

Investing in your streets and sidewalks

Bothell voters approved the Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy in November 2016. In 2018, the City received \$4.5 million in levy revenue for the City's transportation network. The priorities for funding are:

- Improve the condition of major streets
- Construct sidewalks and crosswalks around schools
- Patch local streets
- Repair and replace sidewalks
- Fully fund the Street Operations division
- Improve pavement markings



Safe Streets & Sidewalks is a nine-year levy lid lift at an initial rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Due to growth in Bothell, the rate in 2018 was \$0.45898 per \$1,000. For up-to-date information, including maps of past and upcoming projects, please visit www.bothellwa.gov/safestreets.

Revenue

The total revenue collected in 2018 for the levy was \$4,505,311, in addition to the beginning fund balance of \$2,278,802. The revenue received from the Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy funds a critical portion of the City of Bothell's street and sidewalk programs (see Figure 1). Additional revenue sources include Real Estate Excise Tax, the Solid Waste Street Preservation Fee, and the Street Cut Fee.

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Your dollars at work

1,807 Potholes Repaired

Replaced 2,040 linear feet of sidewalk on school walk routes

Installed ten solar-powered flashing crosswalk lights at five locations

Completed 41 miles of crack seal projects

Completed Pavement Preservation projects on Beardslee Blvd. and 228th St. SE

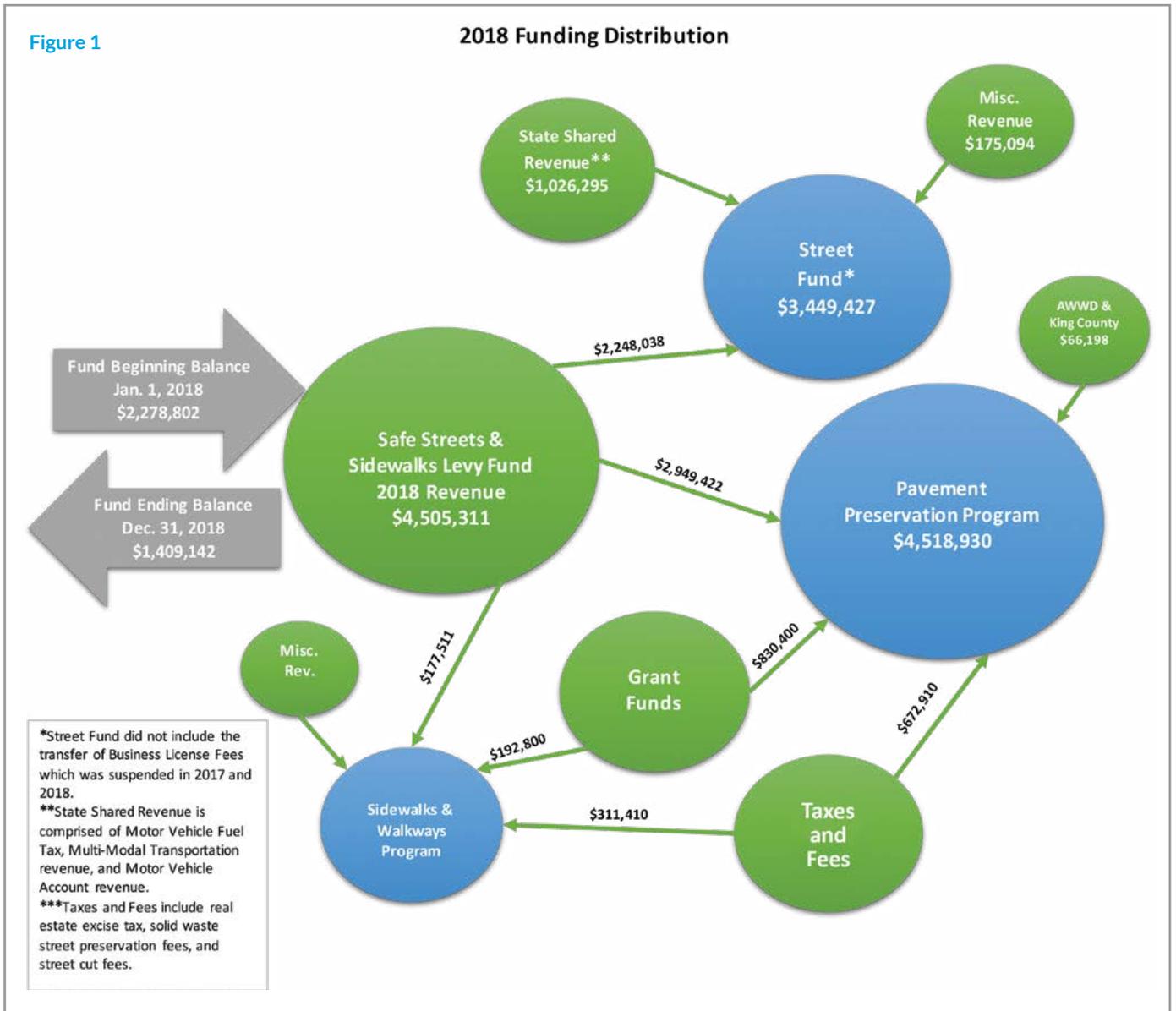
The slurry seal project in the Frank Love neighborhood is complete.

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Expenditures

Spending for programs funded by the Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy is not uniform from year to year, particularly for sidewalk and paving projects. In 2018, the City had increased funding across several sources compared to previous years. Grant funding in particular increased significantly, in part because of the availability of matching funds provided by the Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy.

*Note: The 2018 financial data is draft as of press time. Once the financial audit is complete, final figures will be available.



Street Operations

The successful passage of the levy allows Street Operations to continue critical activities like pothole repair, asphalt patching, sidewalk repair, sign and pavement markings, and emergency response activities like snow and ice removal.

In addition to money received from the Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy, Street Operations expenditures were funded by other revenues such as the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax and permit fees. The City Council voted to suspend the transfer of Business License Fees to the Street Fund from 2017 thru 2020. Part of the Street Operations expenditure shown in 2018 is reversing the transfer of \$500,000 in Business License Fees that occurred in 2017.



Pavement Preservation

The levy funding provides a more robust pavement preservation program that began in 2017. Bothell's Pavement Preservation Program consists of three components: arterial asphalt overlay (resurfacing), arterial seal and repair, and local street seal. Major activities in 2018 were a slurry seal project on the local roads near Frank Love Elementary School, sealing 216,972 linear feet (about 41 miles) of cracks on city arterials and resurfacing these arterials:

- Beardslee Blvd. between Sunrise Dr. to 110th Ave. NE
- 228th St. SE between 19th Ave. SE to 35th Ave. SE

The City spent approximately \$3.6 million more on the Pavement Preservation Program in 2018 than in the prior year. In addition to Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy funds, the program was funded by taxes and fees, including the Solid Waste Street Preservation Fee, and expense reimbursements from Alderwood Water and Wastewater District and King County. Additionally, the City secured over \$800,000 in grants for pavement projects in 2018.



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Safe School Walk Routes

Levy funding provides a more robust program with a specific focus on walkways and crosswalks near schools. Major activities in 2018 were:

- Selected a consultant for the design phase of 7th Ave. SE Non-Motorized Improvements project;
- Completed approximately 75 percent of the design of NE 188th St. Non-Motorized Improvements project; and
- Completed 100 percent of the design of 19th Ave. SE/232nd St. SE/23rd Ave. SE Non-Motorized Improvements project.

Sidewalk and crosswalk projects in 2018 were funded by multiple sources including the Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy Fund, Real Estate Excise Taxes, and the following grant funds from the Washington State Department of Transportation:

- NE 188th St. Non-Motorized Improvements project: \$672,000 (plus a \$600,000 award from the Transportation Improvement Board Complete Streets Program)
- 7th Ave. SE Non-Motorized Improvements project: \$375,000
- 19th Ave. SE/232nd St. SE/23rd Ave. SE Non-Motorized Improvements project: \$749,000



Communications

The City is dedicated to keeping you informed and engaged about the Safe Streets & Sidewalks Program. In 2018:

- The City's GIS team created a dynamic map highlighting current, future and completed Capital Improvement Projects at <https://gismaps.bothellwa.gov/cip>.
- City staff provides regular updates to the community about projects with Construction and Safe Streets newsletters. Sign up at www.bothellwa.gov/notifyme.
- We posted videos on Facebook of the Beardslee Blvd paving project. Watch for a video about the upcoming sidewalk project on NE 188th St.