

Safe and Secure Bothell

In November 2018, Bothell voters passed two public safety ballot measures; a 12-year Levy “Lid Lift” for additional staff positions in police, fire, court, and supportive services, and a 20-year Capital Bond to rebuild two aging fire stations. The first half of this report provides background information on what is included the levy and bond packages. The second half provides third quarter 2019 progress updates for both programs of work.

[The Levy Lid Lift](#)

This ballot measure increases the amount of property tax revenue the City can collect for the next 12 years (2019-2031) to fund additional public safety staff and services. After 12 years, Bothell residents will have another opportunity to decide on the level and cost of public safety service they desire.



The levy lid lift supports 27 additional public safety staff and other operational and program needs. Key features include: full-time emergency medical services at Station 45, additional patrol shift during peak hours, new Community Crime Reduction team for proactive policing, traffic enforcement, school safety, crime investigation, community engagement, an embedded mental health professional, and more.

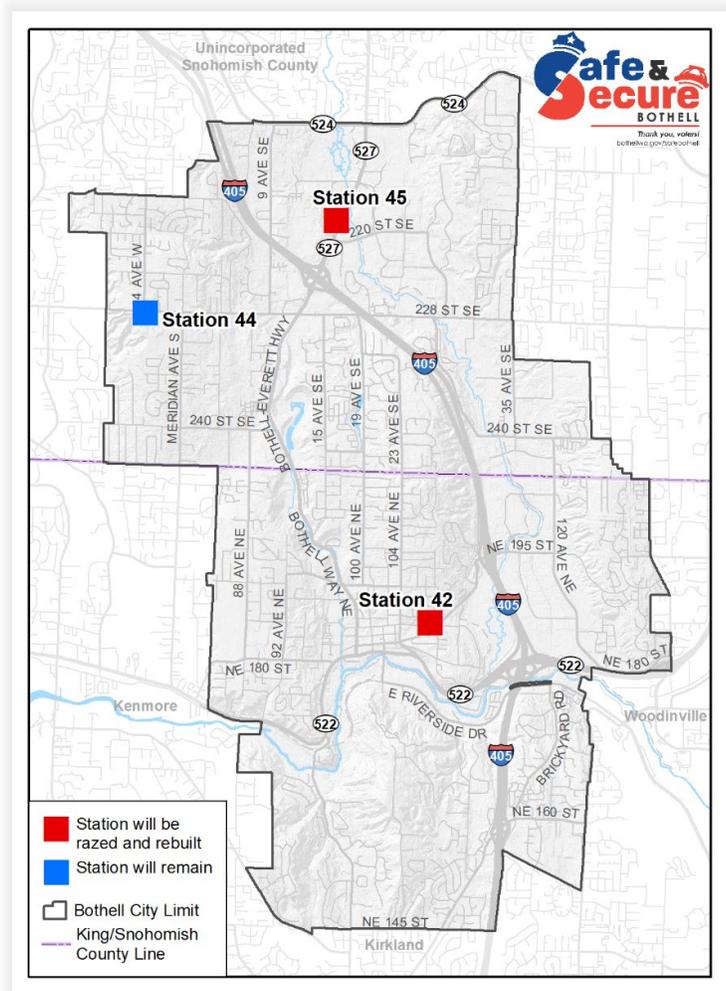
- 2019 tax rate is \$0.43/\$1,000 assessed value (AV)
- Totals approximately \$220/year on a \$500,000 home
- Generates an estimated \$4.85 million in 2019

The Capital Bond

Approval of the Capital Bond allows the City to issue bonds worth up to \$35.5 million to demolish and rebuild Stations 42 (Downtown) and 45 (Canyon Park). Station 44 is a Snohomish County Fire District 10 station and will not be rebuilt. These projects are paid for entirely by the additional, voter-approved property tax revenue the City will collect over the next 20 years (2020-2040).

The rebuilds include health and safety upgrades, technical modernization, energy efficiency, and more to accommodate current and future growth. For context, Station 42 was built in 1980 and Station 45 was built in 1985.

The City issued the first round of bonds in the fall of 2019, meaning Bothell residents will not be taxed for the bond until 2020. Bothell residents' bond tax rate will fluctuate according to the timing of the bond issuances.



Third Quarter 2019 Levy Status Update

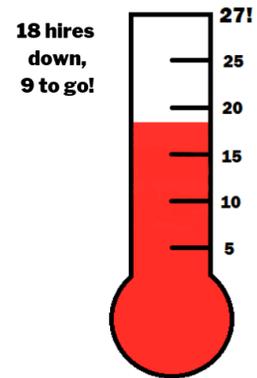
Hiring and Training

Hiring and training for the new levy-funded positions continued as expected during the third quarter. Two officers began training at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, three officers continued with field training in Bothell, and the first levy-funded officer successfully completed training and began working a solo shift. New hires from this time period include:

- 4 Police Officers
- 1 Crime Analyst (police civilian)
- 1 Police Support Officer
- 1 Building Maintenance Specialist

To date, 18 of the 27-total levy-funded positions have been filled:

- Nine of the thirteen Police Officers;
- Four of the six Firefighters;
- Two of the five police civilians;
- One Probation Lead; and
- Two Supportive Service Positions.

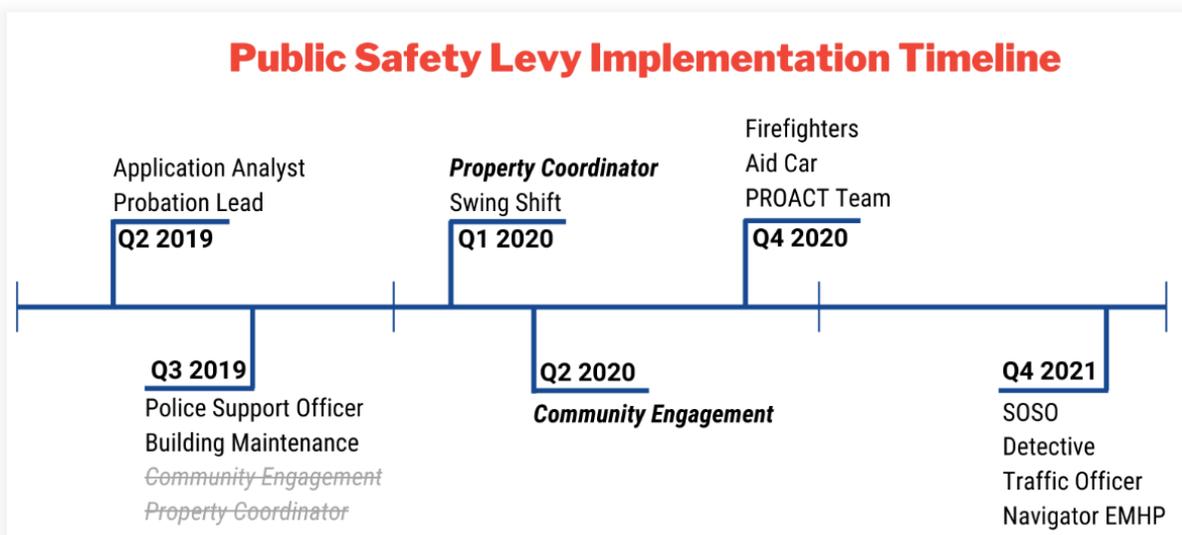


Service Delivery

The Police Department and Public Works Departments implemented three new services in Quarter 3:

- An additional Police Support Officer to safely transport individuals in custody between detention facilities and the court;
- Additional Building Maintenance Specialist to ensure safe, well-maintained public safety buildings;
- and a new Crime Analyst who will be part of the upcoming Community Crime Reduction (PROACT team).

During this time period the Police Department experienced a significant turnover in administrative leadership and staffing due to several retirements and separations. Between backfilling vacancies and maintaining a rigorous background investigation process for all new hires, hiring the Property Coordinator and the Community Engagement Coordinator is taking longer than anticipated. The Police Department expects to hire the Property Coordinator in Quarter 1 of 2020 and the Community Engagement Coordinator in Quarter 2 of 2020. The figure below shows these changes to levy implementation project timeline:



Third Quarter 2019 Fire Station Replacements Status Update

During the third quarter, the Fire Station Replacements Team and the construction project manager, OAC services, continued the process of selecting a progressive design-build team. The City received Statements of Qualifications from eight design-build teams and invited four to submit project proposals. The team conducted interviews with each of the four teams and evaluated the proposals based on the ability to meet time and budget requirements, technical approach, design concept, and other factors. A contract with the highest scoring team will be brought to City Council for consideration in the fourth quarter.

About Progressive Design Build

In contrast to the traditional capital project delivery method, Design-Bid-Build (DBB), Progressive Design-Build (PDB) involves only one contract between the City and a Design-Build (DB) team. The DB team is comprised of the contractor and the architect. This method provides several benefits, including:

- City may select the DB team based on qualifications and cost.
- DB subcontractors can be selected on best value rather than lowest bid.
- Construction often overlaps with design which increases the overall delivery speed.
- Increased cost certainty as the overall price will be negotiated between the City and the DB team.

Communications

Staff continue to tell the Safe and Secure story on the City website and social media, and through community engagement opportunities. See www.bothellwa.gov/safebothell for the latest progress updates and stories on new hires.



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