

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Snohomish County Public Works

Transportation Benefit District

APRIL 2026



◀ storm damage



◀ sidewalk discontinuity



◀ bridge restrictions

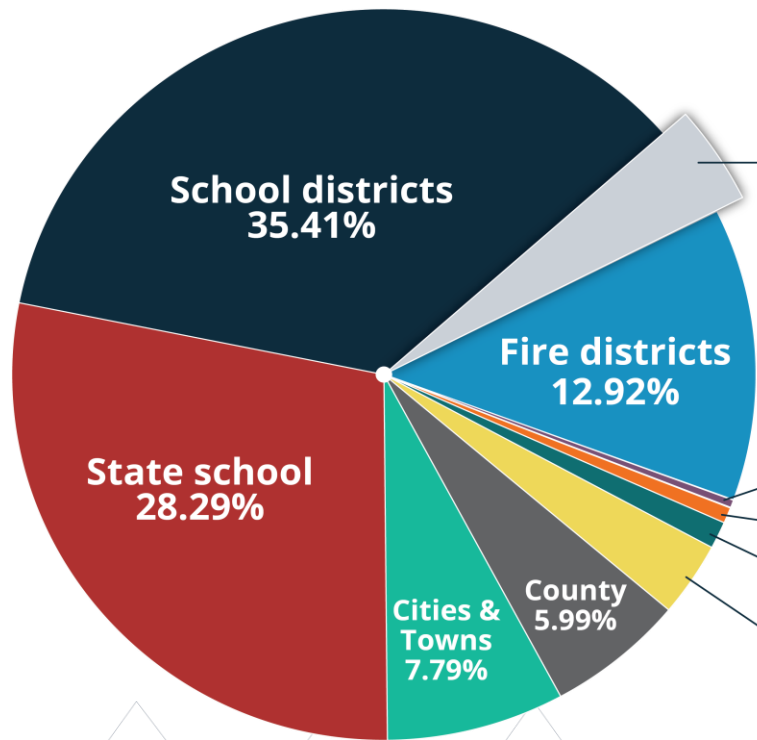


1600
miles of road

210
bridges

200+
traffic signals

COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES (2025)



ROADS – 4.06%

Total collection amount for the road fund - \$75.2 million

- Ports - .33%
- Hospitals - .69%
- Regional Transit Authority - 1.2%
- Libraries - 3.29%

Road Levy comparison (2025)

King County - \$102 million

Pierce County - \$87 million

Snohomish County - \$75 million

ROAD FUND – EFFICIENT USE OF FUNDS

3 : 1

Grants vs.
Road Fund

Total grant funds: \$146 million

- ▶ Federal - \$116.5 million
- ▶ State - \$28.1 million
- ▶ Local - \$1.1 million



- ▶ One-third of the funding for the Larch Way/Logan Road and Locust Way intersection project came from the Transportation Improvement Board grant.

FUNDING CLIFF NOW

Systemic funding problem years in the making with costs outpacing revenue.

- Road Levy limited to 1% increase
- Gas tax declining
- Extreme inflation of **39%** Seattle Area Construction
- Mandates for fish passages, drainage, asset management, etc.



AT RISK: PROJECTS, GRANTS & ROADS



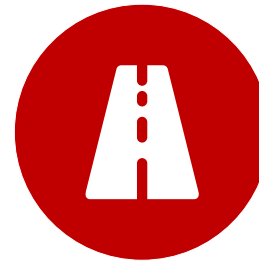
At risk of returning grant funds:



14 projects

\$66.5 million

At risk of arrears:



8 roads

within **10 years**

Council District	TIP #	Project Name
1, 3, 4, 5	D.70	2023 Countywide Safety Spot Improvements
3		4th Ave W/132nd St SW Modular Roundabout
1	D.67.02	84th St NE & 123rd Ave NE Intersection Safety Improvements
3	E.60	Alderwood Mall Parkway, SR525 to 168th St SW
3	C.00.77	Center Rd Pedestrian Improvements: 10 Ave W to 8 Ave W
1	D.41.14	Goodman Cr. Culvert - Mountain Loop Hwy
1	F.39	Granite Falls Bridge #102
2,4	C.41	Interurban Trail Improvements: 167 Pl SW to 160 St SW
1	B.01.22	Jordan Road Overlay
1	F.60	Larson Road Bridge #101
1	F.57	Pilchuck Creek Bridge #626
5	D.64	S. Machias Rd & Dubuque Rd Intersection Improvement
5	F.59	Snohomish River Bridge #1 - Scour Mitigation
all		2025 Crossing Improvements, Various Locations

Council District	Road
3, 4	Larch Way
3	128th St SW
2, 3	Gibson Rd
4, 5	York Rd/35th Ave SE
3, 4	Poplar Way
3	148 th St SW/Jefferson Way
3	204 th St SW
3, 4	Maple Rd

Arrears designation shuts down growth in the SWUGA.

ACTIONS TAKEN – ALL AVAILABLE TOOLS USED

~\$100 million reduction for road projects

~\$10 million cut operational expenses

- ▶ Use of reserves (fund balance)
- ▶ Sale of surplus properties
- ▶ Short-term cash borrowing
- ▶ Leveraging County Road Fund dollars for grants
- ▶ Significant cuts and delays to ACP/TIP
- ▶ Increased vacancy rate – 18% = 74 staff ★
- ▶ Reduced service levels
- ▶ Reduced overtime to essential work only ★
- ▶ No seasonal or temporary staffing ★
- ▶ Cuts to spending (ex: vehicle fleet, overtime and comp time, hardware and software, travel and conferences) ★



★ Recommended by Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce

▶ culvert failure

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Near-Term

- **Transportation Benefit District**
 - \$20 annual vehicle fee
 - Unincorporated county only
 - \$6 million annual revenue
- **Strategic vacancy management**
 - Currently 74 FTE/18%
 - 34 FTE's at risk
 - No hiring of seasonal workers

Medium-Term

- **Fee cost recovery and indexing**
 - Increase traffic mitigation fees
 - Title 13 fees adjusted and tied to inflation – done in 2026
- **Voter-approved revenue**
 - Road Levy lid lift



CITIES WITH TBD

City	Established	Sales Tax	Vehicle License Fee
Arlington	2013	0.20%	
Bothell	2015		
Brier	2025		\$20
Edmonds	2008		\$40
Everett	2014		\$20
Granite Falls	2015		\$20
Lake Stevens	2018	0.20%	
Lynnwood	2010	0.10%	\$40
Marysville	2013	0.20%	

City	Established	Sales Tax	Vehicle License Fee
Mill Creek	2026		\$20
Monroe	2012	0.20%	
Mountlake Terrace	2011		\$20
Mukilteo	2017	0.10%	
Snohomish	2010	0.20%	
Stanwood	2012		\$20
Woodway	2025		\$20

Darrington, Gold Bar, Index, Sultan do not have a TBD.

As of March 11, 2026



IF NO TBD

- \$66.5 million in grants to be returned
- Cancel 14 projects
- Reduction in force 34 FTE in 2026
- Reduced maintenance and operations across all areas
- Increased road degradation
- No ACP/TIP (only overlay)
- Sets back transportation network by 10-20 years



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**ANY
THOUGHTS,
QUESTIONS or
FEEDBACK?**

