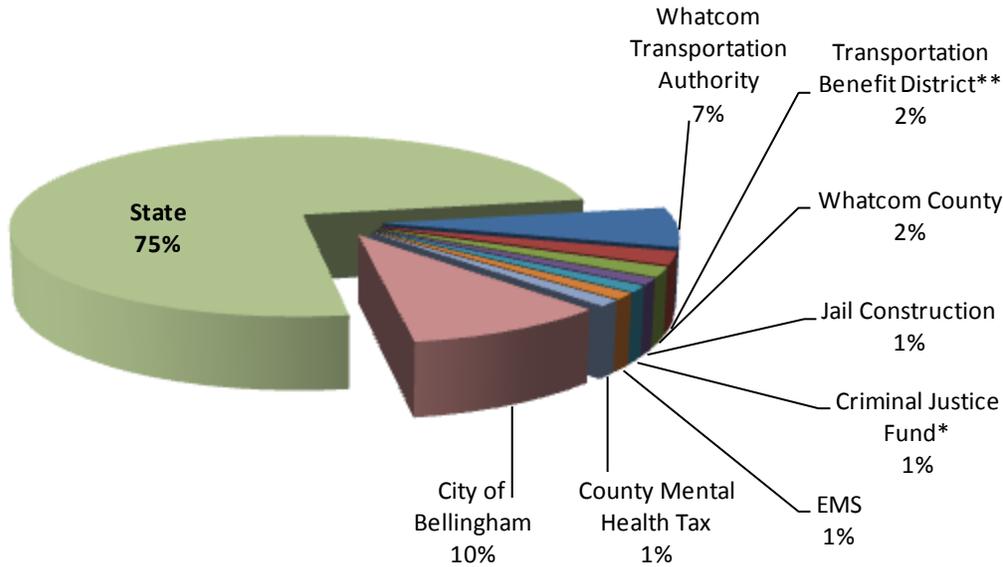


## Distribution of Sales Tax Collected

The sales tax received by the City has historically been divided between the Street Fund and the General Fund. In 2015, approximately 60% will go to the General Fund, 37% to the Street Fund and 3% to fund the radio communication system (previously paid for out of the Street Fund).



### Distribution of Retail Sales Tax

Whatcom Transportation Authority	0.60
Transportation Benefit District**	0.20
Whatcom County	0.15
Jail Construction	0.10
Criminal Justice Fund*	0.10
EMS	0.10
County Mental Health Tax	0.10
<b>City of Bellingham</b>	<b>0.85</b>
State	<u>6.50</u>
<b>Total Retail Sales Tax Rate</b>	<b>8.70%</b>

A sales tax increase of 0.2% within the City of Bellingham for a new Transportation Benefit District (TBD) was passed by voters in November, 2010. Collection of the TBD tax began April 1, 2011 and the City received the first revenue distributions at the end of June, 2011. This tax is accounted for in a separate fund.

\*Criminal Justice Fund money is divided between the City and County based on population.

\*\*New 4/1/2011; Voter approved in 2010.