



Local Services COVID-19 Response Briefing

Local Services Committee

January 26, 2021

Community engagement

- Director's Office staff redeployed to the Public Health HMAC, Executive Office March-May
- PPE distribution: 60,000 masks and 10,000 bottles of hand sanitizer distributed to 22 groups in unincorporated communities
- Outreach to support isolation and quarantine facilities



Isolation/quarantine sites

- **Door-to-door outreach** to notify neighboring businesses and residents of sites
- **Weekly phone calls** with community (South King County, Eastside, White Center, North Seattle, White Center Fire District)
- **Met with community leaders** to provide information and translated materials
- **Media interviews and PSAs** to inform the public



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Community engagement

- Canvassed business districts to assess impacts of COVID on businesses and promote business support programs
- Pivoted to virtual CSA/unincorporated King County meetings; technical support for community virtual meetings
- Held virtual annual CSA meetings

Skyway Residents!
We NEED your
input!

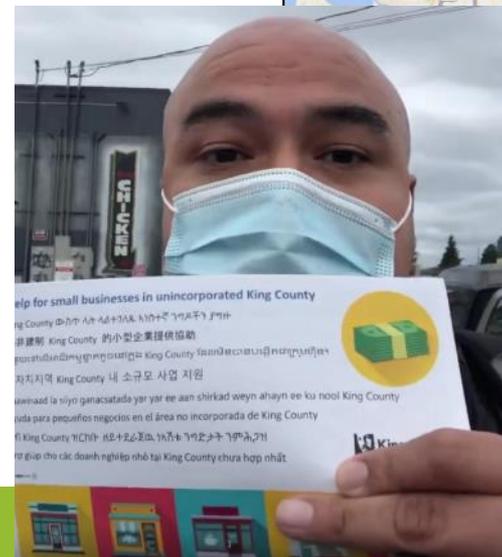
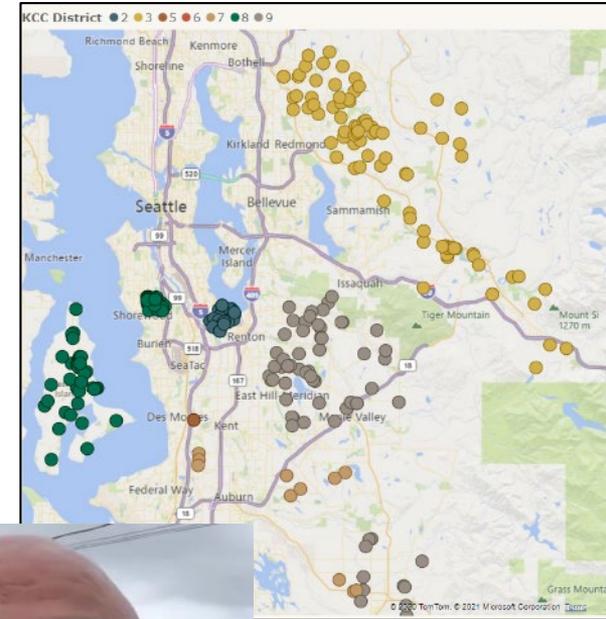


Small Business Assistance Program



Small Business Assistance Program

- About \$2.8 M in direct grants to small businesses
- Technical assistance to more than 513 small businesses
- \$114,000 in grants to chambers of commerce and nonprofits to support business community
- From concept to full disbursement of funds in eight months.



Community Needs Lists – Outreach

- Council direction to integrate community priorities into biennial budgeting
- Leveraged COVID-19 outreach in White Center and Skyway
- Expanded outreach via Zoom and publicinput.com websites



Publicinput.com websites

- www.publicinput.com/eastfederalway
- www.publicinput.com/eastrenton
- www.publicinput.com/fourcreeks
- www.publicinput.com/greatermaplevalley
- www.publicinput.com/fairwood
- www.publicinput.com/SEKingCounty
- www.publicinput.com/bearcreek
- www.publicinput.com/skyway
- www.publicinput.com/northhighline
- www.publicinput.com/vashon
- www.publicinput.com/SnoValleyNEKC



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Participatory Budgeting Update

“Participatory grantmaking cedes decision-making power about funding—including the strategy and criteria behind those decisions—to the very communities that funders aim to serve.”

Source: “Deciding Together: Shifting Power and Resources Through Participatory Grantmaking,”
grantcraft.org



Participatory Budgeting Plan

Q1 2021

Forge the path forward

- Frame approach to Community Investment Committee (CIC) composition
 - Council consultation
 - Community consultation
- Hire committee coordinator
- Engage with community
- Form committee

Q2 2021

Develop the process

- Community Investment Committee (CIC) develops process
 - ✓ Community engagement
 - ✓ Community priorities
 - ✓ Criteria for evaluation
- Proviso response due to Council in August

Q3-Q4 2021

Implement the process

- Develop plans for the communities' highest priorities
- Implement process

Exact schedule depends on Community Investment Committee



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Road Services COVID-19 response



Road Maintenance Operations

Maintaining normal operations, keeping crews safe



COVID-19 response sign in place during snow plowing work in Skykomish



Connie Uribe, masked and on duty at the 24/7 Road Helpline



Jeremy Ferguson with Ming-Ming Tung-Edleman picking up masks from the Refugee Artisan Initiative



Winter Weather Response

January 2020 six-day snow event (greatest snow accumulations around I-90 corridor and NE King County)

- 75 staff on 12-hour shifts for six days
- 22 trucks with plows and sanders
- More than 6,200 lane miles plowed and/or sanded
- 2,200 tons of sand used
- 1,100 tons of salt used



312th near Upper Preston



Roads Maintenance Shop - Skykomish
Division 6 Jan 2020



Flood Response



NE 80th St with 20 inches of water

February 2020 flood

- 8.77 inches rain
- Over 170 Road Services staff working overtime, 24/7, from 2/11 to 2/17
- Closing roads
- Debris removal
- Traffic control
- 60+ roads closed or lane-restricted
- Over 1,551 customer service calls, 2/5/20 - 2/17/20



W Snoqualmie Valley Road – water over roadway



Issaquah-Hobart Road flooding



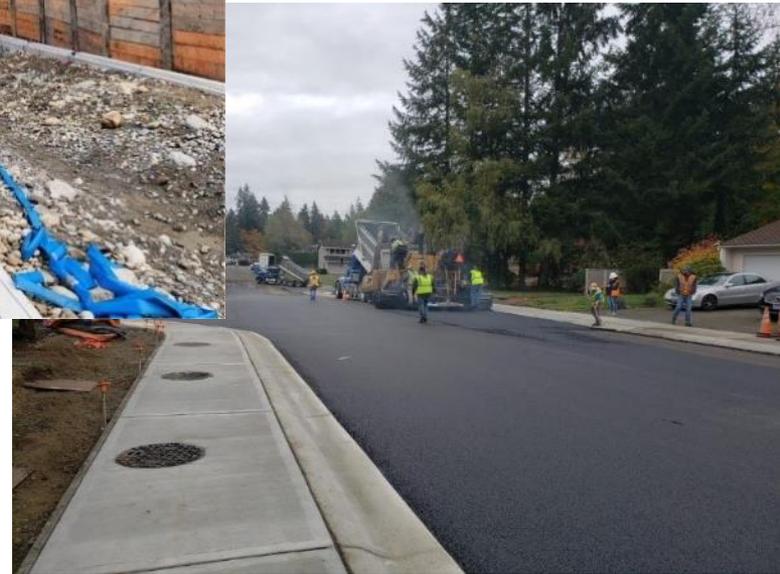
Road Services Capital Project Delivery

Reached substantial construction completion on:

- 18 drainage projects
- 10 bridges repaired or maintained
- 4 school safety projects (including pathways, ramps, and flashing beacons)
- 34 guardrail locations constructed
- 9 guardrail locations repaired
- 6 intersection safety projects
- 3 culvert replacements
- 3 emergency slide repair projects
 - NE Novelty Hill Road
 - 178th Slide Repair
 - 356th Drive SE



162nd Avenue SE/SE
166th Court culvert
replacement at Madsen
Creek during (left) and
after (below) construction



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Roads Capital Project Delivery



**NE Novelty Hill Road emergency slide repair, during and after construction—
one of three repairs completed in 2020.**



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Permitting COVID-19 Response

- Permitting is accepting 100% of permit applications online, primarily via [MyBuildingPermit.com](https://www.mybuildingpermit.com)
- Impacts from revenue and COVID reduced permitting staff from 76 to 60 FTEs
- Backlogs are long, but we expect them to be reduced in the next three months
- Permitting activities are looking strong, and see a potential for increased fee revenues



Thank You

Questions?

