



# Reimbursement Districts

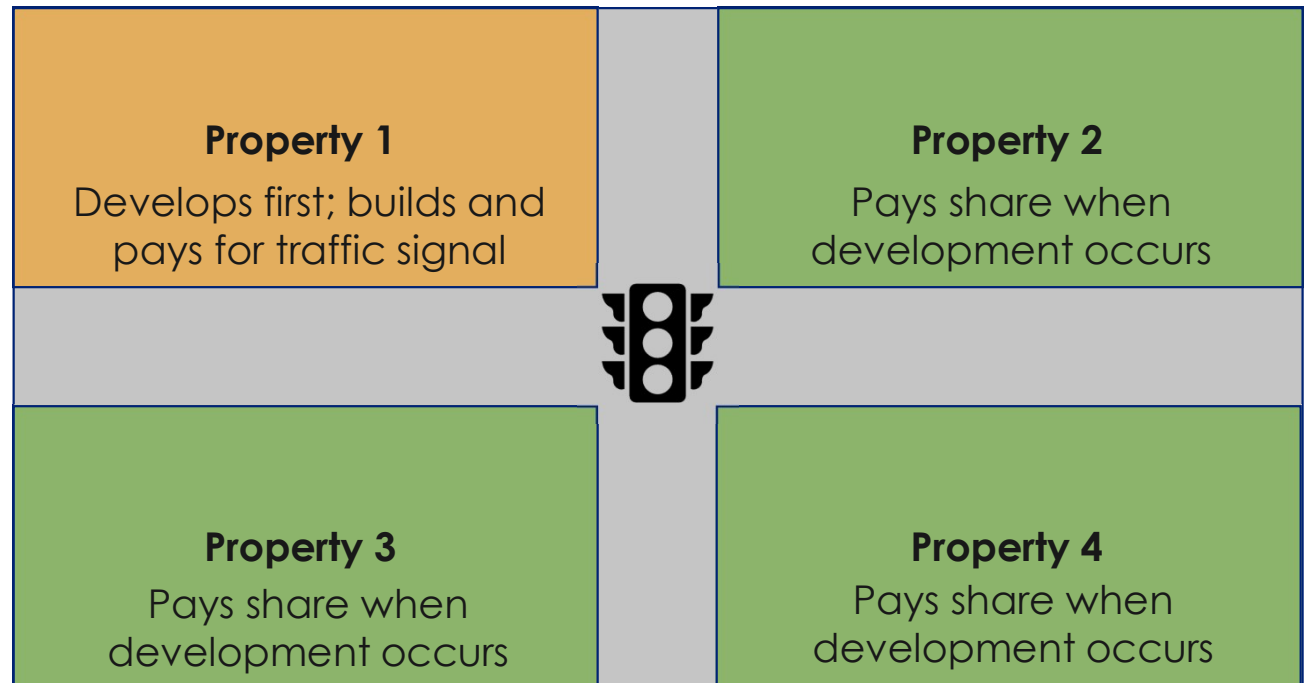
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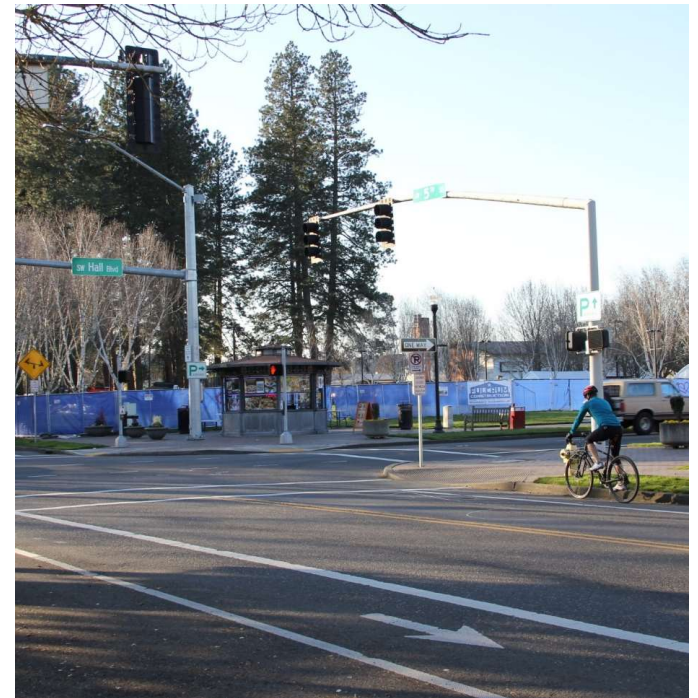
# What is a reimbursement district?

- Tool to share infrastructure costs
- Developer builds an improvement
- Other properties that benefit pay their share when they start using it



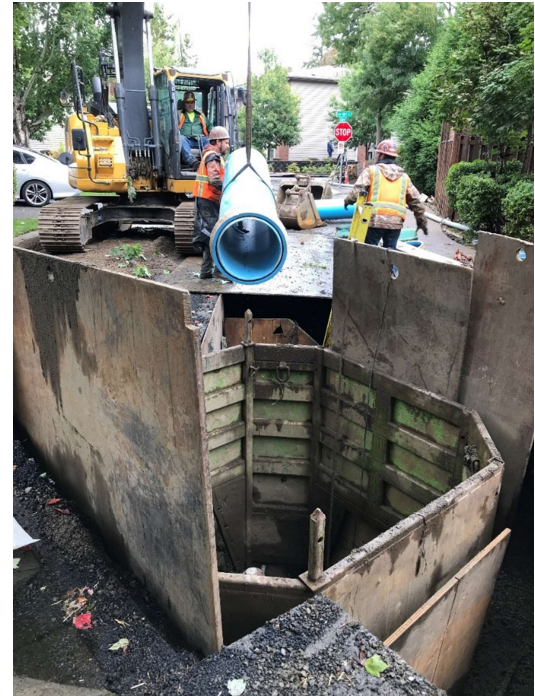
# How do reimbursement districts work?

- Typically:
  - City or developer applies for district
  - Staff prepares a report with cost and methodology for how costs are shared
  - Report reviewed with property owners in district
  - City Council holds public hearing and decides whether to establish district
  - Properties that benefit pay when they start using the infrastructure



# What could this be used for?

- Examples
  - Sewer trunk lines
  - Water lines
  - Utility undergrounding
  - Sub-basin strategy stormwater projects
  - Cooper Mountain utilities
  - Transportation improvements



## Why is this tool beneficial?

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- Provides city with another way to fund projects and share costs among property owners
- Gives city way to spread costs among property owners without liens and property tax assessments that go with local improvement districts
- System development charges, which fund Capital Improvement Plan projects, can't be used for all projects



# Common tool for local governments

- Many other governments that have this tool
  - Clean Water Services
  - City of Gresham
  - City of Hillsboro
  - City of Tigard
  - City of Milwaukie
  - City of Bend
  - City of Portland
  - City of Redmond
  - City of Pendleton



## Next steps

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- If Council asks staff to proceed:
  - Develop draft City Code section
  - Review with stakeholders
  - Revise draft City Code section
  - Council work session
  - Seek City Council approval

# Questions?

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1. Does the Council have questions or comments about reimbursement districts?
2. Should staff proceed with developing Beaverton City Code language to establish reimbursement districts?