

# How technology modernization will help Transportation Benefit Districts

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#### Transportation Benefit Districts

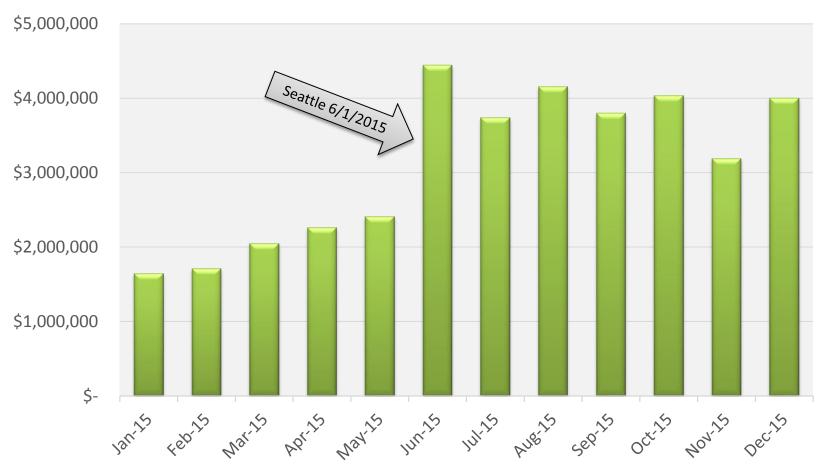


- Statute allows cities and counties to create a Transportation Benefit District (TBD).
- TBD's can place local fee on vehicle registrations to fund transportation projects.
- TBD sets the boundaries of district and contracts with DOL to collect fees.
- There are 50+ TBD's, 5 additional scheduled with 2016 effective dates.

#### Revenue to Locals - 2015

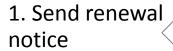






#### How DOL collects TBD fees





- Find most current address (postal service)
- Find taxation jurisdiction (Dept. of Revenue GIS)
- Calculate fees
- Send renwal notice

#### 2. Collect fee

- Verify address
- Online & Office Find taxation jurisdiction (Dept. of Revenue GIS)
- Calculate fees
- Collect fees

#### 3. Distribute fee

• Remit fee to state treasurer for monthly distribution

# Why it doesn't always work



# Using old data lookup technology

 Address has two taxation jurisdictions

2. Address corrections by DOL don't always stick

# Changes aren't in the data yet

3. Waiting for annexation process

4. Waiting for data corrections

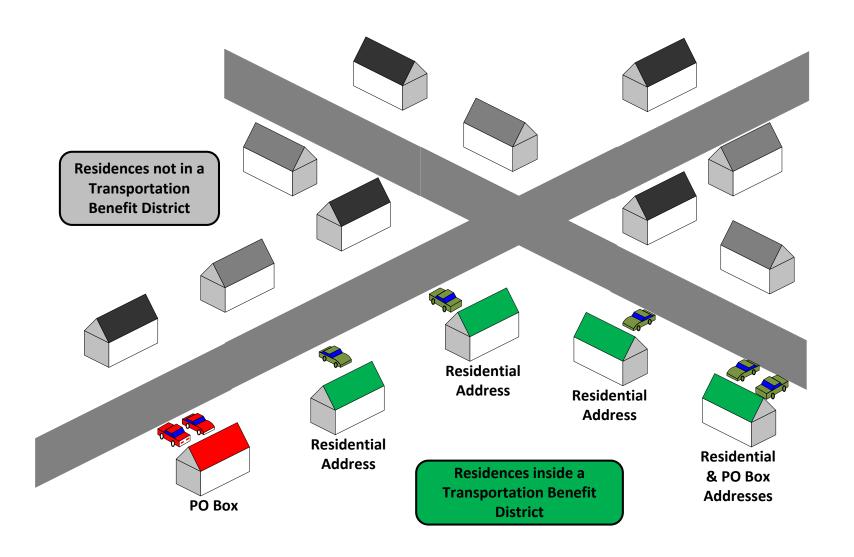
# Can't tell they are in TBD

5. Do not charge fees if address is a PO box

6. DOR sales tax boundary doesn't always match TBD boundaries

#### PO boxes and boundaries

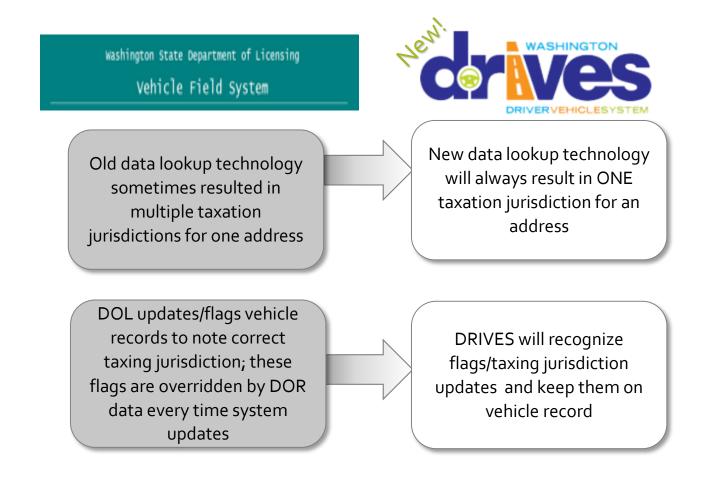




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#### What new system will fix





New system will make significant improvements, but will not solve every issue.

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# Address corrections



OCTOBER 2015 - MARCH 2016	
TBD vehicle renewal count	2,990,624
Total address corrections reported	174
Non-annexation related address corrections reported	56

#### Fraud is an issue as well



- DOL's fraud unit has seen increase of cases of address fraud as geographically-based fees have become more prevalent.
- Vehicle licensing subagent office shut down in 2015; investigation showed employees engaged in address fraud to evade RTA and TBD fees.
- Customer awareness of geo-fees also leads to address fraud to avoid fees.
- New system will be better able to detect.

# Next steps



- New vehicle licensing system rolls out December 2015 and enters stabilization period.
- DOL continues to work with Association of Washington Cities and individual TBDs on specific issues and address problems where possible.