within the City limits of the City of Toppenish, Washington. The TBD has no employees and its officers are either City Council Members serving in an ex officio capacity or are City employees designated to serve under the provisions of state law, and private contractors. In order to make the most efficient use of public monies, to avoid duplication of effort and to coordinate their efforts, the parties have entered into this agreement. In the event of ambiguity or the need for guidance arises, this agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Toppenish City Ordinance 2012-2, Chapter 36.73 RCW, the Organizational Rules of the TBD and the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Act and RCW 43.09.210 as the same exists or shall hereafter be amended. In the event that any provision of this agreement is held to be in conflict with existing state statute or any future amendment thereof, such provisions shall be severable, and the remaining provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

2. Obligations of the TBD. In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 36.73 RCW, Ordinance 2012-2, and its Organizational Rules, the Transportation Benefit District agrees to:
2.1 Provide to the City of Toppenish all funding received from any and all lawful sources which the TBD in its sole discretion may levy or assess for the purpose of preserving, maintaining or improving Toppenish streets and related transportation facilities.

2.2 Continue the annual provision of funding for street preservation and maintenance so long as the TBD remains in existence. Such funding shall be in accordance with and limited by the provisions of Ordinance 2012-2, the Organizational Rules of the TBD and Chapter 36.73 RCW. By way of illustration and not limitation:

2.2.1 The TBD shall hold public hearings as required by its Organizational Rules prior to levying or assessing any charge, tax or fee and shall levy or assess such charge, tax or fee only in accordance with law and ordinance.

2.2.2 Develop an annual work plan and designate street maintenance and preservation projects within Toppenish for funding.

2.2.3 Pursuant to a material change policy adopted pursuant to the requirements of RCW 36.73.160(1), the TBD shall consider at a minimum the impacts and appropriate remedies if transportation improvements contained in its annual plan exceed its original cost by more than 20%. The TBD shall consider the input from public hearings and other sources as it determines how such cost changes should be resolved. The obligations of this agreement shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with this adopted policy.

3. Undertakings of Toppenish. Toppenish shall:

3.1 Provide all staff and necessary related support to the TBD. The costs of such support shall be accounted for as a part of the City's annual report to the District. TBD funding shall first be applied to the reasonable charges incurred in establishing and staffing the TBD. Annual services provided may include the services provided by the City Manager, the City Attorney, the Finance Director/City Clerk when serving as the Clerk of the TBD and as its Treasurer, and any associated costs, including but not limited to the preparation of an annual work plan, reporting, advertising, design, contracting, construction management, accounting, and any and all other actual charges associated with the proper application of TBD funding to the preservation and maintenance of City streets and infrastructure in accordance with law and ordinance. In consideration of the benefits derived by Toppenish, overhead charges such as utilities, information technology, office supplies, and equipment shall be a contribution of Toppenish to the parties' joint goals and objectives and need not be directly charged to the TBD.

3.2 Maintain for the period established by the State Archivist retention schedule, financial records, kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice and governmental accounting requirements, as necessary to document that any and all funding received through the TBD is used only for the maintenance and preservation of City streets and infrastructure in accordance with law and ordinance.

3.3 Utilize all funding provided for street maintenance and preservation projects shown on the TBD's annual work plan in accordance with the TBD's material charge policy law and ordinance.

3.4 Be responsible for and respond to all public records requests made to the TBD. The City of Toppenish, Washington Finance Director/City Clerk shall be the TBD public records officer.
4. **Ownership.** Streets and related transportation facilities preserved, maintained and/or improved with TBD funds are and shall remain the property of the City of Toppenish. No joint property ownership is contemplated under the terms of this agreement.

5. **No Joint Board.** No provision is made for a joint board. The TBD shall exercise its function in accordance with its Organizational Rules, using staff as provided by the City of Toppenish, pursuant to this agreement.

6. **No Indemnity.** No indemnification is provided by this agreement. The parties agree to bear their respective liability for any acts or omissions resulting under this agreement as the same shall be determined under the laws of the state of Washington or any mutually approved settlement agreement.

7. **Termination.** This agreement shall terminate or expire as follows:

   7.1 This agreement may be terminated by either party upon the provision of three hundred and sixty-five (365) calendar days notice. A final reconciliation of costs, payment, and a current report of completed activities shall be completed by Toppenish within such period following the notice by either party.

   7.2 Unless sooner terminated by either party, this agreement shall expire on the date when the District is dissolved with accordance with provisions of Ordinance 2012-2, as the same exists or is hereafter amended.

8. **Effective Date.** This agreement shall be effective when listed by subject on the City of Toppenish's website or other electronically retrievable public source.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement on the date first written above.

CITY OF TOPPENISH  
Clara R. Jiménez, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Linda B. Mead, CMC, Finance Director/City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Gary M. Cuillier, City Attorney

TOPPENISH TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT  
Clara R. Jiménez, District Board Chair

ATTEST:  
Heidi Riojas, District Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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