



**SAFE
LEVY**

Safe Access For Everyone

Connecting Bainbridge: SAFE Mobility Levy



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Agenda

- ▶ Purpose of the levy
- ▶ Background on the levy
- ▶ Overview of the levy (need, funding focus areas and cost)
- ▶ Overview of how the levy will protect the Island's natural environment
- ▶ Recap and overview of next steps
- ▶ How to learn more



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Purpose of the levy

- ▶ The levy invests in facilities for people walking, biking and rolling by providing our community with local transportation choices
- ▶ The choices make it possible for more kids and families to safely walk or bike to and from school
- ▶ The levy also provides improved connections making it easier for bikes, cars and buses to share the road, and for pedestrians to walk safely around the Island



Background: timeline

Momentum leading to the creation of the SAFE Mobility Levy has been growing for the past 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 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.



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Background: timeline (continued)

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.



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Why do we need the levy?

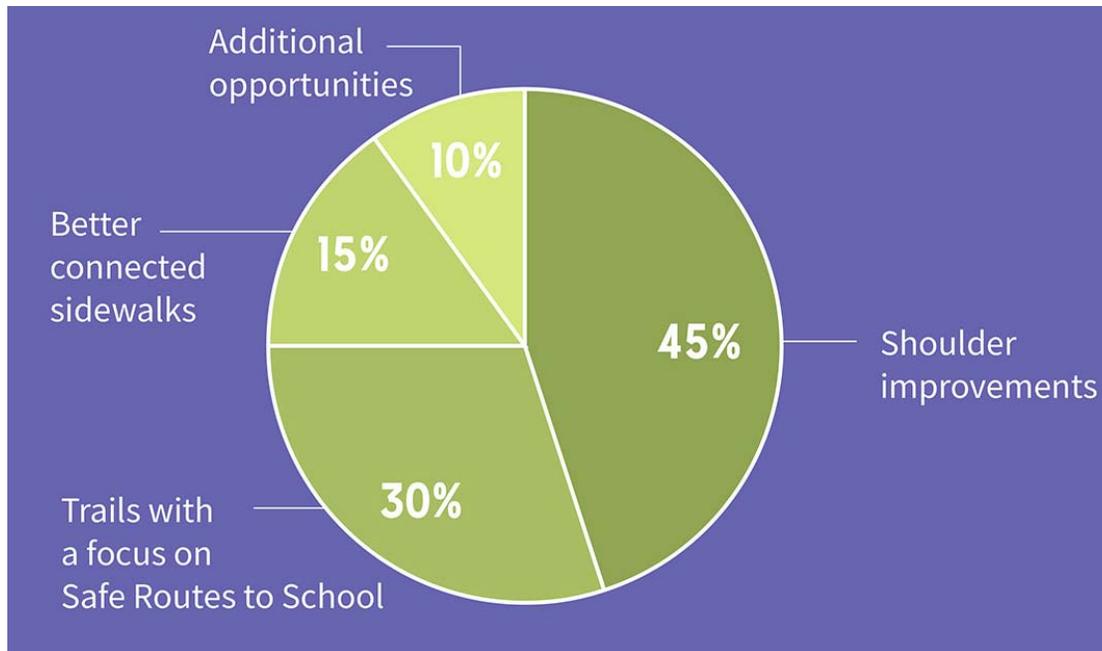
We frequently hear that Islanders do not feel safe walking, biking or using a wheelchair on the Island.

- ▶ In the March 2018 survey, 48% of the 1,500 survey respondents rated “walking in the vicinity of their home” as bad or very bad
- ▶ That same survey showed that 71% of respondents rated the biking environment as somewhat or very unsafe
- ▶ According to WSDOT and City of Bainbridge Island data, 15 of 21 serious injury collisions involved bicyclists and pedestrians from 2012-2016
 - ▶ 5 of the 7 serious injury accidents involving cyclists happened on roadways without shoulder facilities
 - ▶ 3 of 6 collisions not involving cyclists and pedestrians included contributing factors such as run-offs into ditches, collisions with trees and collision with utility poles



What does the levy include?

The seven-year, \$15-million SAFE Mobility Levy proposal groups transportation investments in four focus areas.



Shoulder Improvements

Approximately 45% of funding is dedicated to shoulder improvements, which includes:

- ▶ Adding shoulders that enable safe walking and biking, with visual buffers where appropriate
- ▶ Enhancing safety for all users of roadways, including drivers
- ▶ Prioritizing connections between Neighborhood Service Centers and climbing lanes

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Trails with a focus on Safe Routes to School

Approximately 30% of funding is dedicated to trails with a focus on Safe Routes to School, including:

- ▶ Adding safe connections between neighborhoods and schools, parks and Neighborhood Service Centers

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Winslow Core

Approximately 15% of funding is dedicated to improvements in the Winslow Core, including:

- ▶ Primarily completing sidewalks, enhancing existing crosswalks, and improving ADA accessibility

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Additional opportunities

10% of levy funding is reserved for additional opportunities that may arise during the seven-year levy period, including:

- ▶ Opportunities that arise in cooperation with community partners and development



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
- ▶ The increase in property tax is called a levy lid lift which authorizes the City of Bainbridge to temporarily increase property taxes if the levy is approved by a simple majority of voters

Assessed Value	Property Tax Paid to City of Bainbridge Island (Estimated) <i>Current</i>	Property Tax Paid to City of Bainbridge Island (Estimated) <i>Includes SAFE Mobility Levy</i>	Increase in property tax/year
\$500,000	\$538	\$678	\$140
\$660,000	\$710	\$895	\$185
\$1,000,000	\$1096	\$1356	\$280



How does the levy protect the Island's natural environment?

- ▶ The levy proposal clearly notes that all projects constructed with levy funding will be designed in a manner that minimizes impact to the natural environment
- ▶ Many of these projects contribute to protecting the environment by providing alternatives to driving, therefore reducing carbon emissions



What will the levy mean for Island residents?

- ▶ Variety of transportation choices with enhanced safety
- ▶ Enhanced health and well-being
- ▶ Encourages more kids and families to walk or bike to and from school by providing safe options
- ▶ Reduced congestion and parking demands on Island roads
- ▶ Helps to promote environmental stewardship by designing projects in a way that minimizes environmental impact and reduces carbon emissions



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Process: What Happens Next?

- ▶ September - October: Education/outreach about the levy
- ▶ Early October: Ballots mailed to Islanders
- ▶ November 6, 2018: Election day; ballots due
- ▶ Late 2018: If Levy passes, City Council begins to select a Project Selection Committee
- ▶ Early 2019: Committee works with City staff, Multimodal Transportation Advisory Committee and the public to develop a recommendation for specific projects to build with levy funds



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Learn more

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▶ **Visit:** <https://bainbridgesafemobilitylevy.participate.online/>

▶ **Join City staff at one of our upcoming workshops**

Thursday, Oct. 11

Island Center Hall

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



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Stop by our table on your ferry commute or visit us at the Farmers Market

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Tuesday, Oct. 9

7:55 a.m. Bainbridge ferry

8:45 a.m. Seattle ferry

9:40 a.m. Bainbridge ferry

10:40 a.m. Seattle ferry

Wednesday, Oct. 24

2:55 p.m. Bainbridge ferry

3:50 p.m. Seattle ferry

4:45 p.m. Bainbridge ferry

5:45 p.m. Seattle ferry

► Visit us at the Farmers
Market from 9 AM - 1 PM

Saturday, Oct. 6

Saturday, Oct. 20

Saturday, Nov. 3



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