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## **Accountability Audit Report**

# **Marysville Transportation Benefit District**

**Snohomish County**

**For the period January 1, 2014 through November 19, 2015**

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Board of Directors  
Marysville Transportation Benefit District  
Marysville, Washington

### Report on Accountability

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role of providing state and local governments with assurance and accountability as the independent auditor of public accounts. In this way, we strive to help government work better, cost less, deliver higher value and earn greater public trust.

Independent audits provide essential accountability and transparency for District operations. This information is valuable to management, the governing body and public stakeholders when assessing the government's stewardship of public resources.

The attached comprises our report on the District's compliance and safeguarding of public resources. Our independent audit report describes the overall results and conclusions for areas we examined. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your staff and we value your cooperation during the audit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Troy X. Kelley".

TROY KELLEY  
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## AUDIT SUMMARY

### Results in brief

In the areas we audited, District operations complied with applicable requirements and provided adequate safeguarding of public resources. The District also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined.

### About the audit

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of the Marysville Transportation Benefit District from January 1, 2014 through November 19, 2015.

Management is responsible for ensuring compliance and adequate safeguarding of public resources from fraud, loss or abuse. This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to these objectives.

Our audit involved performing procedures to obtain evidence about the District's uses of public resources, compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures, and internal controls over such matters.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity or area. Instead, the areas examined were those representing the highest risk of fraud, loss, abuse, or noncompliance. The following areas were examined during this audit period:

- Disbursements
- Annual report submission
- Government formation and dissolution
- Open Public Meetings Act compliance

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT

A Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is a quasi-municipal corporation and independent taxing district created for the sole purpose of funding transportation improvements within the district. A TBD is created by ordinance of legislative authority (county or city) and may include other counties, cities, port districts, or transit districts through interlocal agreements.

Ordinance 2938 was approved on January 13, 2014 establishing the City of Marysville Transportation Benefit District and adopting a new chapter to the Marysville Municipal Code, 12.06, entitled Marysville Transportation Benefit District. The ordinance specifies that the boundaries for the District be coextensive with the City limits and the City Council of Marysville shall be the governing body for the District, acting in an ex officio and independent capacity.

The District had operating expenditures of \$663,781 in 2014 and \$1,214,940 in 2015. On November 19, 2015 Ordinance 3006 dissolved the District. The City of Marysville assumed the rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations of the District.

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*Information current as of report publish date.*

## Audit history

You can find current and past audit reports for the Marysville Transportation Benefit District at <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch>.

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The State Auditor's Office is established in the state's Constitution and is part of the executive branch of state government. The State Auditor is elected by the citizens of Washington and serves four-year terms.

We work with our audit clients and citizens to achieve our vision of government that works for citizens, by helping governments work better, cost less, deliver higher value, and earn greater public trust.

In fulfilling our mission to hold state and local governments accountable for the use of public resources, we also hold ourselves accountable by continually improving our audit quality and operational efficiency and developing highly engaged and committed employees.

As an elected agency, the State Auditor's Office has the independence necessary to objectively perform audits and investigations. Our audits are designed to comply with professional standards as well as to satisfy the requirements of federal, state, and local laws.

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. In addition, we conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments as well as [fraud](#), state [whistleblower](#) and [citizen hotline](#) investigations.

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