



SAFE LEVY

Safe Access For Everyone

FACTSHEET

OVERVIEW

The City of Bainbridge Island (COBI) has a clear transportation vision – to make the Island transportation network safe and accessible for all modes of transportation. However, without a dedicated funding source, the City has been unable to make substantial progress towards achieving this vision for the benefit of the community. The Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) Mobility Levy provides dedicated funding to invest in upgraded shoulders, trails with a focus on Safe Routes to Schools, and connections in the Winslow Core. These facilities will make it safer for kids and families to walk to and from school, for different modes of transportation to share the road, and for those of all ages and abilities to walk, bike and roll around the Island.

What kinds of projects will the levy fund?

- 1 CURRENT:** Lack of sidewalk connections in Winslow core
- PROPOSED:** Sidewalk connectivity, enhanced existing crosswalks, and improved ADA accessibility



- 2 CURRENT:** Roads without dedicated facilities for walking or biking
- PROPOSED:** Shoulders with bike lanes



- 3 CURRENT:** Routes to school lack safe facilities and connections
- PROPOSED:** Safe trails and pathways for kids walking and biking to school



LEVY DETAILS

What does the levy include?

The seven-year, \$15-million Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) Mobility Levy proposal groups transportation investments in the four focus areas shown below. Specific projects will be selected by a project selection committee should the levy be approved by voters. The levy proposal also clearly notes that all projects constructed with levy funding will be designed in a manner that minimizes impact to the natural environment. The projects will include:



SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS
for walking and biking



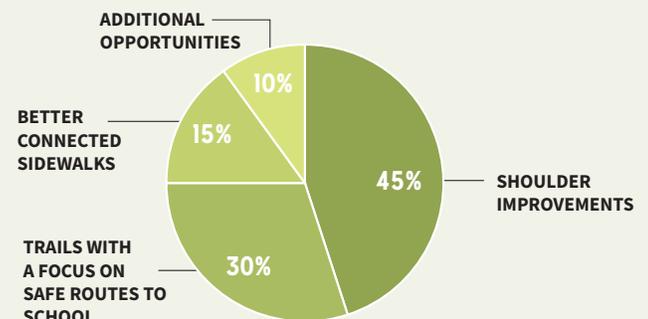
TRAILS WITH A FOCUS ON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
to walk and bike to school



BETTER CONNECTED SIDEWALKS
in the Winslow core



ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPLETE OTHER MULTIMODAL PROJECTS
within the seven-year levy (e.g. Extension of Sound to Olympics Trail)



BACKGROUND

Momentum leading to the creation of the SAFE Mobility Levy has been growing for over 20 years, with the current effort to develop the levy beginning in 2017.

2017

Beginning in 2017, the City began working with a citizen task force, appointed by Council, to review options and provide recommendations for funding transportation infrastructure improvements on the Island, in alignment with the updated City's Comprehensive Plan (2016). The task force held a series of meetings and public workshops over nine months to consider the prioritized infrastructure improvements for funding.

March 2018

In March 2018, Bainbridge Mobility Alliance (BMA), a citizen coalition, surveyed Bainbridge Islanders on their transportation concerns and suggested improvements. BMA received 1,500 survey responses; 88% of those surveyed responded that shoulder improvements on major Island roads were most important with 76% indicating paths/trails the second most important to enable kids to walk or bike to school.

June 2018

In June 2018, the citizen task force gathered public input from its meetings and the BMA survey to develop their recommendations for transportation improvements, which were presented to City Council. The recommendations included \$15 million in new revenue to be dedicated to multimodal transportation, with a focus on shoulder improvements and Safe Routes to Schools.

July 2018

In July 2018, the Council approved Resolution 2018-21, explaining how funds raised by the SAFE Mobility Levy would be used and how the public would be involved in making final decisions on the use of ballot measure funds, if approved.

How much would the levy cost?

The seven-year, \$15-million SAFE Mobility Levy would be paid for through an increase in property tax of approximately \$0.28/\$1000 of assessed value. For example, if the levy is approved by a simple majority of voters, the owner of a \$660,000 home – the median value of a home on Bainbridge Island – would pay an estimated additional \$185 in property taxes per year over a seven-year period.

Current 2018 taxes (City of Bainbridge Island)

ASSESSED VALUE	PROPERTY TAX PAID TO COBI (ESTIMATED)
\$500,000	\$538
\$660,000	\$710
\$1,000,000	\$1076

Current 2018 taxes (City of Bainbridge Island) + SAFE Mobility Levy

ASSESSED VALUE	PROPERTY TAX PAID TO COBI (ESTIMATED)	PROPERTY TAX INCREASE/ YEAR
\$500,000	\$678	\$140
\$660,000	\$895	\$185
\$1,000,000	\$1356	\$280

GET INVOLVED

Now is the time to learn more about the levy. Join us at one of our in-person events or learn more online.



Join City staff at one of our upcoming workshops

- **Saturday, Sept. 22**
Seabold Hall
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 11**
Island Center Hall
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Stop by our table on your ferry commute

- **Monday, Sept. 17-** 3:50 - 6:30 p.m.
Bainbridge - Seattle ferries
- **Tuesday, Oct. 9** - 7:55 - 10:40 a.m.
Bainbridge - Seattle ferries
- **Wednesday, Oct. 24** - 2:55 - 5:45 p.m.
Bainbridge - Seattle ferries



Visit us at the Farmers Market: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- **Saturday, Oct. 6**
- **Saturday, Oct. 20**
- **Saturday, Nov. 3**



General Election Reminders

- **Early October:** Ballots arrive in mailboxes
- **Nov. 6, 2018:** Election day; ballots due



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<https://bainbridgesafemobilitylevy.participate.online/>



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