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How can we serve you?



King County Local Services

Community Service Area Town Hall Meeting

Southeast King County

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020

Welcome

John Taylor, Director

King County Local Services



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Schedule

1. Welcome Local Services Director John Taylor
2. Opening remarks Councilmember Reagan Dunn
3. Elections Director Julie Wise
4. Assessor Assessor John Wilson
5. Sheriff's Office Chief Troy Olmsted
6. Community Partner Updates
7. Fiscal State of the County Deputy Budget Director Aaron Rubardt
8. Local Services Updates Director John Taylor
9. King County Briefings Department Staff
10. Q&A / open house
11. Closing Remarks Councilmember Reagan Dunn
12. Thanks and next steps Director John Taylor



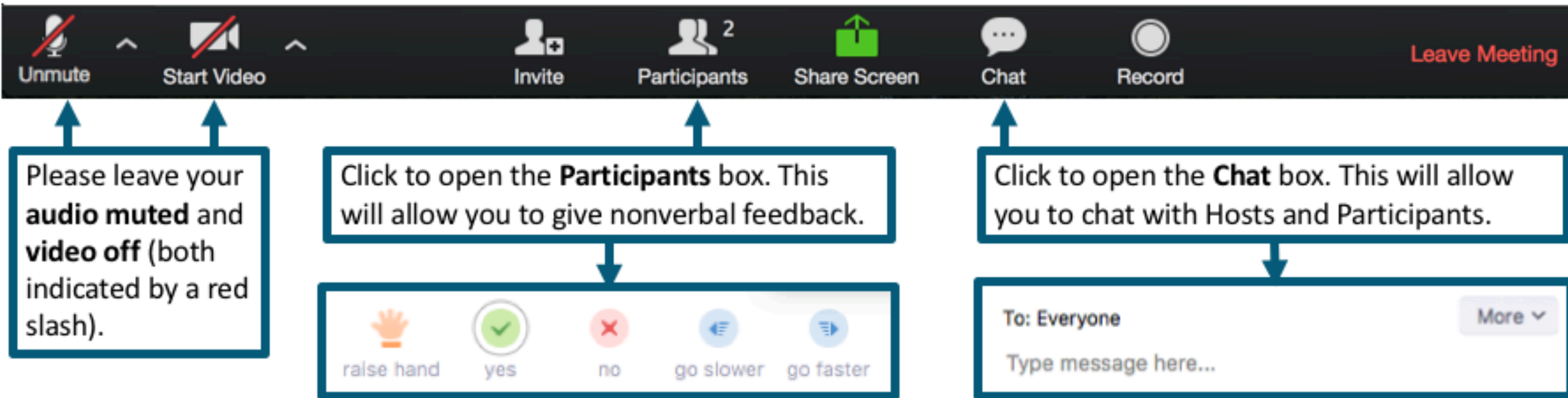
Zoom meetings – housekeeping

- Everyone starts with permission to use video and audio.
- Chat with everyone or a specific individual.
- We can hear you. *Mute your microphone please.*
- We can see you. *Turn off your video if you don't want to be seen.*
- Facilitator/Host can control all functions.
- Be succinct and clear. Use an appropriate volume.

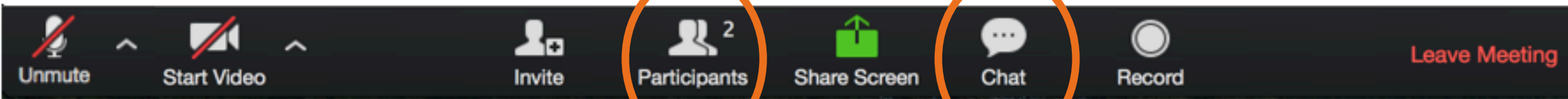
Technology can be challenging and we are all trying our best.
Listen to Aretha: R-E-S-P-E-C-T



Zoom meetings – functions



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Raise Hand

Chat



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TOWN HALL

SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY

Our regional response to COVID-19



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District 9

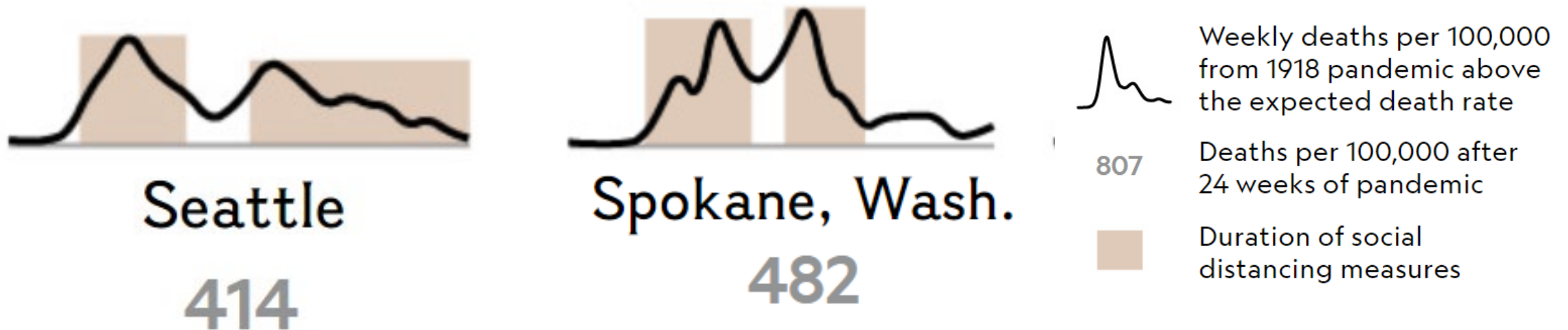
WHAT KING COUNTY IS DOING TODAY

- **Flattening the Curve**
 - Daily KCC leadership meetings
 - Continued coordination with local jurisdictions
 - Quarantine/Isolation Sites , Assessment & Recovery Centers, and Shelter Sites
 - Increasing testing facilities
- **Mitigating the financial, economic & social impacts of COVID-19**
 - Passed 4 COVID-19 emergency budgets, funding a wide variety of COVID-19 operational programs and economic relief for individuals, businesses, & organizations.
 - Taking up 5th COVID-19 emergency budget late fall
 - Postponed property tax deadline to June 1; created property tax payment plans
 - Project CARE
- **Planning for the recovery**
 - Distributing 5 million cloth face coverings and 20 million disposable face coverings to residents, workers and businesses
 - Economic Recovery Work Group meeting on September 18
 - Updating pandemic and emergency plans
 - UW study of King County's response to the COVID-19 crisis



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1918 FLU PANDEMIC

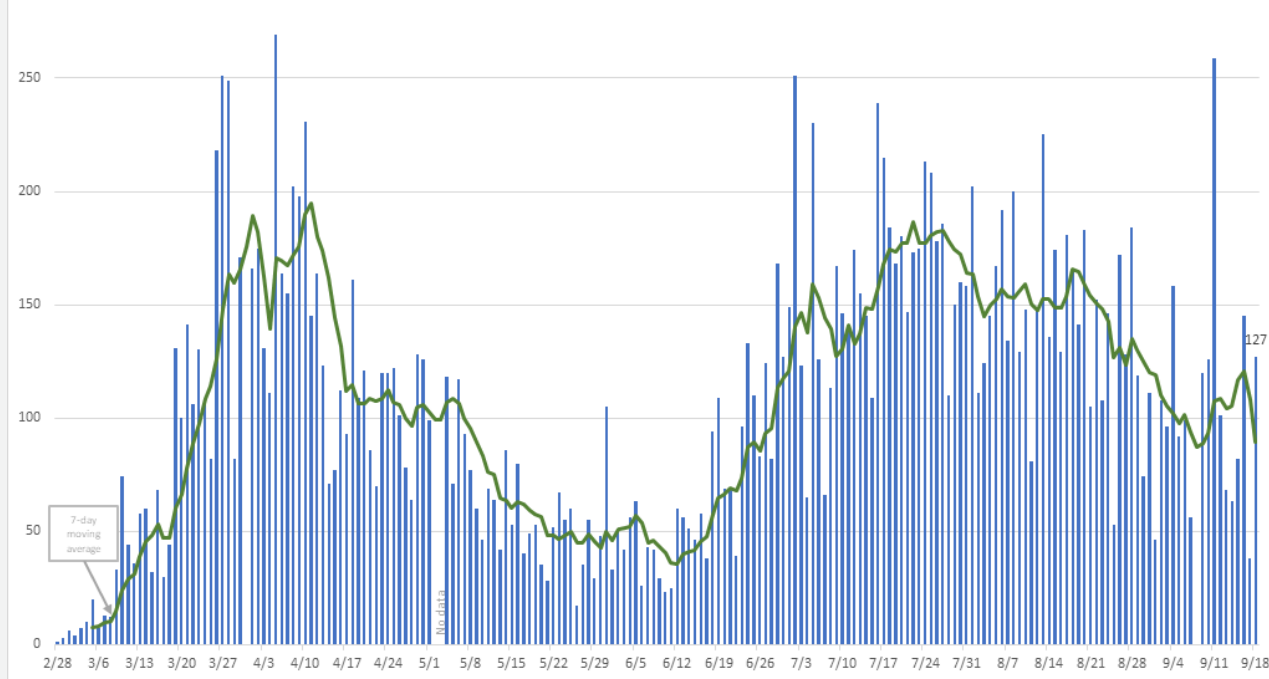


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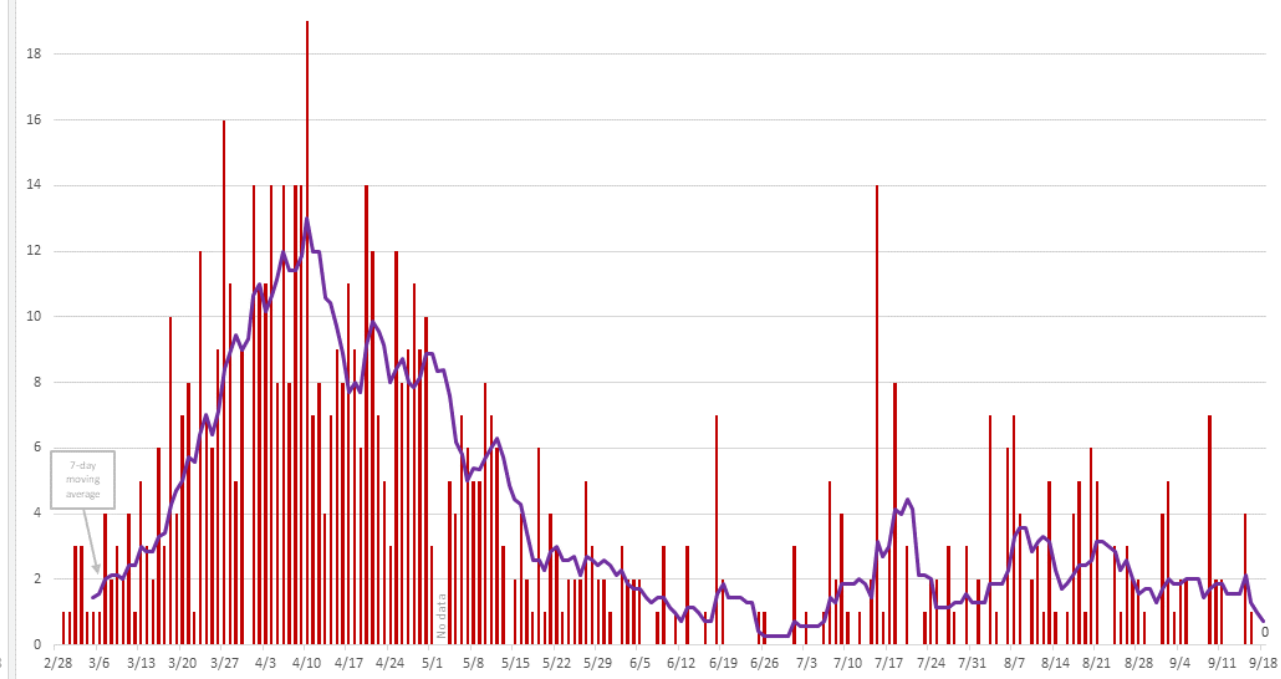
Source: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/2020/03/how-cities-flattened-curve-1918-spanish-flu-pandemic-coronavirus/#close>

KING COUNTY COVID-19 CASES

King County COVID-19 - New Cases (by day announced)



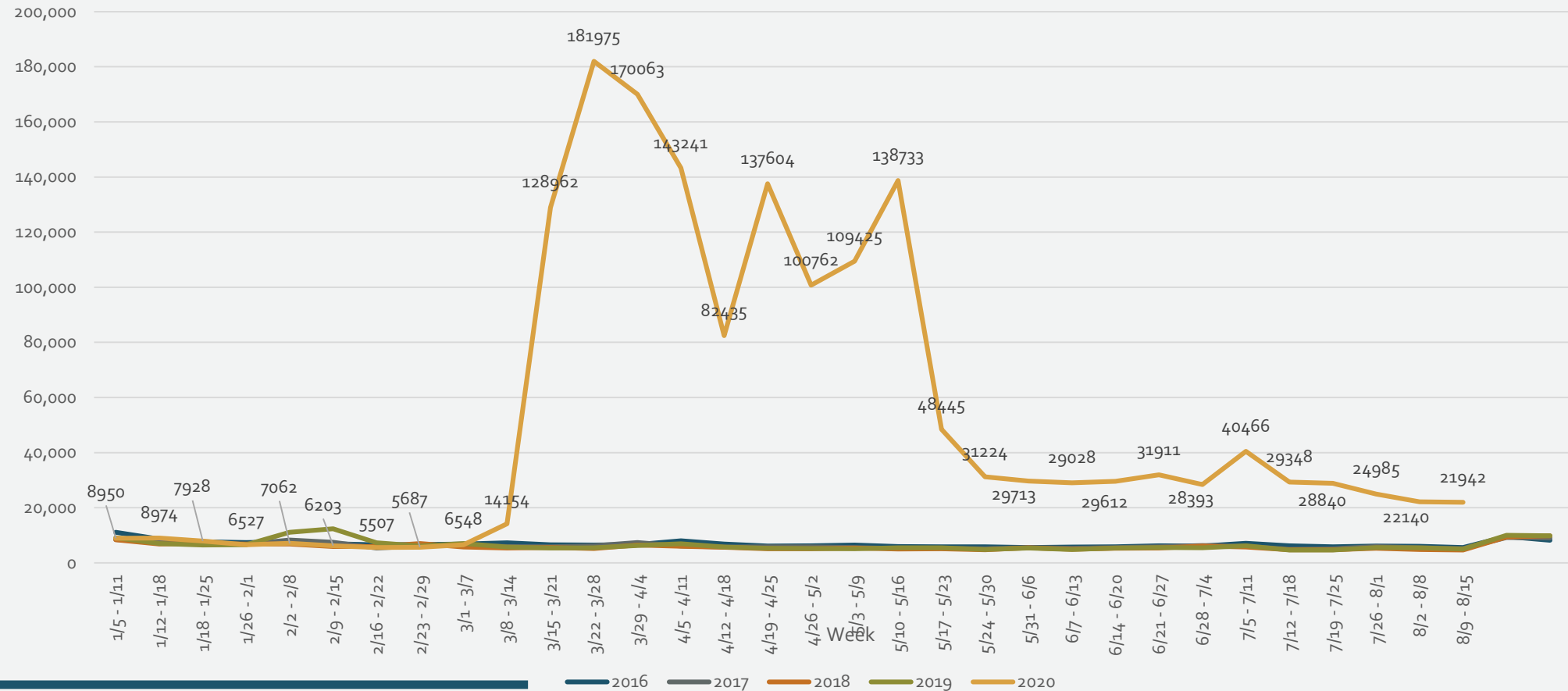
King County COVID-19 - Deaths (by day announced)



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STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT SURGE

Initial Claims (Regular Benefits)
Claims Reported During the Week of August 9, 2020
Source: US Dept. of Labor & Labor Market and Economic Analysis, ESD



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2020 BUDGET FORECAST

- **Impact on sales tax based funds including:**
 - General Fund – \$100 million decrease (mostly sales tax and fee revenues)
 - MIDD – \$10 million decrease (-13.4%)
 - Transit – \$92 million decrease (-13.5%) (sales tax only)
 - Lodging Tax – \$21 million decrease (-60.0%)
 - Rental Car – \$2 million decrease (-46%)
 - REET – \$720K decrease (-9.3%)
- **Permit revenue in Unincorporated King County has decreased significantly**

The 3rd COVID Emergency Budget appropriated \$1 million of General Fund's fund balance to cover the costs of the Permitting Division's operations for the remainder of 2020.
- **Metro will receive about \$244 million from the CARES Act, which offsets much of their financial loss for this year**
- **MIDD (behavioral health) and Metro are looking for ways to cut costs in anticipation of the 2021-2022 biennium**



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LEGISLATION

- Project CARE (2020-0131) (approved 3/24) : www.KingCounty.gov/CARE
- Payment plans for property tax bills (Motion 2020-0192) (approved 6/23) <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax/payment-plans.aspx>
- County-wide Pandemic Response Plans (Motion 2020-0183) (approved 6/23)
- UW report on the effectiveness of the County's COVID-19 response (Motion 2020-0182) (to be voted on 9/29)
- Hiring freeze on King County personnel (Ordinance 2020-0181)
- Task force to plan for economic recovery (Motion 2020-0166) (Joint Executive and Council leadership initiative in progress)
- Reinforce video conferencing privacy laws for remote addiction recovery meetings (Ordinance 2020-0201) (Heard in Law and Justice; second briefing in Law and Justice in December)
- Allow restaurants and retail services in the unincorporated areas to provide additional or new outdoor dining or retail opportunities (Motion 2020-0208) (Approved 6/23)

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For more information:

Project CARE: www.kingcounty.gov/CARE

Latest updates on COVID-19 in King County: www.kingcounty.gov/covid

Financial resources: www.kingcounty.gov/council/gethelp

Property tax payment plans: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax/payment-plans.aspx>

Washington State Coronavirus Response: www.coronavirus.wa.gov



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King County Elections



Julie Wise

Director

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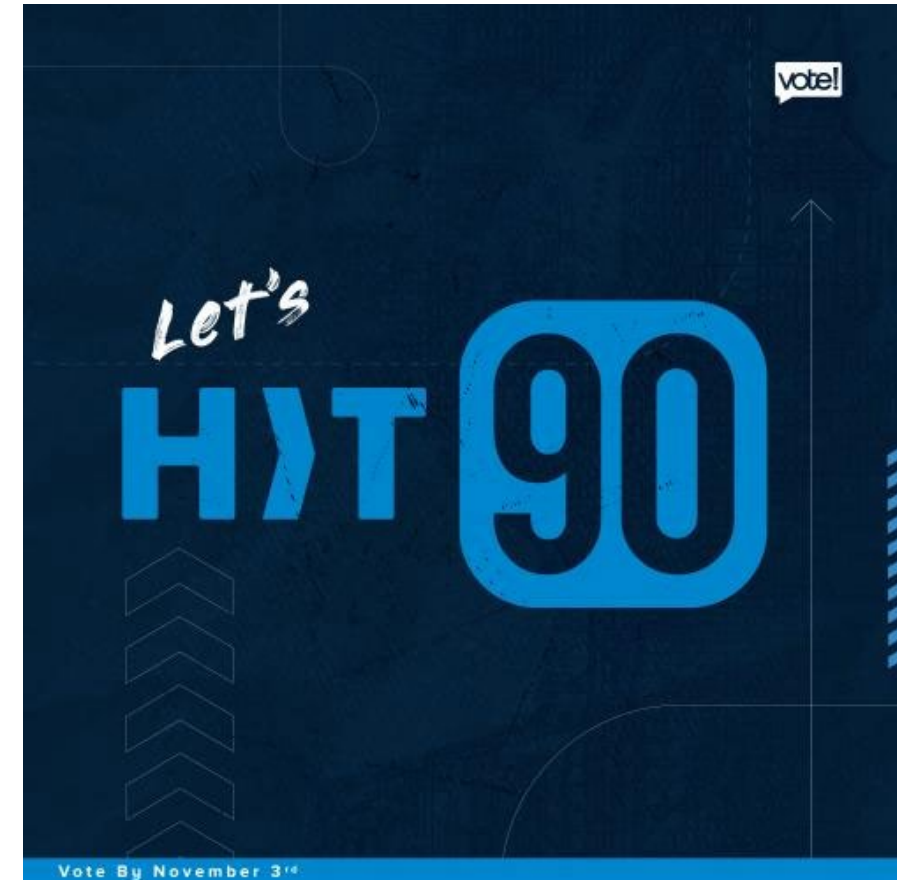
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Presidential election preview

- **Oct. 14** – Ballots and voters' pamphlets are mailed
- **Oct. 26** – **Deadline to register** or update information online or by mail for this election
- **Nov. 3 – Election Day** – ballots must be postmarked by today or returned to a ballot drop box
 - Voters may register or update their information in person at a Vote Center until 8 p.m.
 - Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp
- **Nov. 24** – Election Certification



Hot Topics



- COVID-19 Service Changes
- United States Postal Service
- Ballot Drop Boxes
- Vote Centers



What You Can Do

- Make sure your registration is up to date – votewa.gov
- Call us 2060-296-VOTE or go online if you don't see your ballot by October 19
- Vote early!
- Help your friends and family make a plan to vote

HNT 90 **vote!**

VOTEPLAN

I'M VOTING

- ☐ Immediately after receiving my ballot
- ☐ The first weekend after receiving my ballot
- ☐ On Election Day (*not recommended*)

I'M RETURNING MY BALLOT BY

- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Drop box

I HAVE

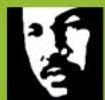
- ☐ Registered to vote
- ☐ Checked my registration

TAG TWO FRIENDS

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206-296-VOTE (8683)
elections@kingcounty.gov



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John Wilson

King County Assessor

206-296-7300

assessor.info@kingcounty.gov



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We are still available to serve you!

- To access virtual services, you can email the Assessor's Office at **assessor.info@kingcounty.gov**, call 206-296-7300, or visit www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor.
- You can apply online for property tax exemptions at taxrelief.kingcounty.gov, email **Exemptions.Assessments@kingcounty.gov**, or call 206-296-3920.
- If you have a complex issue that requires a meeting with our staff, call or email to set up an appointment.
- For property tax payment changes, please visit our Finance and Business Operations website: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax.aspx>



Residential home values have not been significantly impacted by COVID-19 to date.

(Commercial properties are a different story)

- Overall, home values and sale prices have been relatively flat compared to last year.
- As always, values vary from city to city and neighborhood to neighborhood.
- One significant factor in residential home values in King County is the increase in values in Seattle suburbs, especially in the south end.
- While housing values have remained relatively steady so far, some commercial sectors have had their values severely impacted. These changes in value will be reflected in the 2021 assessed value for taxes payable in 2022.



Eligibility for the Senior Property Tax Reduction Program has been expanded, and you can apply online

- The annual household income limit is now \$58,423 including Social Security and other sources.
- Born in 1958 or earlier, or disabled and unable to work in 2019 or earlier
- Own the residence as of 12/31/2019. Occupy as a primary residence 9 months each year

Go to TaxRelief.KingCounty.Gov to apply online



Let us know if the value of your commercial property was affected by COVID-19 restrictions

- Housing values have remained steady
- Some commercial sectors have had their values significantly hammered by being temporarily closed or their operations constrained.
- Changes in value caused by COVID will be reflected in the 2021 assessed value for taxes payable in 2022.
- To help us accurately capture the effects COVID:
Commercial taxpayers can report COVID impacts at
www.kingcounty.gov/COVID-value-review



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King County Sheriff's Office Southeast Precinct (Precinct 3)

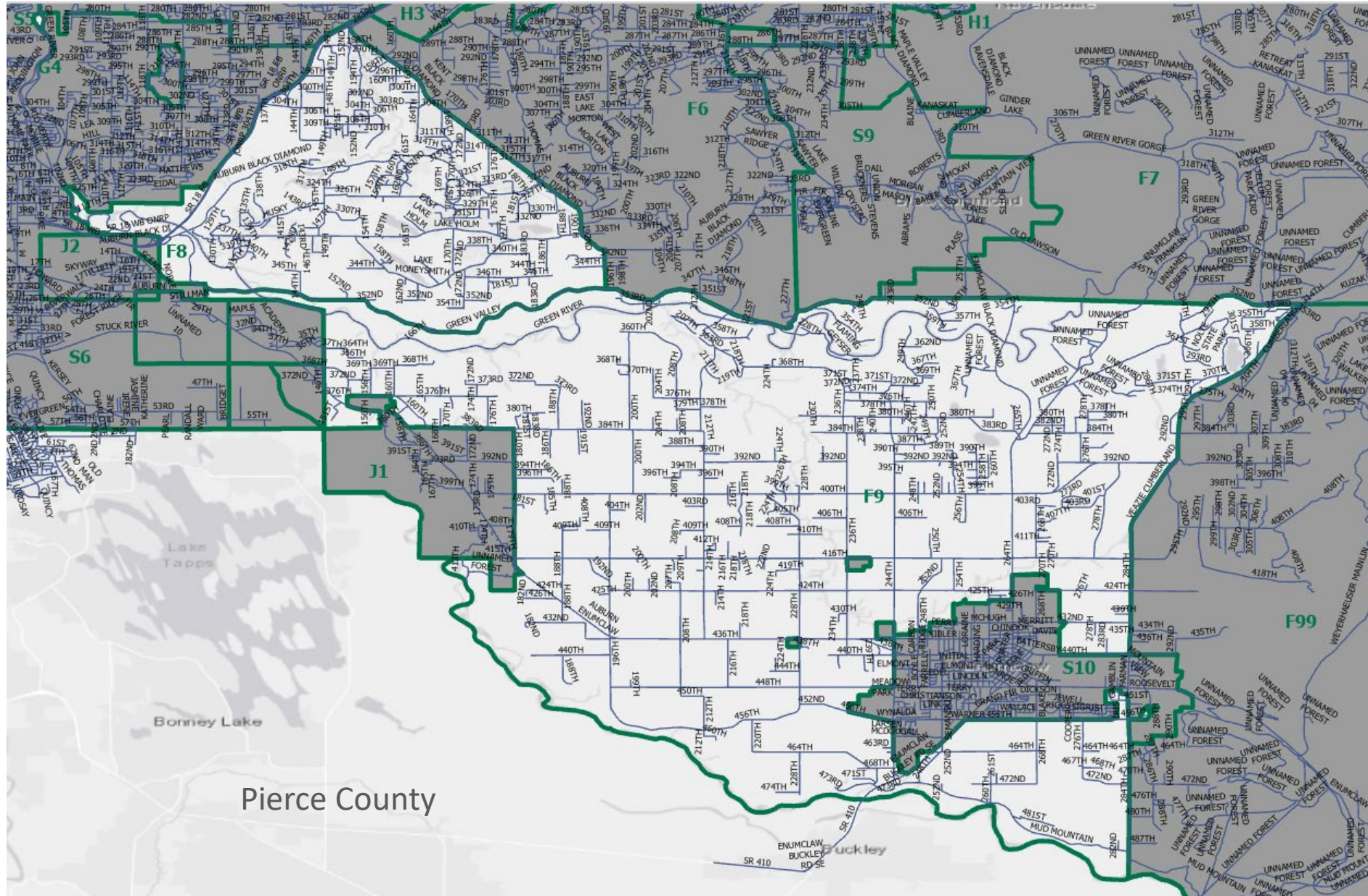


Major Patrick Butschli, Precinct Commander

Captain Abigail Steele, Patrol Operations

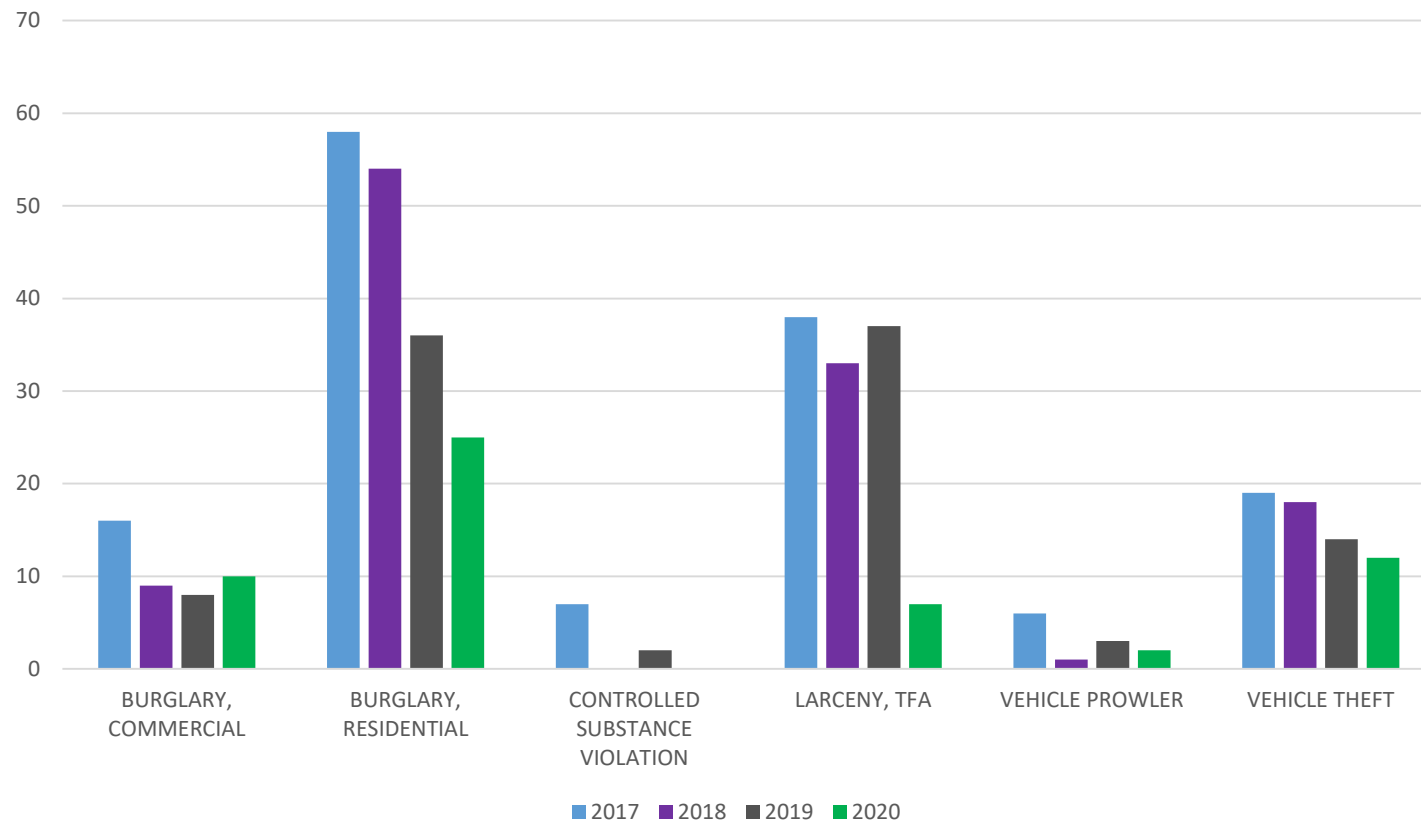
Captain Eric Muller, Investigations

Patrol Districts F8 & F9



F8 & F9 property crimes

Property crimes January-August 2017-2020



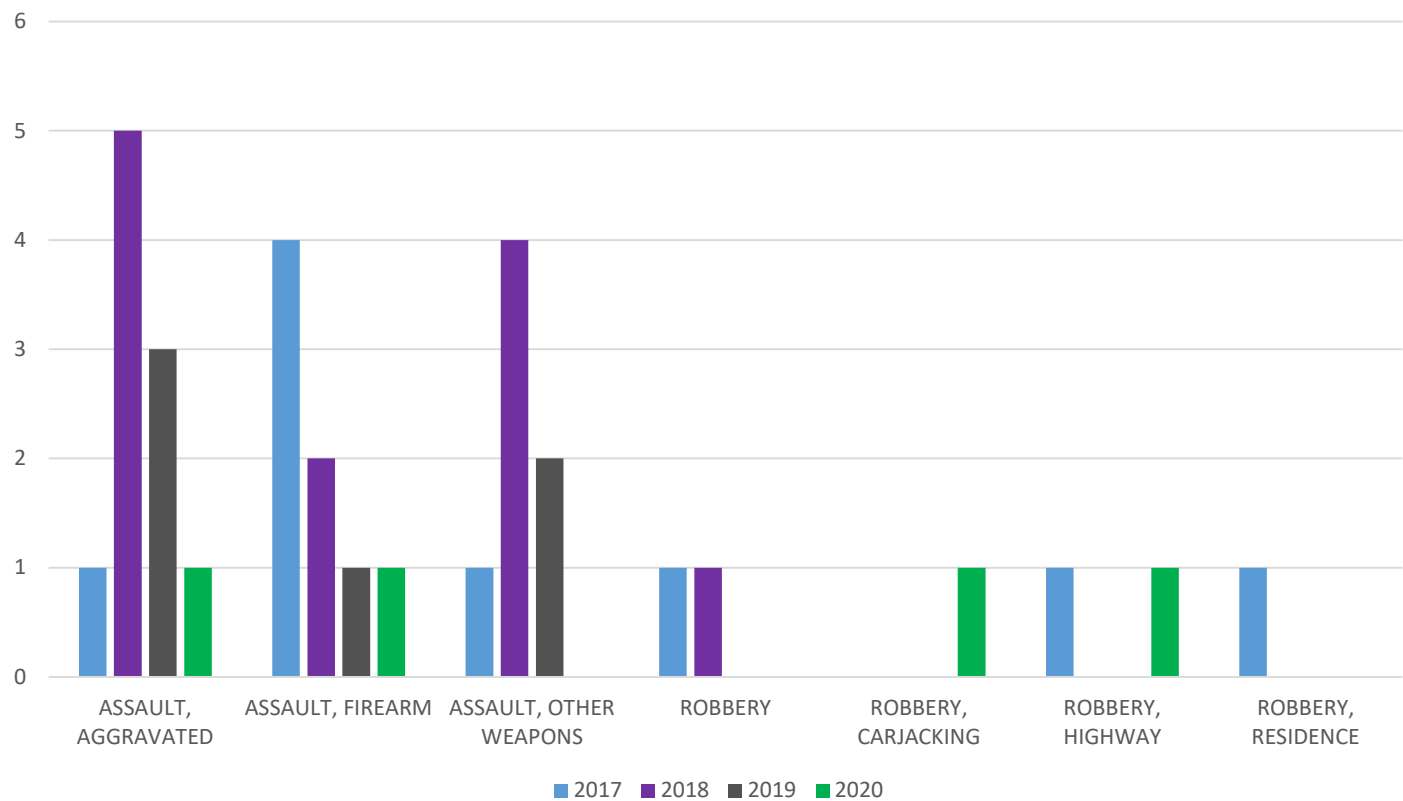
JANUARY TO AUGUST COMPARED FROM 2017 TO 2020					
Call Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
BURGLARY, COMMERCIAL	16	9	8	10	43
BURGLARY, RESIDENTIAL	58	54	36	25	173
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION	7	0	2	0	9
LARCENY, TFA	38	33	37	7	115
VEHICLE PROWLER	6	1	3	2	12
VEHICLE THEFT	19	18	14	12	63
Total	144	115	100	56	415

UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD IMPACTS IN F8 & F9	
Identity Theft Reports:	Total
2019 (Full Year)	6
2020 (Year to date)	102

Statistics are based on calls for service combined with reports submitted electronically by the public and are not official crime statistics.

F8 & F9 persons crimes

Persons crimes January-August 2017-2020



JANUARY TO AUGUST COMPARED FROM 2017 TO 2020					
Call Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED	1	5	3	1	10
ASSAULT, FIREARM	4	2	1	1	8
ASSAULT, OTHER WEAPONS	1	4	2	0	7
ROBBERY	1	1	0	0	2
ROBBERY, CARJACKING	0	0	0	1	1
ROBBERY, HIGHWAY	1	0	0	1	2
ROBBERY, RESIDENCE	1	0	0	0	1
Total	9	12	6	4	31

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Community partner updates



Questions & comments



King County Budget 2021-2022

OFFICE OF PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY AND BUDGET



Budget at a Glance



\$12.4 BILLION PROPOSED
FOR 2021-2022



15,000+ EMPLOYEES

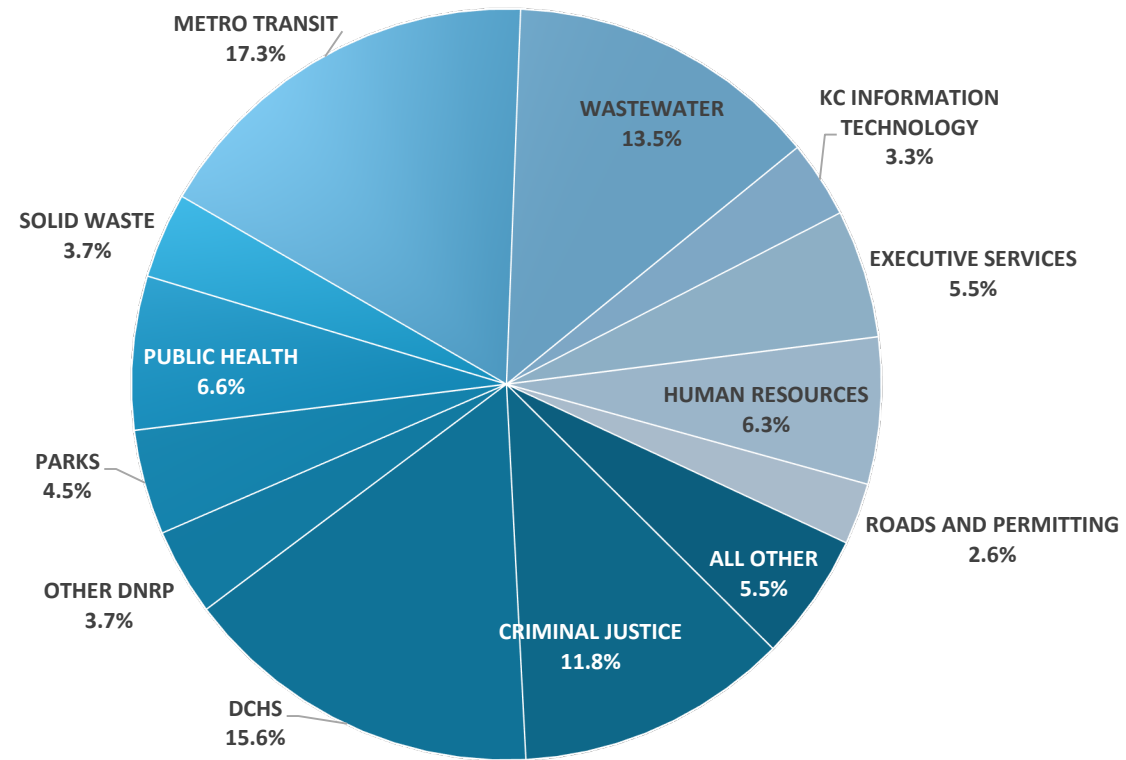


60+ PROGRAMS, BOTH
REGIONAL AND LOCAL



SERVING 2.2 MILLION
RESIDENTS (12TH LARGEST
COUNTY IN THE U.S.)

Where does our funding go?



Based on 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

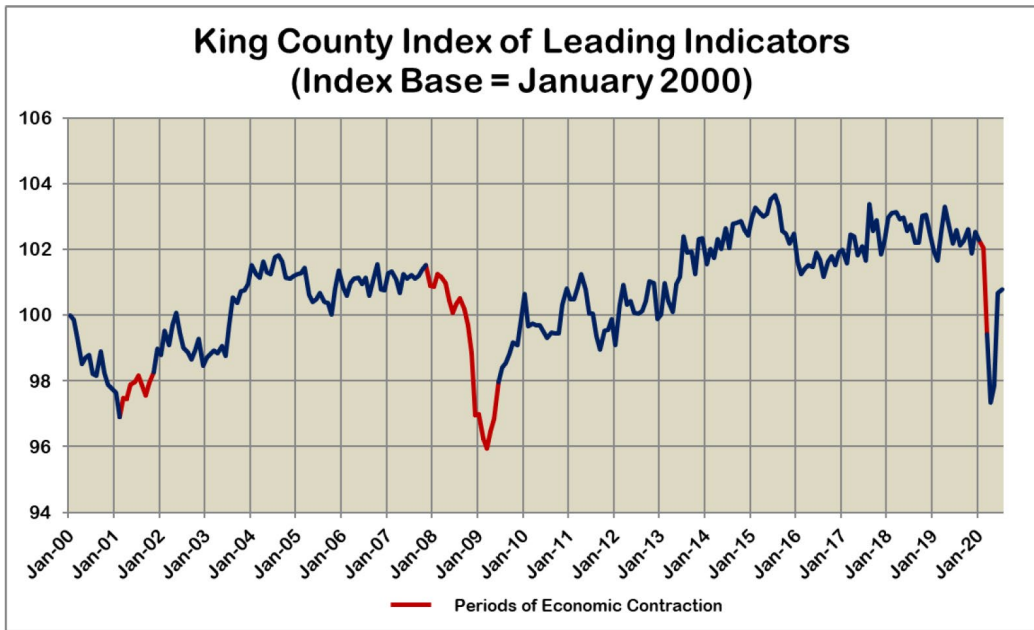
Restrictions on revenue

State law and the King County Charter impose restrictions on the uses of many revenues.

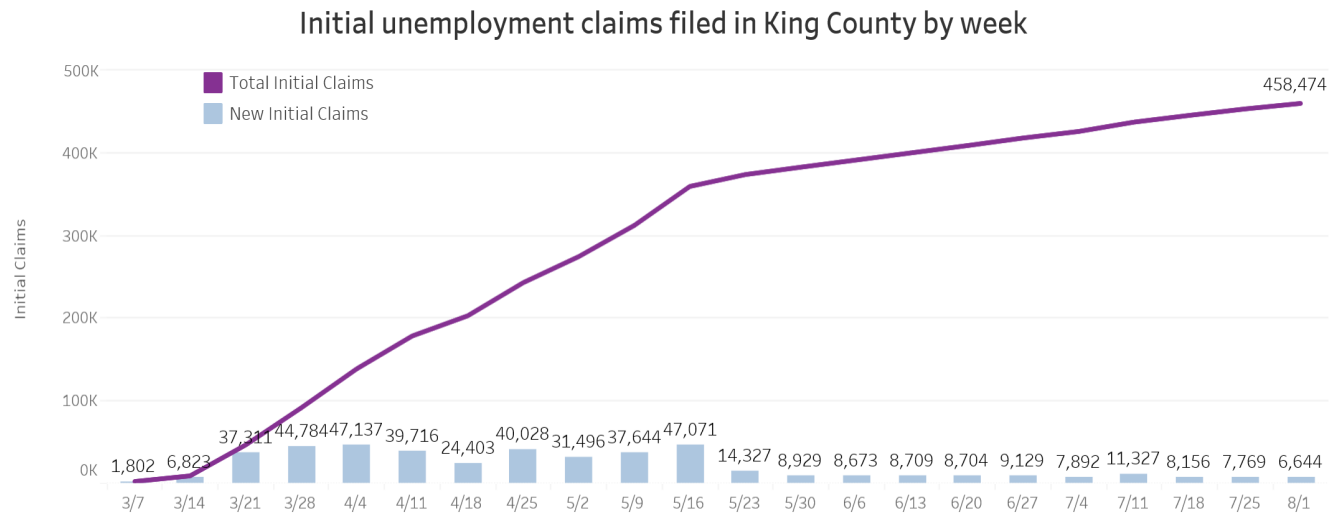
For example, revenues collected from solid waste disposal charges must be used for solid waste programs and cannot be diverted to parks or human services.

King County's finances are organized into about 140 different funds, each with its own revenue sources and expenditures.

The only truly flexible source of funds is the General Fund. General Fund revenues are severely limited by State law. The State and cities have much more revenue flexibility than counties.



Leading Economic Indicators – 2000-2020: Largest single-month change ever in March but some parts of the economy have started to bounce back



King County residents filed 458,474 new unemployment claims from March 1 – August 1;

July countywide unemployment rate was 8.3%;

July statewide unemployment rate was 10.2%

King County's Economic Outlook



August Revenue Forecast

Decline in taxable sales from the March 1 forecast:

2020: -15.8%

2021: -14.8%

2022: -12.4%

Programs that are particularly impacted are those funded by the General Fund, Transit, Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD), rental car sales tax, and the lodging tax

2021-2022 Budget

2021-2022 budget discussions will be dominated by three issues:

1. COVID-19 response (Public Health, homeless shelter deintensification, transit, etc.)
2. Revenue consequences of the recession caused by COVID-19
3. Anti-racism agenda

COVID-19 Response

- Activities in 2020 are paid for with federal and state funds:
 - Public Health testing, outreach, contact tracing, etc.
 - Homeless shelter deintensification
 - Isolation and quarantine facilities
 - Grants for food assistance, rental assistance, small business support, etc.
- Federal funding ends as of December 30, 2020; Congress is gridlocked on a new bill
- If no federal or state funds are provided, King County's COVID-19 response will be dramatically reduced in January
- Executive Constantine's Proposed Budget includes short-term funding to buy time for federal action in January

How does a recession impact demand?



Demand goes down: Transit, Solid Waste, Permitting (with correlated drops in fee-for-service revenue)

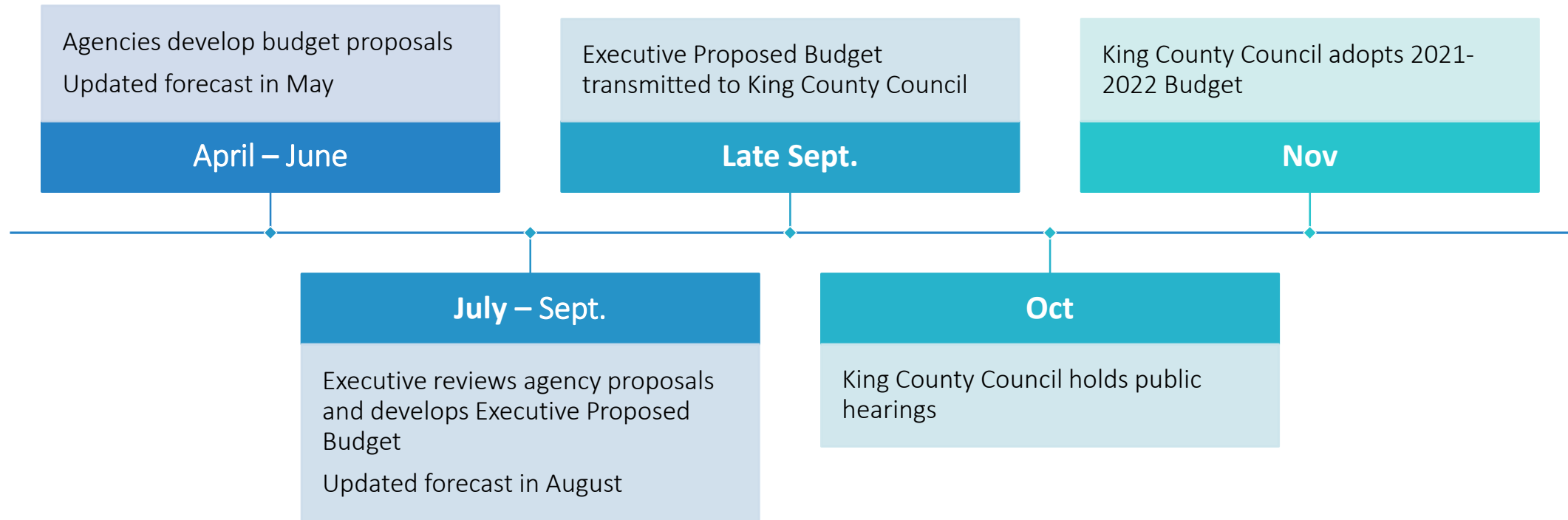


Demand goes up: Public Health clinics, Employment Services, Behavioral Health Medicaid services (with some correlated increase in Medicaid revenue for DPH and DCHS)



Inequities are exacerbated

Budget Process



How you can get involved

Agency Proposed

- Community and advisory groups

Council Adopted

- Call your Councilmember
- Attend a community meeting

Community Advisory Groups

Pandemic Community Advisory Board	Children and Youth Advisory Board	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Advisory Committee	Behavioral Health Advisory Board	Board for Developmental Disabilities	Communities of Opportunity Best Start for Kids Levy Advisory Board	Harborview Medical Center Board of Trustees	Seattle Transitional Grant Area (TGA) HIV Planning Council
Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Advisory Board	Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services	Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board	Veterans Citizen Oversight Board	Veterans' Program Advisory Board	EMS Advisory Committee	HCHN Governing Council	Racial and Ethnic Approaches of Community Health (REACH)
Healthy King County Coalition	Public Defense Advisory Board	Economic Opportunities & Empowerment Program Advisory Board	Community Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement Oversight	Cultural Development Authority	Citizens Elections Oversight Committee	Civil Rights Commission	Emergency Management Advisory Committee
	Immigrant & Refugee Commission	Women's Advisory Board	Equity Cabinet	King County International Airport Roundtable	Transit Advisory Commission		

Questions?



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Local Services updates

John Taylor

Department Director



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Assistance and grants

- COVID-19 small business technical assistance
- \$5000 grants to help small business that have been impacted by COVID-19 (Round 2 closed)
- 2021 \$5,000 Community Service Area Grants until Nov. 16
- Face covering and hand sanitizer distribution events every Thurs through December (Sept. 24: 10am-12:30pm at Hobart Church, 27524 SE 200th Street)
- Virtual meetings
- Reach out to CSA Liaison **Marissa Alegria** for support or questions



A community needs list...

- Includes service, program, and capital improvement projects
- Supports the community's 20-year vision
- Is developed with community
- Clearly states whether the county can implement a project (and when)
- **Will be used to inform budget development**

<https://www.publicinput.com/SEKingCounty>



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Road Services Division



Tony Ledbetter
Maintenance
Operations Manager



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Contact us!

24/7 Road Helpline: 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237 | maint.roads@kingcounty.gov

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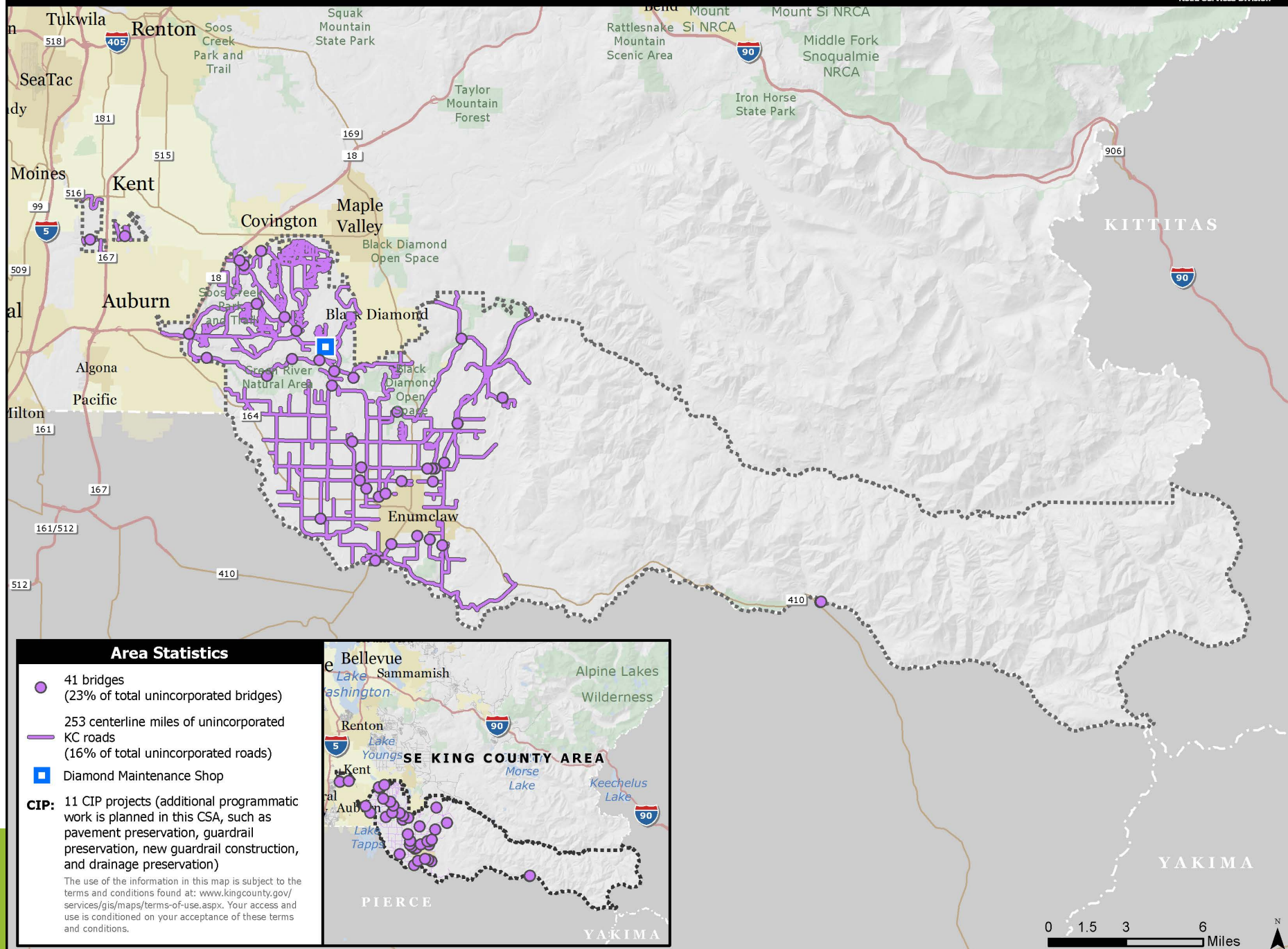
Southeast King County

- 41 bridges (23% of total unincorporated bridges)
- 253 centerline miles of unincorporated King County roads (16% of total unincorporated roads)
- 1 maintenance shop
- 11 capital projects underway



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SE King County Area



Current Capital Projects and Maintenance: Roads

Southeast King County

2 Roadway and roadside projects

5 Bridge projects

3 Traffic control and road safety projects

1 Drainage projects

Maintenance responds to critical safety issues and customer service requests, year round.

Typical maintenance and operations activities for this area include:

- pothole patching
- vegetation management
- traffic sign repair/replacement
- maintaining road shoulders
- repairing guardrail
- clearing blocked drainage assets
- removing debris



Coal Creek Bridge Replacement Project construction to start in 2021



Coal Creek Bridge girders (left) and abutments (right)



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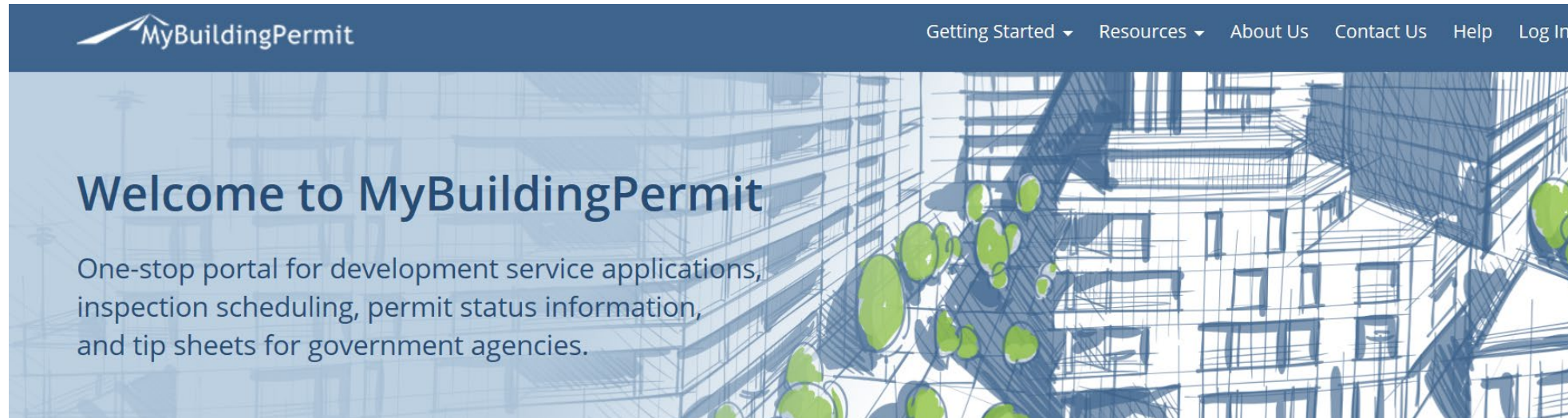
Permitting

Mark Rowe



What's New in Permitting?

- 90% of our permits are available online through on **MyBuildingPermit.com**



- The remaining 10% of permits can be submitted online by emailing **permitcenter.DPER@kingcounty.gov**

Online permits – MyBuildingPermit.com

- Adult Family Home Inspections
- Boundary Line Adjustments
- Code Interpretations
- Critical Areas Designation
- Damage Inspection Report
- Fire & Fuel Tank Permits, all types
- Legal Lot Determination
- Mechanical Permits
- Residential Permits, all types
- Shoreline Exemption
- Signs
- Special Events
- Zoning and Historical Certification





Office of Emergency Management

Department of Executive Services

Michelle Chatterton

Public Information Officer

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Personal preparedness: Who depends on you?

Know your hazard

- What are you at risk for? www.hazardready.org
- Note: they may be different depending where you spend your time

Preparedness is key

- Have a kit
 - Minimum: Food, water, shelter
 - Think about work, transportation, home
 - Customize! Think about pets, medications, baby items, communications, comfort items, medical equipment!
 - To do! Watch [Kit on Shoestring Budget](#) (YouTube video)
- Create a plan
 - Consider how to communicate with loved ones
 - Who will support your family? Who can you support?
- **Flood season and winter weather are coming up!**

Did you know??

- You should have 1 gallon of water per person
- The food in your kit should have a long shelf life and match your dietary needs
- You should carry a few small cash bills with you.

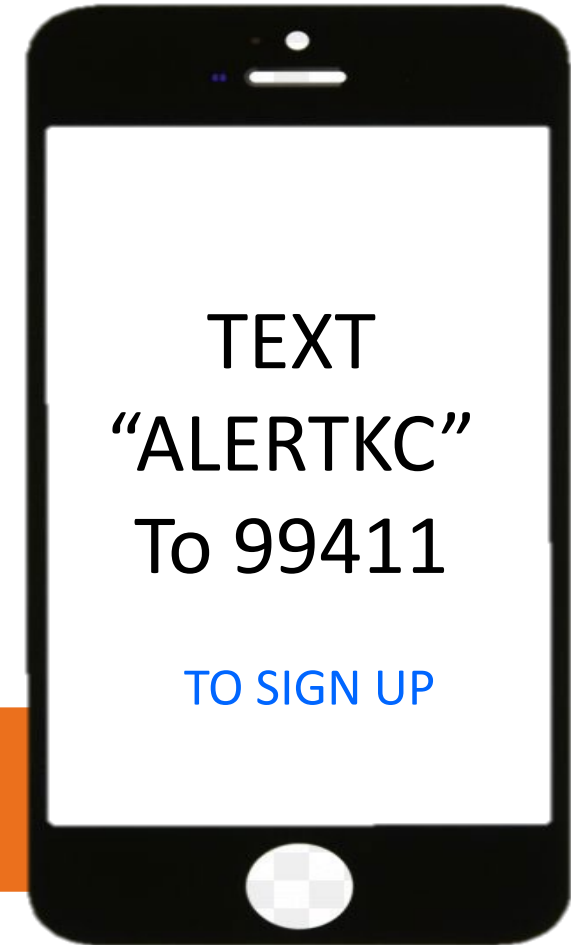


Be informed and stay safe with ALERT King County

Timely messages about:

- Emergency situations relevant to your specific area
- Threats to public safety and health
- Significant impacts to major infrastructure

www.kingcounty.gov/alert



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Need more information?

- Get up-to-date information during an emergency
www.kcemergency.com
- Explore King County specific information
www.kingcounty.gov/prepare
- Want winter weather preparedness information:
www.takewinterbystorm.org
- Need information on how to get prepared?
www.makeitthrough.org



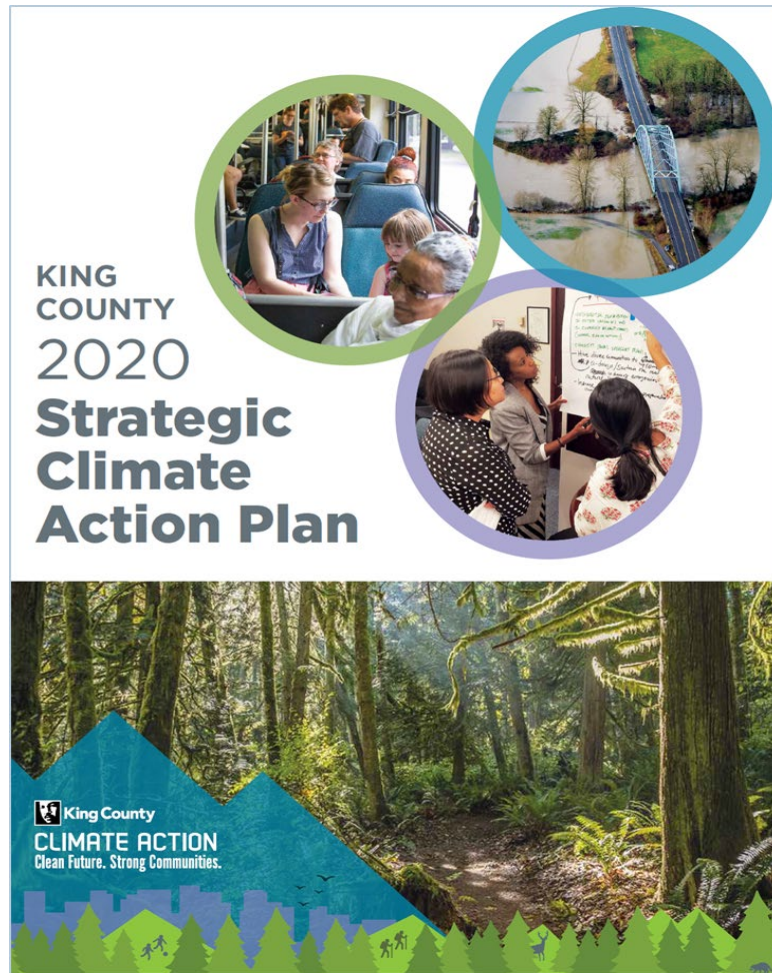
Natural Resources and Parks

Christie True, Director of DNRP



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Environmental Plans



Projects

Cedar Hills Support Facilities
Relocation Project

Parks Projects

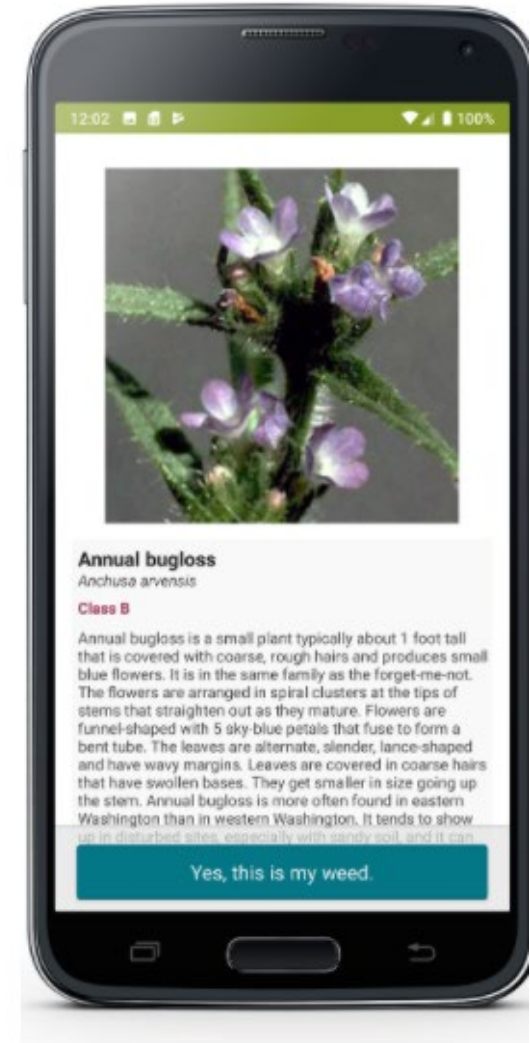
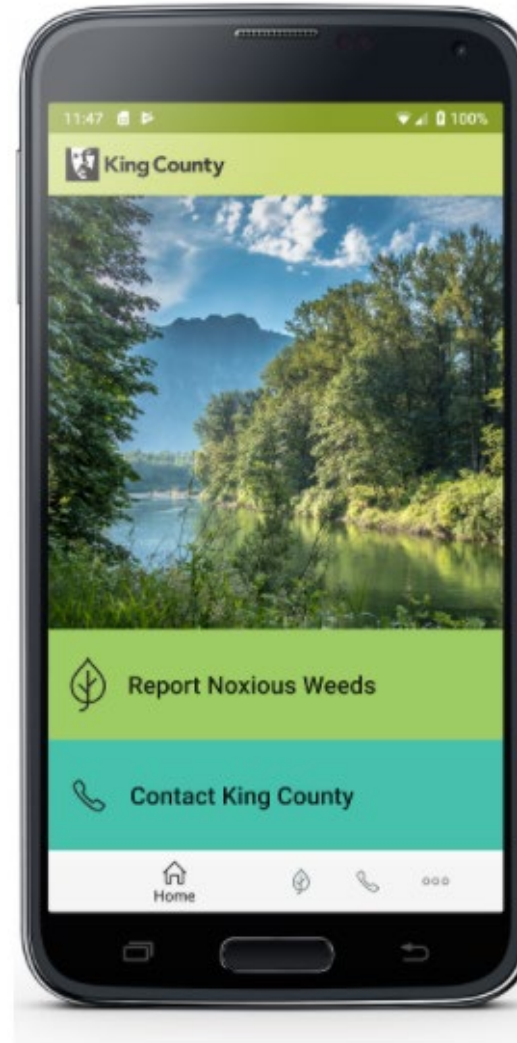
- Foothills Trail
- Little Lake Forest Trailhead Acquisition
- O'Grady-Hop Craze Trail Reroute
- Green to Cedar Rivers Trail Phasing



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Programs and Services

- Litter and illegal dumping program
kingcounty.gov/report-dumping
- Noxious weeds app
kingcounty.gov/noxious-weeds
- Managing Stormwater
kingcounty.gov/stormwater
- Local food finder
farmkingcounty.org/local-food-finder
- Changes to King County Park Services
kingcountyparks.org/covid



Closing remarks

Councilmember Reagan Dunn
District 9

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Survey

- Did you find this meeting valuable?
- Have you been to a Local Services Town Hall before?
- Were your questions answered?



Thank you for joining us tonight!

Email: ASKLocalServices@kingcounty.gov

<https://kingcounty.gov/local-services>



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