

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 second 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.

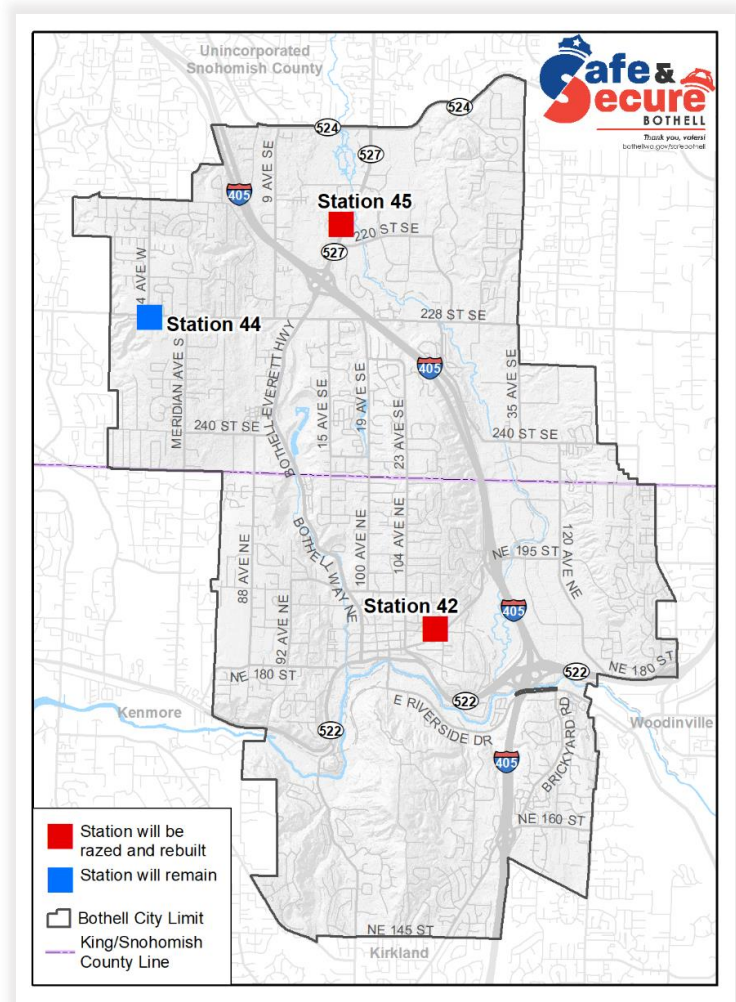
- 2019 tax rate is \$0.43/\$1,000 assessed value (AV)
- Totals approximately \$220/year on a \$500,000 home
- Generates an estimated \$4.85 million in 2019

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 plans to issue the first round of debt in late 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.



Second Quarter 2019 Levy Status Update

Hiring and Training

Hiring and training for the new levy-funded positions continued as expected during the second quarter. Levy hires from this time period include:



3 Police Officers



1 Probation Lead



1 Application Analyst

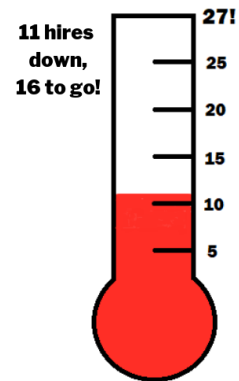
2nd Quarter 2019 Update

Of the three new police officers hired, one will attend the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in September and the other two lateral hires have already begun twelve weeks of Bothell Police Department Field Training. These three officers, joined by two others hired in the first quarter, were introduced to City Council on June 4, 2019.

The Fire Department celebrated the graduation of four levy-funded firefighters from the Fire Academy in April and EMT training in May. These new firefighters were introduced to City Council on May 21, 2019.

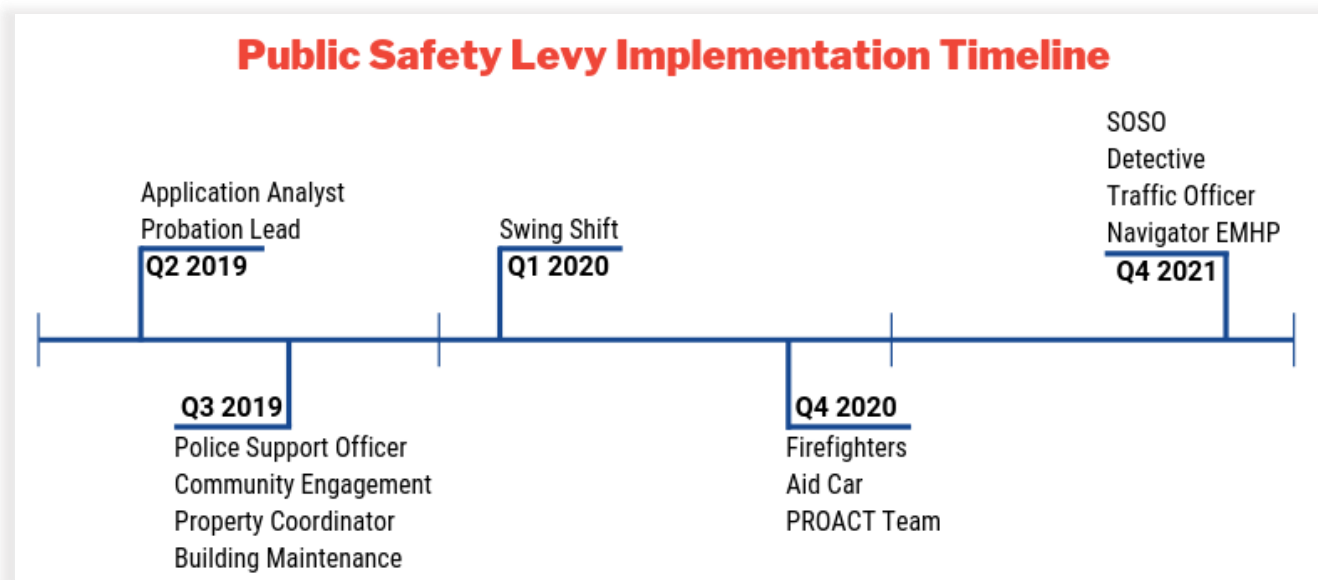
To date, eleven of the 27 total levy-funded positions have been filled:

- Five of the thirteen Police Officers;
- Four of the six Firefighters;
- One Probation Lead; and
- One of the two Supportive Service Positions.



Service Delivery

In Quarter 2, the Levy Implementation Team finalized the project plan, which was presented to City Council on July 2, 2019. The plan considers training schedules for new hires, vehicle and equipment purchasing, and responsible financial planning for twelve years of levy funds. The team determined all of the new, voter-approved services will be provided at full operation by the end of 2021. The figure below shows the levy implementation timeline:



Second Quarter 2019 Bond Status Update

During the second quarter, the Bond Team and the construction project manager, OAC services, identified a design/construction procurement method and schedule. Selecting the appropriate method was an important step in ensuring the successful delivery of not just one project, but potentially four: two new fire houses (Station 42 in the downtown and Station 45 in Canyon Park) and two temporary facilities to maintain continuity of critical life-safety fire operations during construction.

With this in mind, the team selected a method called Progressive Design-Build (PDB). In contrast to the traditional capital project delivery method, Design-Bid-Build (DBB), 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.

Use of this method requires approval from the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Project Review Committee, which was granted on June 28, 2019. Immediately after approval, the City issued a Request for Qualifications for a design-build team. Looking ahead to Quarter 3, next steps in the procurement schedule include reviewing statements of qualifications, narrowing down a list of finalists to receive a Request for Proposal, conducting interviews, and awarding a contract, which is tentatively set for City Council consideration in October 2019.

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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