

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Snohomish County Public Works Transportation Benefit District

MARCH 2026



storm damage



sidewalk discontinuity



bridge restrictions

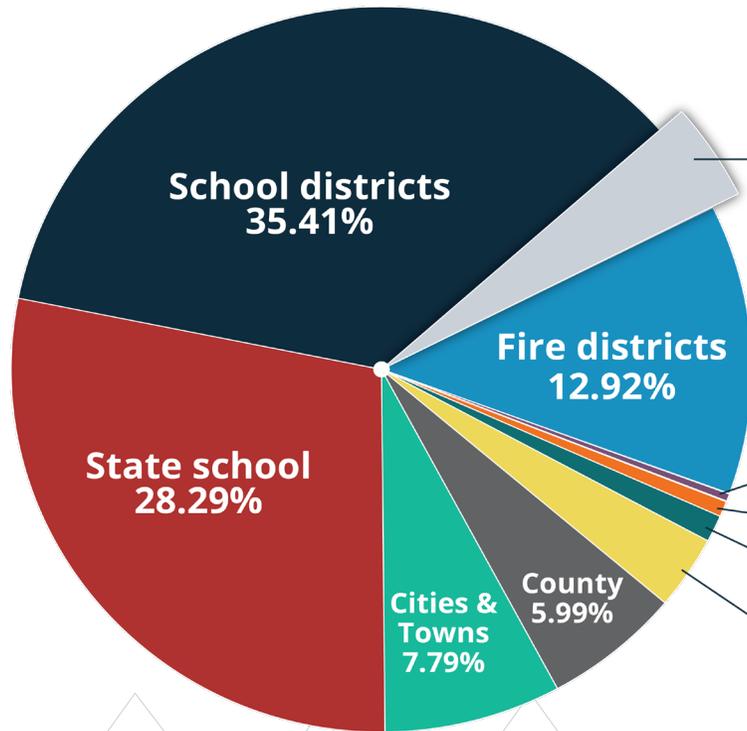


1600
miles of road

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



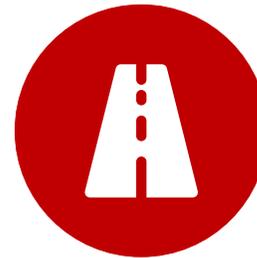
At risk of returning grant funds:



14 projects

\$66.5 million

At risk of arrears:



8 roads

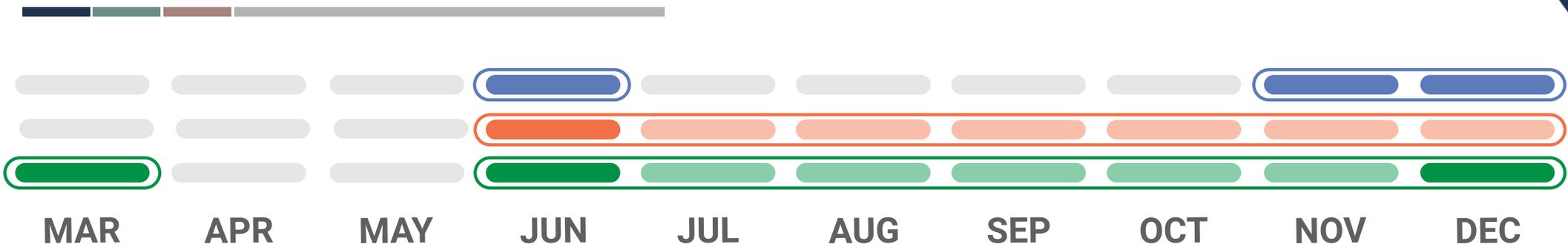
within **10 years**

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.

TIMELINE



TBD Related

March – TBD ordinances sent to council

June 1 – Deadline for TBD adoption

June - November – 6-month delay in TBD revenue collection

December – TBD revenue collection begins

Grant Related

June 1 – Deadline for demonstrating grants have resources to keep projects going

June - December – Cancel projects and implement staff layoffs (if TBD not adopted by June 1)

Budget Related

June – Draft department biennial budget due to Executive's office

November/December – Council adoption of biennial budget

If TBD adoption delayed, revenue collection pushes to 2027, which means returning grants, winding down projects, and staff layoffs.

WHY JUNE DEADLINE

Public Works must demonstrate local resources to keep **\$66.5 million** in active federal and state grants within terms and conditions.

Adoption by June 1 is the only path to revenue collection by December 2026, as DOL takes 6 months to implement.

Later vote forces the worst-case scenario:

- ▶ Return \$66.5 million in grant funding
- ▶ Cancel 14 projects
- ▶ Lay off 34 FTE Public Works staff
- ▶ Reduced level of service

Above actions must be completed before end of 2026 and require ~6 months to accomplish.



▶ 164th St SW

ACTIONS TAKEN – ALL AVAILABLE TOOLS USED

~\$100 million reduction for road projects

~\$10 million cut operational expenses

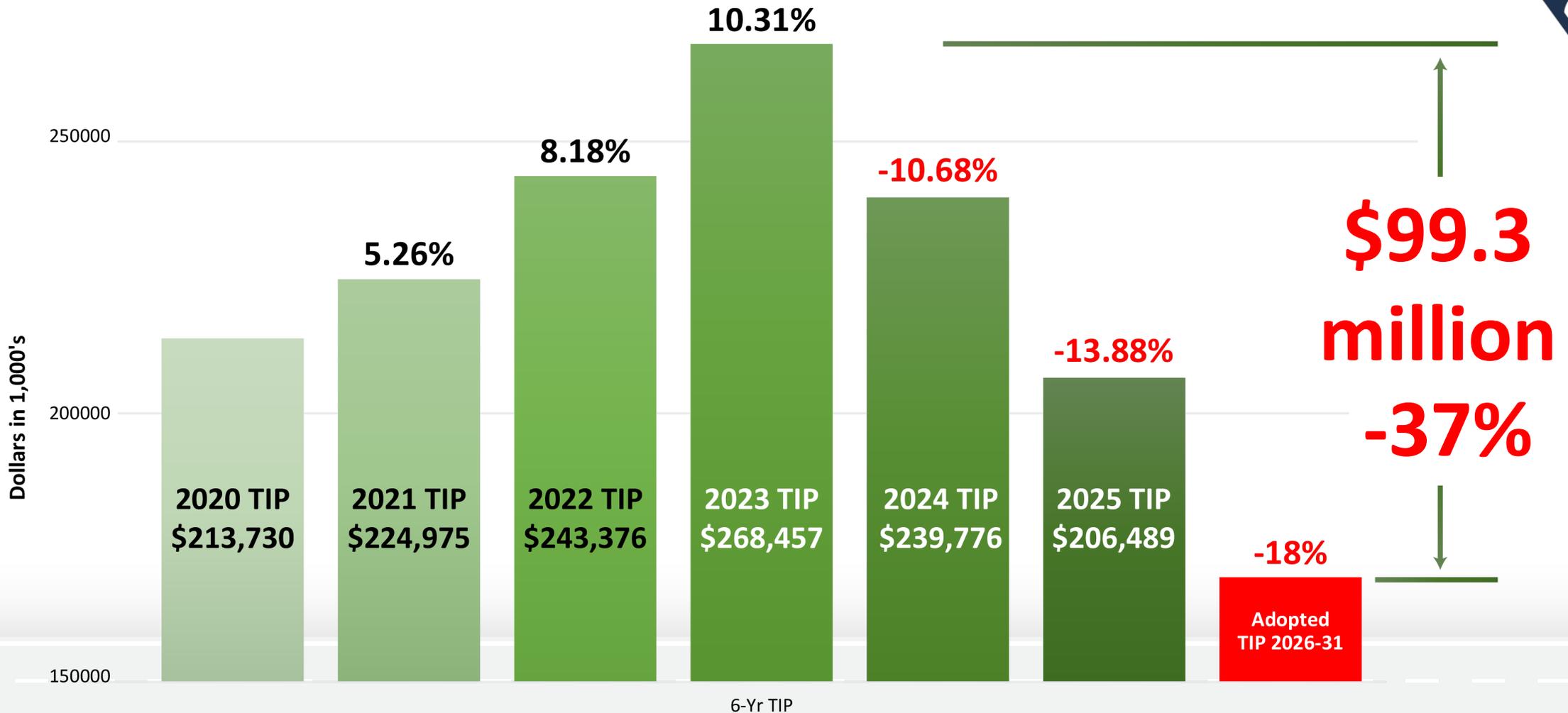
- ▶ Use of reserves (fund balance)
- ▶ Sale of surplus properties
- ▶ Short-term cash borrowing
- ▶ Leveraging County Road Fund dollars for grants
- ▶ Significant cuts and delays to ACP/TIP
- ▶ Increased vacancy rate – 18% = 74 staff ★
- ▶ Reduced service levels
- ▶ Reduced overtime to essential work 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

CAPITAL PROJECT REDUCTIONS



CUT, DEFERRED OR REDUCED

Transportation Improvement Program

- ▶ **Deferred:** 14 projects - \$46.3 million
- ▶ **Pushed out of TIP:** 3 projects - \$25.7 million
- ▶ **Reduced:** 22 projects - \$11.2 million

Deferred Projects moved out 1-2 years

Council District	TIP#	Project Name
2	B.03.12	Beverly Park Rd ADA Upgrades at Fairmount Elem & Center Rd
3	C.00.78	18 Ave W Sidewalk: 151 St SW to Jefferson Way
1,2	E.51	140 St NE: 23 Ave NE to 34 Ave NE (PE only)
3	E.52.01	Ash Way: 164 St SW to Gibson Rd (PE only)
3	E.52.05	Ash Way/Gibson Rd Phase 2: Admiralty Way to 134 St SW (PE & RW only)
3	E.53.02	148 St SW: Jefferson Wy to Ash Wy (PE & RW only)
3	E.54	Poplar Way: 204th St SW to Lynnwood City Limits
3	E.64	Manor Way: 164 St SW to 148 St SW (PE & RW only)
1	F.57	Pilchuck Creek Bridge #626 Replacement
5	F.59	Snohomish River Bridge #1 Scour Mitigation
5	F.61	Sultan Bridge 94 Preventative Maintenance/Painting
	G.10.04	Meadow Rd Culvert Replacement at 13632

Deferred Projects moved out 3-5 years

4,5	E.59	43 Ave SE: SR 524 to 180 St SE (PE & RW only)
5	G.10.01	111 St SE Culvert Replacement at MP 0.35

Deferred Projects moved out beyond 26-31 TIP

1	E.56	67 Ave NE / 152 St NE Intersection Improvements
4,5	E.59.01	43 Ave SE Phase 1: 188 St SE to 180 St SE *(portion of project)
4,5	E.59.02	43 Ave SE Phase 2: SR 524 Roundabout to 188 St SE

Projects or Programs Reduced

Council District	TIP#	Project Name
All	A.21.03	128 St SW / 130 St SW High Capacity Transit Access Study (PE only)
All	B.03	ADA Transition Upgrades
All	B.03.15	ADA Sidewalk Improvements
All	B.27.01	2027 Countywide Resurfacing: Contract Overlay
All	B.27.02	2027 ADA Ramps (Overlay Program)
All	B.28.01	2028 Countywide Resurfacing: Contract Overlay
All	B.28.02	2028 ADA Ramps (Overlay Program)
All	B.29.01	2029 Countywide Resurfacing: Contract Overlay
All	B.29.02	2029 ADA Ramps (Overlay Program)
All	D.02.21	Miscellaneous Signal Upgrades - Contract
All	D.05	Emergent Road Bank Stabilization Projects
All	D.10	Road Safety Program
All	D.10.01	Guardrail Project Locations
All	F.01.15	Bridge Scoping
5	G.02.23	Swans Slough Rd Culvert Replacement near MP 0.03
1	G.02.24	220 St NW Culvert Replacements (Glade Bekken)
5	G.02.25	163 Ave SE Culvert Replacement near 5420 (Panther Creek)
5	G.02.27	Skipley Rd Culvert Replacement near 7405
1	G.02.28	Lakewood Rd Culvert Replacement near 8632
5	G.10.01	111 St SE Culvert Replacement at MP 0.35
5	G.10.03	132 Ave SE Culvert Replacement at 3624
4	G.10.04	Meadow Rd Culvert Replacement at 13632

Maintenance and Operations

- Mowing, brush cutting, manual vegetation and tree trimming
- Ditching and subgrade repairs
- Paving and chip sealing (reduced PCI)
- Guardrail repair and vegetation clearing
- Bridge repairs
- Seasonal staff (2026)

Further cuts to staffing to balance the budget will significantly reduce level-of-service (LOS)

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Near-Term

- **Transportation Benefit District**
 - \$20 annual vehicle fee
 - Unincorporated county only
 - \$6 million annual revenue
- **Strategic vacancy management**
 - Continued reductions
 - Currently 74 FTE/18%

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



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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IF YES TBD

\$20 vehicle fee unincorporated county:

- Preserve \$66.5 million in active grants
- Funds basic road maintenance and operations
- Maintains emergency weather response capacity
- Buys time to pursue additional long-term funding

A TBD alone does not generate enough revenue to recover deficit – additional work with Council needed to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability



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



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March 2026

**ANY
THOUGHTS,
QUESTIONS or
FEEDBACK?**

