

Item No. 10a supp  
Date of Meeting: November 11, 2025



# Introduction & Public Hearing of the Preliminary 2026 Budget

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# Changes after the Preliminary Budget Published

- Aviation Division – **OPERATING EXPENSE increased \$1.1M:**
  - \$1.1M to support increased coverage needs in the preliminary STAC & TSA exit lane contract
- Aviation Division – **OPERATING REVENUE increased \$2.3M**
  - Aeronautical revenues
    - \$1.1M increase to recover costs for increased coverage in the preliminary STAC & TSA exit lane staffing contract
    - \$853K increase to incorporate the recently approved Building 156A lease agreement with Amazon.com Services, LLC
    - Net of \$0.4M from other cost recovery adjustments





## Changes after the Preliminary Budget was Published

- Maritime Division
  - No change
- Economic Development Division
  - No change
- Central Services
  - No change
- NWSA/Joint Venture
  - No change

# 2026 Operating Budget Highlights

| (\$ in '000s)                                         | Notes | 2023           | 2024             | 2025             | 2026             | Inc/(Dec)        |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                                       |       | Actual         | Actual           | Budget           | Proposed Budget  | Change from 2025 |              |
|                                                       |       |                |                  |                  |                  | \$               | %            |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                             |       | <b>969,281</b> | <b>1,043,549</b> | <b>1,119,593</b> | <b>1,158,895</b> | <b>39,302</b>    | <b>3.5%</b>  |
| Lease Interest Income                                 |       | -              | -                | -                | 24,791           | 24,791           | 0.0%         |
| <b>Total Operating Rev plus Lease Interest Income</b> |       | <b>969,281</b> | <b>1,043,549</b> | <b>1,119,593</b> | <b>1,183,686</b> | <b>64,093</b>    | <b>5.7%</b>  |
| <b>O&amp;M Expenses w/o Pension Credit</b>            |       | <b>579,607</b> | <b>675,431</b>   | <b>678,288</b>   | <b>731,141</b>   | <b>52,853</b>    | <b>7.8%</b>  |
| DRS Pension Credit                                    |       | (28,709)       | (22,790)         | -                | -                | -                | 0.0%         |
| <b>O&amp;M Expenses with Pension Credit</b>           |       | <b>550,899</b> | <b>652,642</b>   | <b>678,288</b>   | <b>731,141</b>   | <b>52,853</b>    | <b>7.8%</b>  |
| Lease Interest Expense                                |       | 98             | 74               | 17               | 7,915            | 7,898            | 46899.4%     |
| SBITA Interest Expense                                |       | 578            | 932              | 412              | 606              | 194              | 47.0%        |
| <b>Total Operating Exp plus Lease Interest Exp</b>    |       | <b>551,575</b> | <b>653,648</b>   | <b>678,717</b>   | <b>739,662</b>   | <b>60,945</b>    | <b>9.0%</b>  |
| <b>Net Operating Income (with Pension Credit)</b>     |       | <b>418,382</b> | <b>390,907</b>   | <b>441,305</b>   | <b>427,754</b>   | <b>(13,551)</b>  | <b>-3.1%</b> |

- Operating revenues plus Lease Interest Income up 5.7% to \$1,184 million from 2025 Budget
- Operating expenses plus Lease & SBITA Interest Expenses up 9.0% to \$740 million from 2025 Budget
- Net Operating Income down -3.1% to \$428 million from 2025 Budget

# 2026 Key Budget Drivers

- **Payroll**

- 4.0% average pay increase for non-represented employees
- Wage increases for represented groups based on contracts
- Annualize new mid-year FTEs approved in 2025, which carry over into 2026
- Added a net increase of 12.0 FTEs for 2026, focused on strategic objectives and supporting critical operations
- 4.0% vacancy factor

- **Non-Payroll**

- Growing operational needs and capital investment program
- Increase in contractual costs
- Maintenance costs for new facilities
- Added resources for customer service and safety & security for the travelling public
- Additional resources for Environmental Review, Community Programs, and World Cup events

# 2026 Major New Non-Payroll Items

| Description                                                       | Total (\$000s) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| TSA Exit Lane Staffing                                            | \$4,600        |
| Expense Components Related to Capital Projects                    | \$2,605        |
| N06478 FCSP/Flight Corridor Safety Program - Port Property        | \$2,002        |
| Onsite Consultants to Tenant Expense                              | \$2,000        |
| On Call Planning - Airfield Study                                 | \$1,725        |
| Zone 2 - Custodial Service Contract New RFP                       | \$1,650        |
| Lounge Operating Expense Increase                                 | \$1,200        |
| Computer Refresh Program                                          | \$782          |
| SEA Moves: Contractor Support                                     | \$769          |
| Part 150 Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study                   | \$750          |
| 2026 New Air Service Incentive Program                            | \$700          |
| Checked Baggage Technical Contract for Onsite Support             | \$670          |
| SAMP NTP Environmental Review (SEPA)                              | \$550          |
| World Cup and the nation's Semi-Quincentennial Anniversary Events | \$500          |
| SEA Building Information Modeling                                 | \$500          |



# Commission 2026 Budget Priorities (Aviation)

**Investments in SEA Moves** – Per Commission Order 2024-13 To implement an external-facing SEA employee transportation resource and benefits program by forming a Transportation Management Association (TMA). \$500K will be funded by Tax Levy. (SEA)

**\$25K for Connector/Offsite Check-in Feasibility Study** – Feasibility study to explore a landside bus service/offsite security check-in opportunity between Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and Paine Field.





# Commission 2026 Budget Priorities (Maritime)

**\$400K for Propeller Siting** – One propeller to be installed; assessing location of second ferry propeller.

**\$30K Sea Lion Mitigation** – Seeking new & innovative ways to address this difficult challenge.

**\$12K ORCA Kiosks** – To install an interpretive kiosk to educate public at Shilshole Bay Marina regarding whale sightings.



# Commission 2026 Budget Priorities (EDD)

**\$150K Business & Economic Development Plan** – To develop a comprehensive business strategy and tactical action plan for business and economic development.

**\$100K Shipbuilding Readiness** – To conduct a comprehensive landscape analysis of workforce readiness, industry scalability, regulatory impacts, energy needs, and competitiveness, with the goal of becoming a "shipbuilding ready" center by 2026.

**\$100K SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuels)** – Invest in Cascadia Sustainable Aviation Institute as an active member of the board. Co-sponsor with Environmental & Sustainability Dept.

**State of WA Rural Tourism Support Program (RTS)** – Develop a new program in 2026 that launches with funding in 2027 that continues to focus on sustainable rural tourism development. New grant program to start in 2027.

**Rewriting the Map for Equitable Tourism (RMET) Program** Engaging historically redlined communities in tourism opportunities ahead of FIFA. (included in Existing Programming)

**Economic Development Strategic Planning** Align economic development objectives to real estate strategy update.



# Commission 2026 Budget Priorities (Central Services)

**\$670K for expanded Maritime Workforce Investments (formerly Youth Maritime Career Launch Program)** – To provide career opportunities for youths in the Maritime industry.

**\$618K Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program** – To support green jobs, and programs that promote community-port collaboration.

**\$200K Strengthen ESOL Pathway** – Increase access to classes for English language learners to support them in workforce development programs that require English language fluency.

**\$100K for Language Access Program** – To increase language access for speakers with limited English proficiency.

**\$100K for I-BEST Pilot Development/Partnership** – Pilot program to invest in Basic Education and Skills Training.





# Commission 2026 Budget Priorities (Central Services)

**\$100K Maritime High School** – To support curricula focused on Port-related industries, including maritime and green jobs.

**\$88K for Anti-Human Trafficking** – To complete the Port's 3-year anti-human trafficking campaign efforts. The airport's share of the Port-wide costs is \$38K. Maritime and Corporate's share is \$25K each.

**\$50K CorePlus** – To support the pilot program in near-port and tribal schools managed by Muckleshoot and Suquamish Tribes.

**\$50K IMO Mentorship Program** – To support exploration of programs that move toward decarbonization.

**\$32K Port U: Port 101 Adult Education Series** – To increase awareness of Port programs, initiatives, and facilities.



# 2026 Community Programs

**\$21.5 million is being invested in 13 programs supporting equitable economic opportunities throughout the region and healthy communities and environment.**



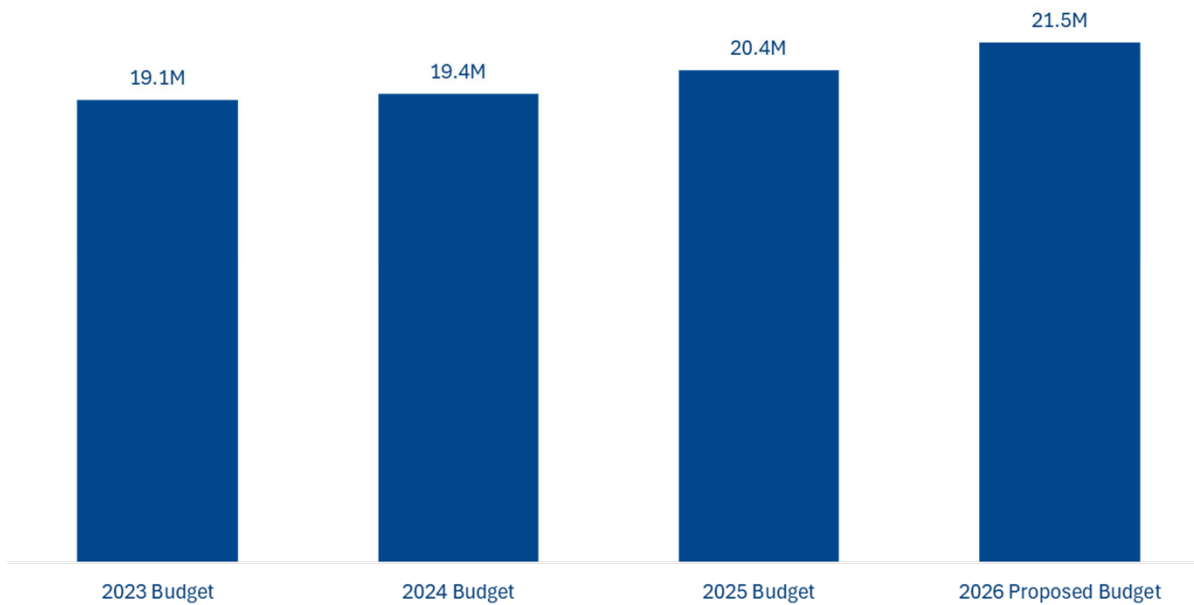
- Diversity in Contracting and DBE/WMBE Training
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- City of SeaTac Community Relief

- Airport Employment Center
- Internship program
- Maritime High School
- Maritime Workforce Investments
- Construction Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Training and support

- South King and Port Communities Fund
- Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program
- Friends of the Waterfront

- Economic Development Partnership Program
- Tourism Marketing Support Program
- Community Advertising Program

# Port Community Programs



\* Detailed list included in the Appendix.

Maritime High School

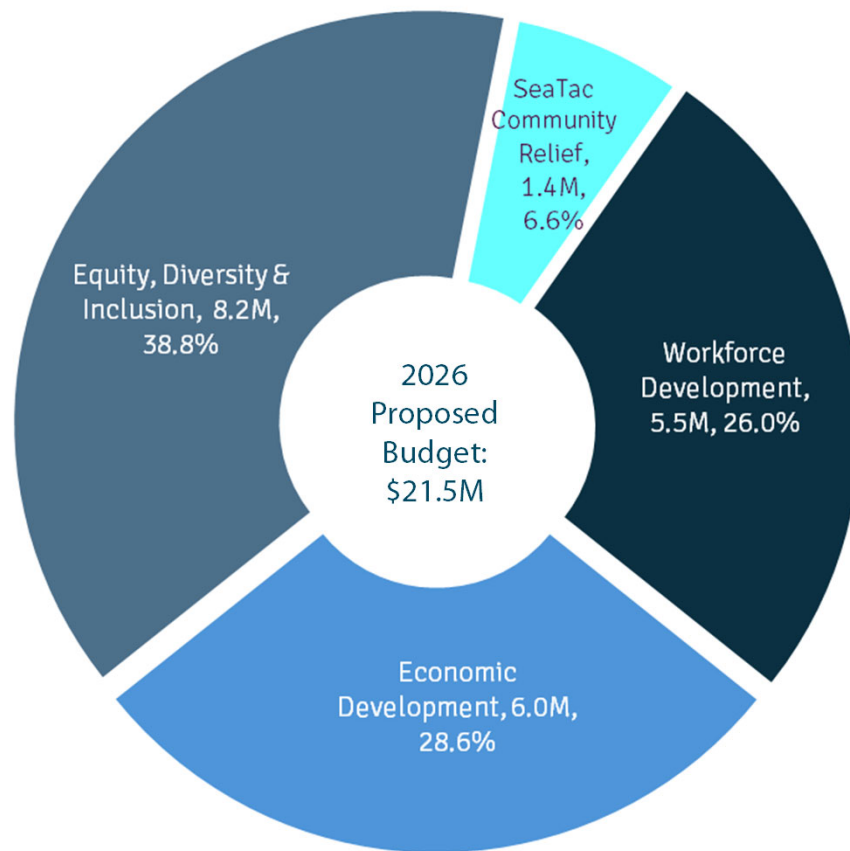


South King County Partners meeting





# 2026 Port Community Program Funding by Activity



## Economic Development

- Diversity in Contracting - \$2.5M
- Tourism Marketing Support - \$2.1M
- EDD Partnership Grants - \$950K
- Spotlight Advertising - \$518K
- Maritime Blue - \$180K

## Workforce Development

- Workforce Development Department - \$5.0M
- High School Interns - \$523K

## Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- South King and Port Communities Fund - \$2.2M
- OEDI Department - \$2.5M
- Friends of the Waterfront - \$2.0M
- Staff Costs supporting DVCEP & SKCCIF - \$848K
- Duwamish Community Equity program (DVCEP) - \$617K

## SeaTac Community Relief

- \$1.4M

\* Detailed list included in the Appendix.

# 2026-2030 CIP Summary

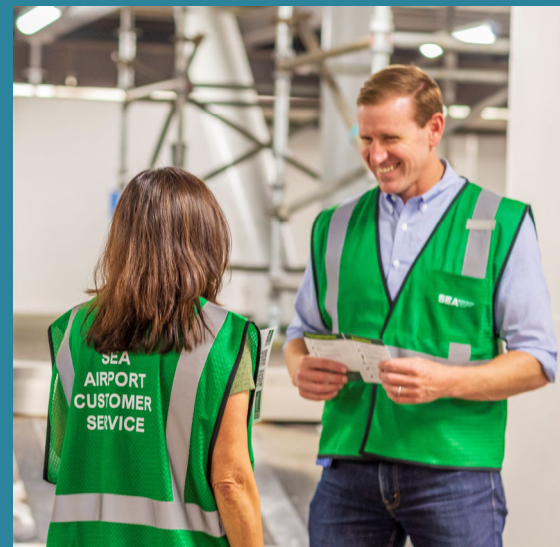
| (\$ in 000's)                             | Notes | 2026<br>Budget      | 2026-2030<br>CIP    | % of 2026 Total<br>Committed |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Committed Capital Projects</b>         | 1)    |                     |                     |                              |
| Aviation Division                         |       | \$ 931,831          | \$ 3,143,039        | 89.4%                        |
| Maritime Division                         |       | 99,067              | 401,097             | 9.5%                         |
| Central Services                          |       | 10,536              | 29,690              | 1.0%                         |
| Other                                     |       | 1,096               | 26,708              | 0.1%                         |
| <b>Total Committed</b>                    |       | <b>\$ 1,042,530</b> | <b>\$ 3,600,534</b> | <b>100.0%</b>                |
| <b>Business Plan Prospective Projects</b> |       | <b>\$ 66,783</b>    | <b>\$ 799,361</b>   |                              |
| <b>CIP Cashflow Adjustment Reserve</b>    |       | <b>\$ (176,381)</b> | <b>\$ 0</b>         |                              |
| <b>Total CIP</b>                          |       | <b>\$ 932,933</b>   | <b>\$ 4,399,895</b> |                              |

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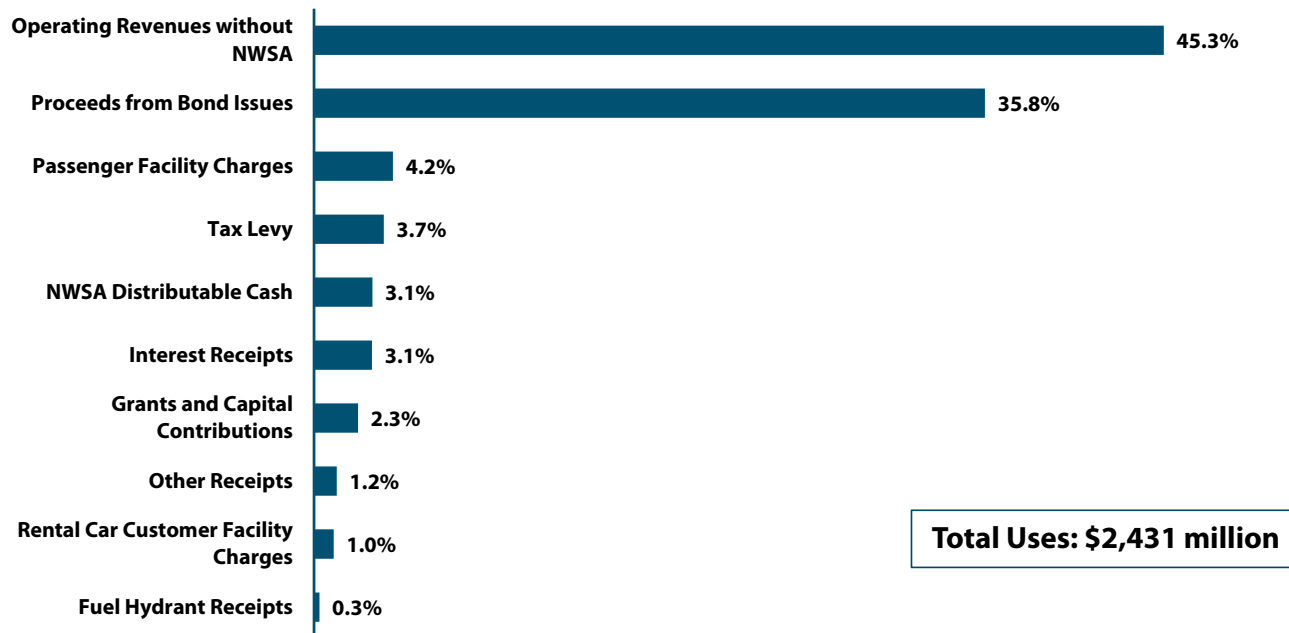
1) Includes the Stormwater Utility and NWSA Joint Venture

## 2026 Sources and Uses of Fund



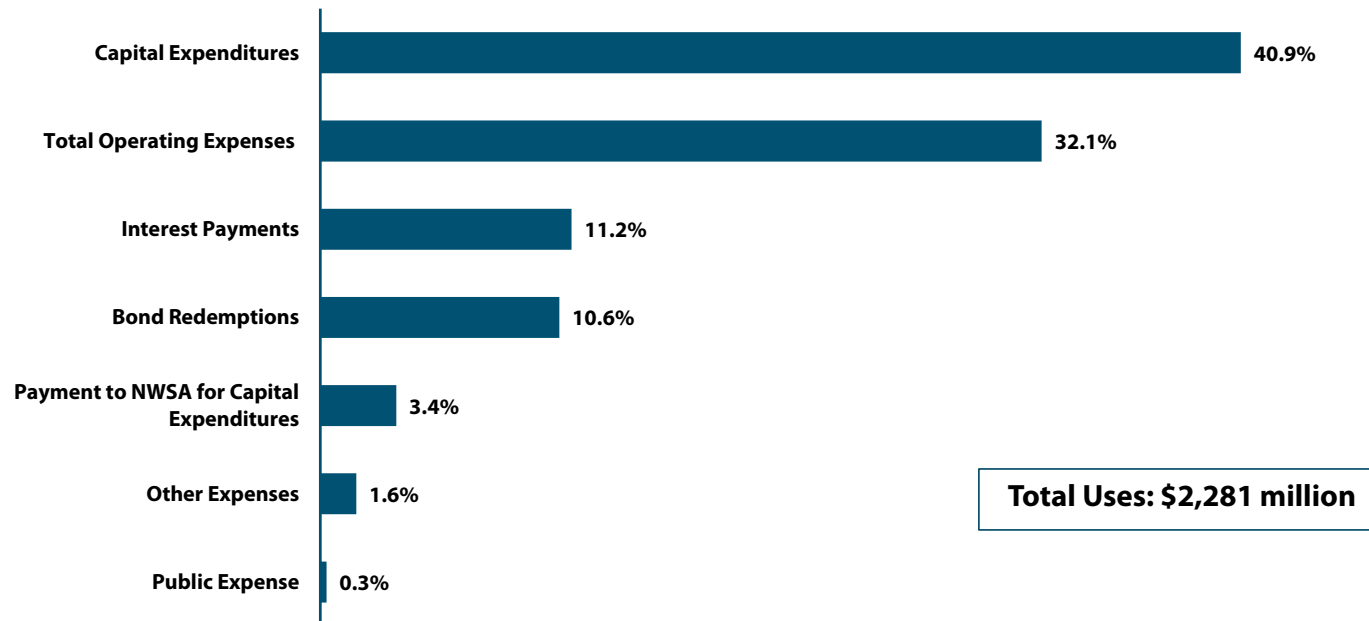


# 2026 Sources of Funds



- 45.3% of funding sources comes from operating revenues w/o NWSA
- 35.8% of funding sources comes from bond proceeds
- The tax levy makes up 3.7% of total funding sources in 2026

# 2026 Uses of Funds



- Plan to spend about 40.9% of total funds on capital projects in 2026
- 32.1% of total expenditures on operating expenses

# 2026 Budgeting With Equity Summary



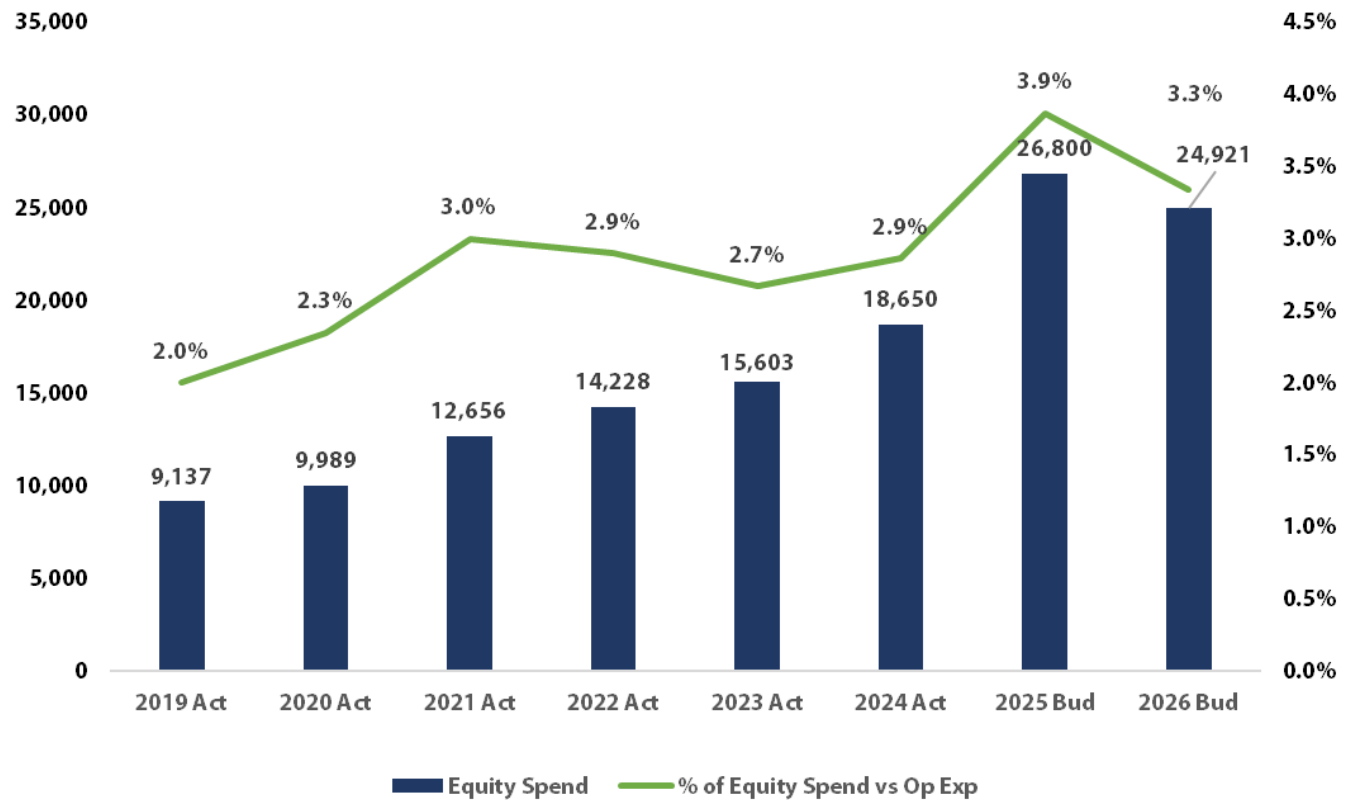
# Equity Spending Definition

The Port of Seattle defines *equity spending* as Port investments that:

- 1) Invest directly in targeted communities, either through grants, contracts, programs, sponsorships, or dedicated facilities; OR
  - 2) Invests in businesses and individuals outside the Port to help us realize our internal and external equity priorities; OR
  - 3) Invests in Port staff whose essential work functions were designed to primarily focused on advancing equity work.
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## Port Wide Equity Spending as a Percentage of Total OpEx



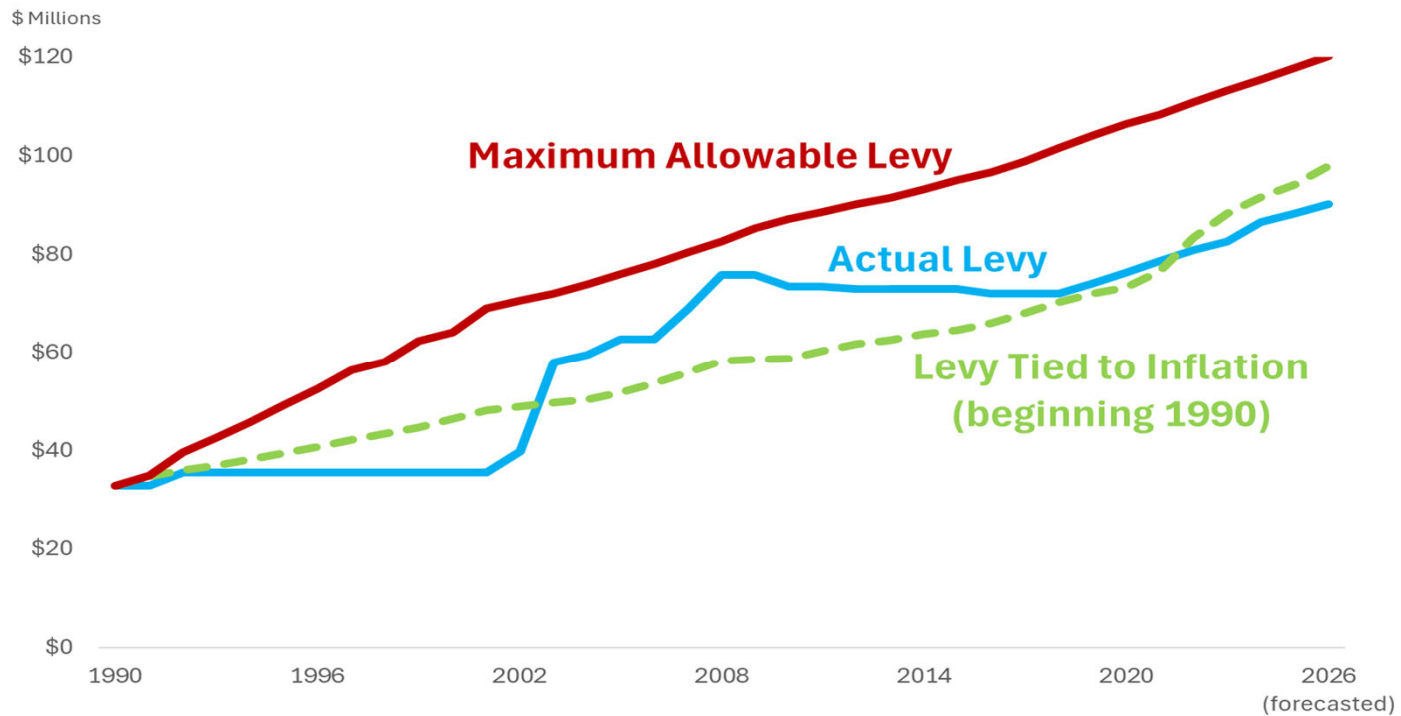
# 2026 Tax Levy



# Bottom Line Up Front

- Recommend 2026 tax levy increase based on 75% of maximum
  - ~ 2.0% increase
- Develop and analyze levy scenarios for Commission consideration at the 2026 budget retreat including:
  - Assessment and prioritization of additional needs
  - Other funding opportunities
  - Appropriate communication with stakeholders – taxpayers, rating agencies and investors
  - Incorporating broader context of Port resilience

# Levy History



Maximum levy is based on an estimated 2% annual increase: 1% levy limit plus new construction



# Recent History

| Budget Year         | Levy Change                              | Approach                                                         |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2019                | 3%                                       | Preserve buying power                                            |
| 2020                | 3%                                       | Preserve buying power                                            |
| 2021                | 3%                                       | Preserve buying power                                            |
| 2022                | 3%; decreasing to 2% in subsequent years | Preserve buying power for 2022, preserve levy cushion thereafter |
| 2023                | 2%                                       | Maintain levy cushion                                            |
| 2024                | 4.8%                                     | Establish levy cushion at 25% of maximum                         |
| 2025                | 2%                                       | Maintain levy cushion at 75% of maximum                          |
| 2026 Recommendation | 2%; assess levy scenarios for 2027       | Maintain levy cushion at 75% of maximum                          |

# Potential Levy Scenarios for Consideration

|                         | Amount               | % Increase from 2025 | Additional 2026 Levy collections | % of Max in 2026 | Estimated Homeowner Impact |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 2025 Tax Levy           | \$ 88,385,601        | 0%                   | \$ -                             | 73.5%            |                            |
| <b>75% Levy</b>         | <b>\$ 90,180,054</b> | <b>2.0%</b>          | <b>\$ 1,794,453</b>              | <b>75.0%</b>     | <b>\$85</b>                |
| Inflation rate increase | \$ 92,274,567        | 4.4%                 | \$ 3,888,966                     | 76.7%            | \$87                       |
| 1990 Inflation catch-up | \$ 97,955,722        | 10.8%                | \$ 9,570,121                     | 81.5%            | \$92                       |

# Scenarios – Pros and Cons

| 2026 Levy Scenario                                                              | Pros                                                                                                                            | Cons                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Flat levy                                                                       | Taxpayer relief                                                                                                                 | May require larger increase later                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>75% of Max in 2026,<br/>Evaluate alternatives for<br/>2027 – recommended</b> | <b>Maintains a steady increase<br/>Maintains cushion that supports<br/>high credit quality</b>                                  | <b>May not keep up with inflation</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
| Inflation rate increase<br>(4.4% based on King County<br>forecast)              | Provides additional levy dollars<br>with a moderate increase                                                                    | Does not provide significant additional levy dollars<br>Reduces cushion<br>If inflation exceeds 2%, cushion will be fully eroded<br>over time<br>Changes levy approach without sufficient analysis |
| Inflation catch-up (based<br>on 1990 starting point)                            | Maintains buying power<br>Adds additional dollars to levy<br>collection and may reduce the<br>need for future G.O. bond funding | Increases taxpayer burden<br>Reduces cushion<br>If inflation exceeds 2%, cushion will be fully eroded<br>over time<br>Changes levy approach without sufficient analysis                            |

# Recommendation – Stay the Course for 2026

- Staff recommendation provides for full funding of the Port's legacy environmental clean-up obligation based on current best estimates
- Taxpayers are experiencing tax increases as well as inflationary cost increases and softening economic growth
- Recommendation balances tax levy as a funding source and as support for a strong revenue bond rating
- 2026 has no funding constraints: levy projected to have a \$24 million surplus balance in 2026
- **Fundamental problem is the 1% levy limit per RCW**



# Further Recommendations – Evaluate Alternatives

- 2026 – Focus on resource conscious approach to add funding capacity
  - Manage expense growth
  - Increase revenues
  - Prioritize and value engineer capital spending
- Continue monitoring environmental liabilities and adjust strategy as needed to ensure full funding
- Monitor additional capital needs
- Develop scenarios and analysis for Commission consideration
- **Evaluate levy approaches that consider Port-wide resources and financial resiliency**

# Remaining 2026 Budget Schedule

- Adoption of 2026 Budget Nov. 18, 2025
- File the Statutory Budget with King County Nov. 26, 2025
- Release the 2026 Final Budget Document Dec. 5, 2025

# Appendix



# 2026 Budget Process Recap

|         |                                                                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jun 26  | Commission Budget Retreat                                                         |
| Jul 23  | 2026 Budget Development Briefing                                                  |
| Sept 23 | 2026 Central Services Operating and Capital Budgets Briefing and Port Wide Rollup |
| Oct 14  | 2026 Aviation Division Operating Budget Briefing                                  |
| Oct 14  | 2026 Maritime and EDD Operating and Capital Budgets Briefing                      |
| Oct 21  | Preliminary 2026 Budget Document provided to the Commission                       |
| Oct 21  | Preliminary 2026 Budget Document released to the public                           |
| Oct 28  | 2026 Aviation Division Capital Budget Briefing                                    |
| Oct 28  | Tax Levy & Draft Plan of Finance Commission Briefing                              |
| Nov 11  | Introduction & Public Hearing of the Preliminary 2026 Budget                      |
| Nov 18  | Adoption of the 2026 Budget                                                       |
| Nov 26  | File the 2026 Statutory Budget with King County                                   |
| Dec 5   | Release the 2026 Final Budget and Draft Plan of Finance                           |

# 2026 Business Activity Forecasts

## Aviation Division:

- Passenger volumes for 2026 projected to be 54.1M, 1.7% higher than 2025 forecast
- Long-term focus on capital planning and projects

## Maritime Division:

- Cruise forecasts a record 330 vessel sailings with over 2.0 million passengers and 102% occupancy rate
- Grain volume budgeted at 3.2 million metric tons, a 9.3% decrease from the 2025 budget

## Economic Development Division:

- Commercial Properties target 90% occupancy rate at the end of 2026



# 2026 Proposed Community Programs

| Program (in \$000)                                             | 2023<br>Budget | 2024<br>Budget | 2025<br>Budget | 2026<br>Proposed<br>Budget | 2026<br>Funded<br>by the levy | % of the 2026<br>Budget<br>Funded<br>by the levy |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Energy & Sustainability Fund                                | 120            | -              | -              | -                          | -                             | 0.0%                                             |
| 2) Airport Community Ecology (ACE) Fund                        | 40             | 40             | 40             | -                          | -                             | 0.0%                                             |
| 3) South King and Port Communities Fund                        | 2,214          | 2,214          | 2,205          | 2,195                      | 2,195                         | 100.0%                                           |
| 4) Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program                    | 462            | 471            | 619            | 617                        | 617                           | 100.0%                                           |
| 5) EDD Partnership Grants                                      | 850            | 950            | 950            | 950                        | 950                           | 100.0%                                           |
| 6) Tourism Marketing Support Program                           | 1,830          | 1,875          | 2,154          | 2,134                      | 920                           | 43.1%                                            |
| 7) Airport Spotlight Ad Program*                               | 466            | 466            | 518            | 518                        | 518                           | 100.0%                                           |
| 8) City of SeaTac Community Relief*                            | 1,400          | 1,400          | 1,400          | 1,400                      | 1,400                         | 100.0%                                           |
| 9) Maritime Blue (formerly Maritime Innovation Center)         | 150            | 175            | 175            | 180                        | 180                           | 100.0%                                           |
| 10) Workforce Development                                      | 5,186          | 5,077          | 4,976          | 4,972                      | 3,827                         | 77.0%                                            |
| a. Maritime Workforce Investments (formerly YMCL) <sup>1</sup> | 1,000          | 900            | 750            | 670                        | 670                           | 100.0%                                           |
| b. Airport Employment Center                                   | 1,517          | 1,517          | 1,517          | 1,653                      | 507                           | 30.7%                                            |
| 11) High School Internship Program                             | 457            | 486            | 520            | 523                        | 290                           | 55.4%                                            |
| 12) Diversity in Contracting <sup>2</sup>                      | 2,299          | 2,304          | 2,356          | 2,463                      | 300                           | 12.2%                                            |
| a. Small Bus. Accelerator under SKCCIF <sup>2</sup>            | 250            | 250            | 260            | 250                        | 250                           | 100.0%                                           |
| b. DBE/ACDBE/WMBE Training Consultants & Outreach              | 50             | 50             | 50             | 50                         | 50                            | 100.0%                                           |
| 13) Equity, Diversity & Inclusion                              | 1,767          | 2,065          | 2,459          | 2,540                      | 230                           | 9.1%                                             |
| Sustainable Aviation Fuels & Air Emissions Program             | 100            | -              | -              | -                          | -                             | 0.0%                                             |
| Carbon Initiative                                              | 150            | 150            | 300            | -                          | -                             | 0.0%                                             |
| Community Biz Connector (Regional Small Biz Partnerships)      | 350            | 380            | 380            | -                          | -                             | 0.0%                                             |
| Public Market Study                                            | 100            | -              | -              | -                          | -                             | 0.0%                                             |
| 14) Seattle Aquarium Partnership                               | 1,000          | 1,000          | -              | 400                        | 400                           | 100.0%                                           |
| Green Economy                                                  |                |                | 50             | -                          | -                             | 0%                                               |
| 15) Friends of the waterfront                                  |                |                | 750            | 2,000                      | 2,000                         | 100%                                             |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                                               | <b>18,691</b>  | <b>18,803</b>  | <b>19,591</b>  | <b>20,642</b>              | <b>13,577</b>                 | <b>66%</b>                                       |
| <b>Payroll charged to the Levy <sup>3</sup></b>                | <b>433</b>     | <b>589</b>     | <b>781</b>     | <b>848</b>                 | <b>848</b>                    | <b>100%</b>                                      |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                             | <b>19,124</b>  | <b>19,392</b>  | <b>20,372</b>  | <b>21,491</b>              | <b>14,426</b>                 | <b>67%</b>                                       |

## Notes:

1 Maritime Workforce Investments (formerly YMCL) budget rolls up to Workforce Development total (item 10).

2 \$250K Small Business Accelerator under DIC is included in DIC total (Item 12) and SKCCIF (item 3).

3 2026 Payroll only for CPO & Ext. Rel. Other payroll from HS Interns, WFD, EDI are included in the individual items above.

\* Non-Operating Accounts

# Community Programs Funded by Tax Levy

| Program (in \$000)                                         | 2023 Budget<br>Funded<br>by the levy | 2024 Budget<br>Funded<br>by the levy | 2025<br>Funded<br>by the levy | 2026<br>Funded<br>by the levy | Inc/(Dec) from 2025<br>Approved Budget |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                            |                                      |                                      |                               |                               | \$ Change                              | % Change    |
| 1) South King and Port Communities Fund                    | 2,214                                | 2,214                                | 2,205                         | 2,195                         | (10)                                   | -0.5%       |
| 2) Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program                | 462                                  | 471                                  | 619                           | 617                           | (2)                                    | -0.4%       |
| 3) EDD Partnership Grants                                  | 850                                  | 950                                  | 950                           | 950                           | -                                      | N/A         |
| 4) City of SeaTac Community Relief*                        | 1,400                                | 1,400                                | 1,400                         | 1,400                         | -                                      | N/A         |
| 5) Maritime Blue (formerly Maritime Innovation Center)     | 150                                  | 175                                  | 175                           | 180                           | 5                                      | 2.8%        |
| 6) Workforce Development                                   | 3,785                                | 3,863                                | 3,762                         | 3,827                         | 66                                     | 1.7%        |
| a. Youth Career Launch Program (formerly OYI) <sup>1</sup> | 1,000                                | 900                                  | 750                           | 670                           | (80)                                   | -11.9%      |
| b. Airport Employment Center                               | 303                                  | 303                                  | 303                           | 507                           | 204                                    | 40.2%       |
| 7) High School Internship Program                          | 252                                  | 259                                  | 280                           | 290                           | 10                                     | 3.5%        |
| 8) Diversity in Contracting <sup>2</sup>                   | 300                                  | 300                                  | 310                           | 300                           | (10)                                   | -3.3%       |
| a. Small Bus. Accelerator under SKCCIF <sup>2</sup>        | 250                                  | 250                                  | 260                           | 250                           | (10)                                   | -4.0%       |
| b. DBE/ACDBE/WMBE Training Consultants & Outreach          | 50                                   | 50                                   | 50                            | 50                            | -                                      | N/A         |
| 9) Equity, Diversity & Inclusion                           | 138                                  | 203                                  | 226                           | 230                           | 4                                      | 1.9%        |
| 10) Seattle Aquarium Partnership                           | 1,000                                | 1,000                                | -                             | 400                           | 400                                    | 100.0%      |
| 11) Friends of the waterfront                              |                                      |                                      | 750                           | 2,000                         | 1,250                                  | 62.5%       |
| 12) Other                                                  | 1,108                                | 806                                  | 1,608                         | 1,438                         | (170)                                  | -11.8%      |
| <b>Total</b>                                               | <b>11,760</b>                        | <b>11,772</b>                        | <b>12,404</b>                 | <b>13,577</b>                 | <b>1,173</b>                           | <b>8.6%</b> |
| <b>Payroll charged to the Levy <sup>3</sup></b>            | <b>433</b>                           | <b>580</b>                           | <b>781</b>                    | <b>848</b>                    | <b>67</b>                              | <b>7.9%</b> |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                         | <b>12,193</b>                        | <b>12,352</b>                        | <b>13,185</b>                 | <b>14,426</b>                 | <b>1,240</b>                           | <b>8.6%</b> |

## Notes:

1 Maritime Workforce Investments (formerly YMCL) budget rolls up to Workforce Development total (item 6).

2 \$250K Small Business Accelerator under DIC is included in DIC total (Item 5) and SKCCIF (item 3).

3 2026 Payroll only for CPO & Ext. Rel. Other payroll from HS Interns, WFD, EDI are included in the individual items above.

\* Non-Operating Accounts

# 2026 Operating Budget for Aviation

| (\$ in '000s)                                         | 2023           | 2024           | 2024           | 2025           | Inc/(Dec)        |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
|                                                       | Actual         | Actual         | Budget         | Budget         | Change from 2025 |             |
|                                                       |                |                |                |                | \$               | %           |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                             |                |                |                |                |                  |             |
| Aeronautical                                          | 479,697        | 520,942        | 563,836        | 617,786        | 53,950           | 9.6%        |
| Airport Non-Aero Revenues                             | 326,592        | 348,212        | 372,280        | 367,381        | (4,899)          | -1.3%       |
| <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>806,289</b> | <b>869,154</b> | <b>936,117</b> | <b>985,167</b> | <b>49,050</b>    | <b>5.2%</b> |
| Lease Interest Income                                 | -              | -              | -              | 9,872          | 9,872            | 0.0%        |
| <b>Total Operating Rev plus Lease Interest Income</b> | <b>806,289</b> | <b>869,154</b> | <b>936,117</b> | <b>995,039</b> | <b>58,922</b>    | <b>6.3%</b> |
| <b>O&amp;M Expenses w/o Pension Credit</b>            | <b>469,263</b> | <b>548,405</b> | <b>553,222</b> | <b>588,135</b> | <b>34,913</b>    | <b>6.3%</b> |
| DRS Pension Credit                                    | (23,572)       | (18,577)       | -              | -              | -                | 0.0%        |
| <b>O&amp;M Expenses with Pension Credit</b>           | <b>445,691</b> | <b>529,828</b> | <b>553,222</b> | <b>588,135</b> | <b>34,913</b>    | <b>6.3%</b> |
| Lease Interest Expense                                | 4              | 8              | -              | 7,897          | 7,897            | 0.0%        |
| SBITA Interest Expense                                | 384            | 352            | 254            | 203            | (51)             | -19.9%      |
| <b>Total Operating Exp plus Lease Interest Exp</b>    | <b>446,079</b> | <b>530,187</b> | <b>553,476</b> | <b>596,235</b> | <b>42,759</b>    | <b>7.7%</b> |
| <b>Net Operating Income (with Pension Credit)</b>     | <b>360,598</b> | <b>339,326</b> | <b>382,895</b> | <b>397,032</b> | <b>14,138</b>    | <b>3.7%</b> |

# 2026 Operating Budget for Seaport

| (\$ in '000s)                                         | 2023           | 2024           | 2024           | 2025           | Inc/(Dec)        |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                                       | Actual         | Actual         | Budget         | Budget         | Change from 2025 |               |
|                                                       |                |                |                |                | \$               | %             |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                             |                |                |                |                |                  |               |
| Maritime                                              | 99,648         | 106,811        | 118,111        | 110,425        | (7,686)          | -6.5%         |
| Economic Development                                  | (24)           | 8              | 3              | 16             | 13               | 423.8%        |
| NWSA/Joint Venture                                    | 57,636         | 61,406         | 56,920         | 56,972         | 52               | 0.1%          |
| Stormwater Utility/ELIM                               | 5,192          | 5,635          | 8,260          | 6,057          | (2,203)          | -26.7%        |
| Central Services                                      | 539            | 534            | 183            | 259            | 76               | 41.3%         |
| <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>162,991</b> | <b>174,395</b> | <b>183,476</b> | <b>173,728</b> | <b>(9,749)</b>   | <b>-5.3%</b>  |
| Lease Interest Income                                 | -              | -              | -              | 14,919         | 14,919           | 0.0%          |
| <b>Total Operating Rev plus Lease Interest Income</b> | <b>162,991</b> | <b>174,395</b> | <b>183,476</b> | <b>188,647</b> | <b>5,170</b>     | <b>2.8%</b>   |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                             |                |                |                |                |                  |               |
| Maritime                                              | 93,596         | 101,991        | 103,748        | 115,962        | 12,214           | 11.8%         |
| Economic Development                                  | 3,351          | 2,951          | 3,890          | 3,344          | (546)            | -14.0%        |
| Joint Venture                                         | 3,466          | 2,354          | 1,763          | 5,154          | 3,391            | 192.3%        |
| Stormwater Utility/ELIM                               | 4,726          | 5,953          | 5,574          | 5,661          | 88               | 1.6%          |
| Central Services                                      | 5,205          | 13,777         | 10,092         | 12,885         | 2,793            | 27.7%         |
| <b>O&amp;M Expenses w/o Pension Credit</b>            | <b>110,345</b> | <b>127,026</b> | <b>125,067</b> | <b>143,007</b> | <b>17,940</b>    | <b>14.3%</b>  |
| DRS Pension Credit                                    | (5,137)        | (4,212)        | -              | -              | -                | 0.0%          |
| <b>O&amp;M Expenses with Pension Credit</b>           | <b>105,208</b> | <b>122,814</b> | <b>125,067</b> | <b>143,007</b> | <b>17,940</b>    | <b>14.3%</b>  |
| Lease Interest Expense                                | 95             | 67             | 17             | 18             | 1                | 5.8%          |
| SBITA Interest Expense                                | 194            | 580            | 158            | 402            | 244              | 154.7%        |
| <b>Total Operating Exp plus Lease Interest Exp</b>    | <b>105,496</b> | <b>123,460</b> | <b>125,241</b> | <b>143,427</b> | <b>18,185</b>    | <b>14.5%</b>  |
| <b>Net Operating Income (with Pension Credit)</b>     | <b>57,784</b>  | <b>51,581</b>  | <b>58,410</b>  | <b>30,721</b>  | <b>(27,689)</b>  | <b>-47.4%</b> |

**Notes:**

1) Includes NWSA Distributable Revenue

# 2026 Comprehensive Budget

## (Combined Operating & Non-Operating Items)

| (\$ in 000s)                        | 2023             | 2024             | 2025             | 2026             | Inc/(Dec)        |               | Explanations                                   |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                     | Actual           | Actual           | Budget           | Proposed Budget  | Change from 2025 |               |                                                |
|                                     |                  |                  |                  |                  | \$               | %             |                                                |
| <b>Revenues</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |               |                                                |
| 1. Operating Revenues               | 969,281          | 1,043,549        | 1,119,593        | 1,158,895        | 39,302           | 3.5%          | Higher operating revenues from each division   |
| 2. Tax Levy                         | 82,313           | 85,885           | 88,390           | 90,180           | 1,790            | 2.0%          | Proposed a 2.0% increase in 2026               |
| 3. Passenger Facilities Charges     | 95,681           | 99,364           | 100,944          | 102,054          | 1,110            | 1.1%          | Higher enplanements than 2025 budget           |
| 4. Customer Facilities Charges      | 24,657           | 24,896           | 25,057           | 25,327           | 270              | 1.1%          | Slightly increase from 2025 budget             |
| 5. Fuel Hydrant                     | 6,681            | 6,389            | 6,985            | 6,986            | 1                | 0.0%          |                                                |
| 6. Non-Capital Grants and Donations | 19,192           | 3,491            | 4,884            | 2,209            | (2,675)          | -54.8%        | Lower Non-Capital Federal Grant in 2026        |
| 7. Capital Contributions            | 36,309           | 94,282           | 53,329           | 54,699           | 1,369            | 2.6%          | Higher Capital Federal Grant in 2026           |
| 8. Interest Income                  | 94,541           | 81,374           | 72,631           | 74,857           | 2,226            | 3.1%          | Higher interest rates and fund balance in 2026 |
| 9. Lease Interest Income            | -                | -                | -                | 24,791           | 24,791           | 0.0%          | Due to new GASB 87                             |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>1,328,655</b> | <b>1,439,231</b> | <b>1,471,812</b> | <b>1,539,997</b> | <b>68,185</b>    | <b>4.6%</b>   |                                                |
| <b>Expenses</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |               |                                                |
| 1. Operating Expenses               | 550,899          | 652,642          | 678,288          | 731,141          | 52,853           | 7.8%          | Higher operating expenses from each division   |
| 2. Depreciation                     | 256,740          | 277,917          | 267,028          | 308,165          | 41,137           | 15.4%         | More new assets coming to service              |
| 3. Revenue Bond Interest Expense    | 146,686          | 150,434          | 182,905          | 210,147          | 27,242           | 14.9%         | New bond issuances in 2026                     |
| 4. GO Bond Interest Expense         | 10,162           | 14,365           | 15,323           | 17,309           | 1,986            | 13.0%         | Higher Debt Insurance Costs in 2026            |
| 5. Non-Op Environmental Expense     | 10,056           | 3,072            | 14,800           | 14,800           | -                | 0.0%          |                                                |
| 6. Public Expense                   | 20,869           | 11,150           | 7,597            | 6,263            | (1,334)          | -17.6%        | Lower Public Expenses in 2026                  |
| 7. Other Non-Op Rev/Expenses        | 944              | 13,425           | (18,295)         | 17,150           | 35,445           | -193.7%       | Significant decrease in HMT                    |
| 8. Special Item Income/Expense      | -                | 91,107           | -                | -                | -                | 0.0%          |                                                |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>996,356</b>   | <b>1,214,112</b> | <b>1,147,646</b> | <b>1,304,976</b> | <b>157,329</b>   | <b>13.7%</b>  |                                                |
| <b>Revenues over Expenses</b>       | <b>332,299</b>   | <b>225,118</b>   | <b>324,166</b>   | <b>235,021</b>   | <b>(89,145)</b>  | <b>-27.5%</b> |                                                |



# 2026 FTE Summary

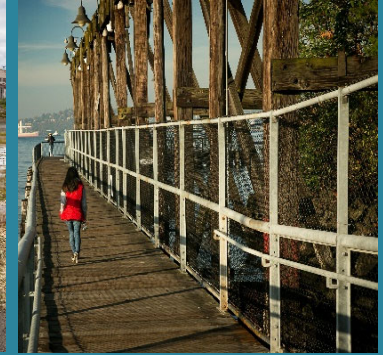
|                                  | Aviation       | Maritime     | Econ Dev.   | Central Services | Total          |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>2025 Approved FTE's</b>       | <b>1,381.4</b> | <b>321.5</b> | <b>18.0</b> | <b>976.8</b>     | <b>2,697.6</b> |
| Mid Year Approval                | 3.0            | 3.0          | -           | 6.2              | 12.2           |
| Eliminated                       | (7.0)          | -            | -           | -                | (7.0)          |
| Net Transfers                    | -              | -            | -           | -                | -              |
| Adjusted 2025 FTE's <sup>1</sup> | 1,377.4        | 324.5        | 18.0        | 983.0            | 2,702.8        |
| 2026 Budget                      |                |              |             |                  |                |
| Eliminated                       | -              | -            | -           | (5.0)            | (5.0)          |
| Transferred                      | -              | -            | -           | -                | -              |
| New FTE's                        | 10.0           | -            | -           | 7.0              | 17.0           |
| Total 2026 Changes               | 10.0           | -            | -           | 2.0              | 12.0           |
| <b>Proposed 2026 FTE's</b>       | <b>1,387.4</b> | <b>324.5</b> | <b>18.0</b> | <b>985.0</b>     | <b>2,714.8</b> |

## Notes:

1) Includes FTEs from Stormwater Utility in Maritime Division.

- Propose a net increase of 12.0 FTEs for 2026
  - 10.0 for Aviation
  - 2.0 for Central Services

# Equity in Budgeting Highlights by Division

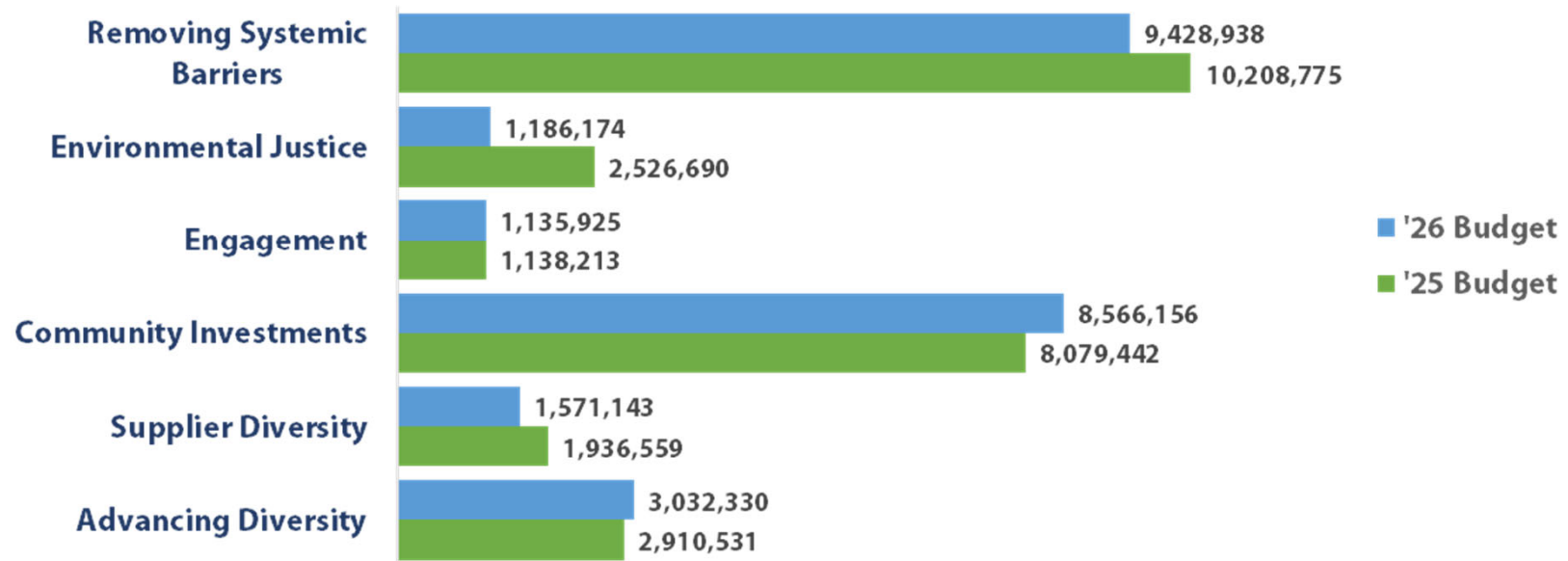


# Equity Spending Criteria

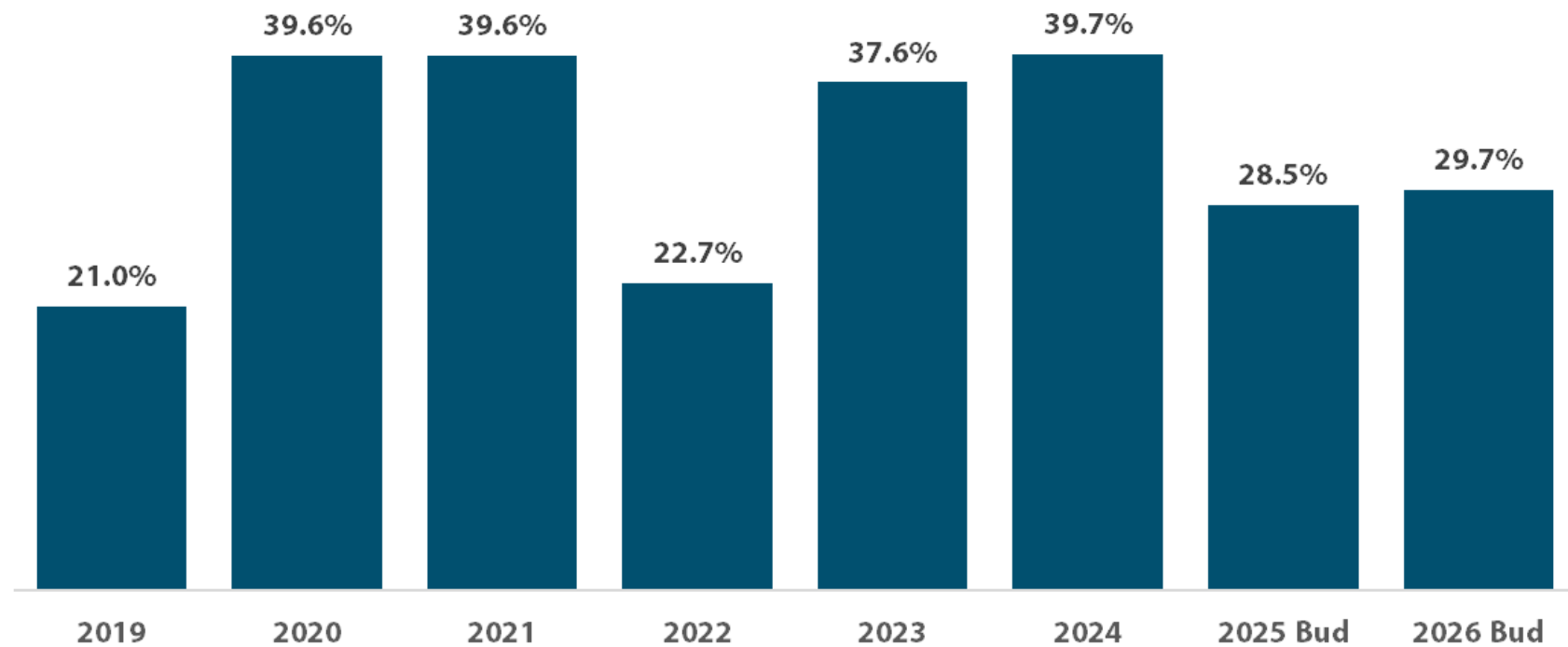
If an investment meets one of the definitions, then it must also meet at least one of the key criteria:

- A. Advances diversity for the Port.
  - B. Removes systemic barriers for BIPOC or structurally excluded communities to participate in the Port.
  - C. Programs and funding that were developed through direct engagement with communities, and/or communities been consulted in design of the program.
  - D. Has a demonstrable impact in quality of life for BIPOC or structurally excluded communities.
  - E. Was intentionally designed to have a positive impact in BIPOC or structurally excluded communities .
  - F. Achieves our environmental justice goals and removes barriers for BIPOC or structurally excluded communities to live and enjoy a healthy environment.
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# 2026 Port Wide Equity Spending by Category



# Port Wide Equity Spending Funded by Tax Levy





# 2026 Equity Spending Highlights

- Workforce Development Programs (\$4,173K)
  - Airport Employment Center (\$1,653K)
  - Maritime Workforce Investments (\$670K)
  - Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program (\$750K)
  - Maritime High School (\$100K)
- South King and Port Communities Fund (\$1,945K)
  - Total SKPCF is \$2,195K if including \$250K in Diversity in Contracting in EDD
- Noise Part 150 Study (\$750K)
- Transportation Pilot for SEA workers “SEA Moves” (\$750K)
- Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program (\$617K)

## 2026 Equity Spending Highlights - Cont.

- Veteran's Program (\$361K)
- Childcare Initiative Implementation (\$350K)
- High School Internship Program (\$290K)
- Language Access Fund – Port wide (\$229K)
- Maritime Blue (\$180K)
- Equity Assessment Part 2 (\$100K)
- Taxi Driver Employment Navigator (\$65K)
- Immigration Rapid Response Contract (\$30K)
- Employee Resource Groups (\$20K)

# 2026 levy Sources and Uses

(\$ million)

## **SOURCES OF TAX LEVY FUNDS**

2026 Beginning Levy Fund Balance  
Annual Tax Levy  
**Total Sources**

| <b>2026</b> |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| \$          | 18.6         |
|             | 90.2         |
| <b>\$</b>   | <b>108.8</b> |

## **USES OF TAX LEVY FUNDS**

G.O. bond debt service (existing)  
Non-Airport Capital Investments  
Community Programs  
Aviation NOISE  
**Total Uses**

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| \$        | 38.9        |
|           | 25.4        |
|           | 15.5        |
|           | 5.0         |
| <b>\$</b> | <b>84.8</b> |

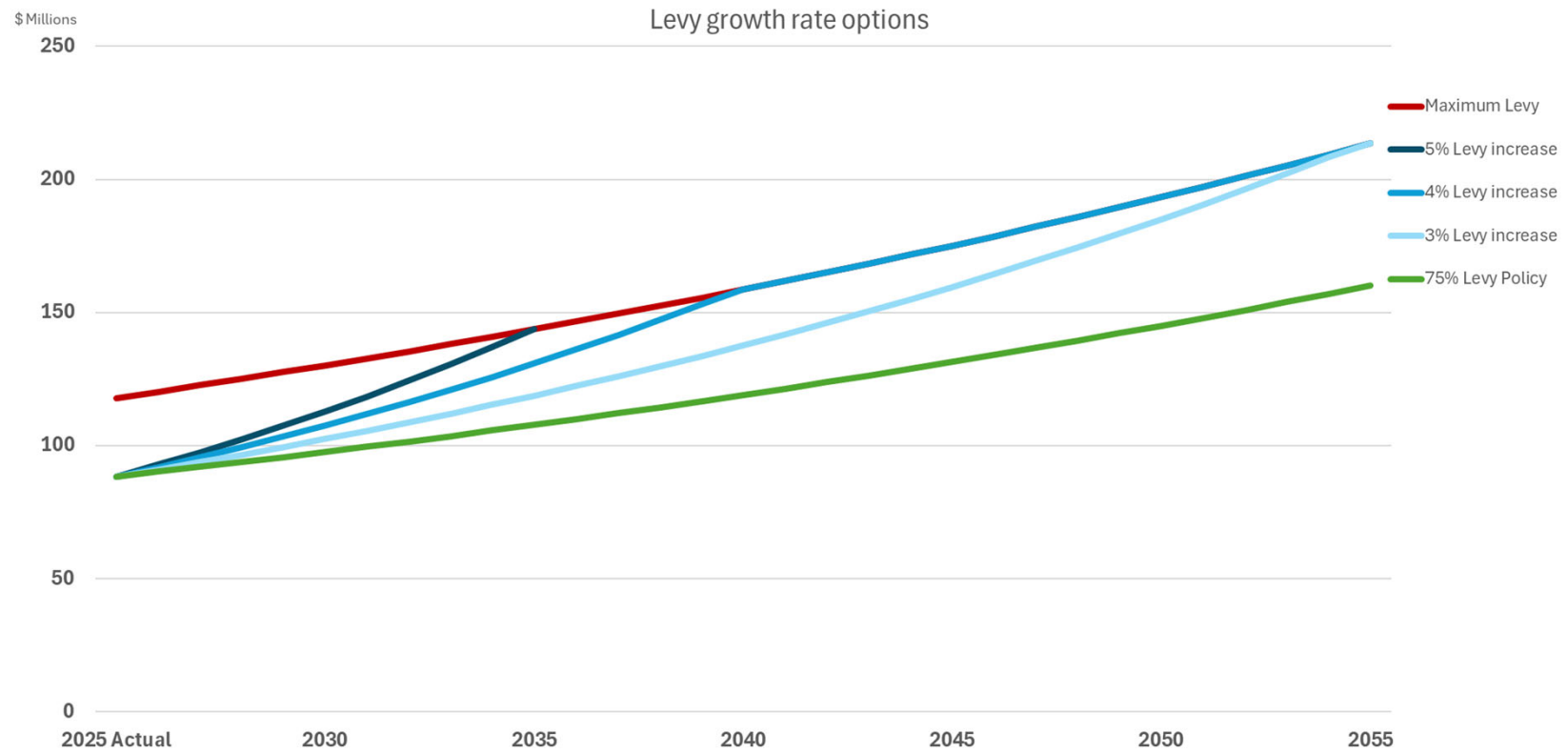
**Projected Ending 2026 Levy Fund Balance**

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| <b>\$</b> | <b>24.0</b> |
|-----------|-------------|

## 3%, 4%, 5% Annual Levy Increase Reference

|                  | Amount               | % Increase<br>from 2025 | Additional 2026<br>Levy collections | % of Max in<br>2026 | Estimated<br>Homeowner<br>Impact |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>75% Levy</b>  | <b>\$ 90,180,054</b> | <b>2.0%</b>             | <b>\$ 1,794,453</b>                 | <b>75.0%</b>        | <b>\$85</b>                      |
| 3% Levy Increase | \$ 91,037,169        | 3.0%                    | \$ 2,651,568                        | 75.7%               | \$86                             |
| 4% Levy Increase | \$ 91,921,025        | 4.0%                    | \$ 3,535,424                        | 76.4%               | \$86                             |
| 5% Levy Increase | \$ 92,804,881        | 5.0%                    | \$ 4,419,280                        | 77.2%               | \$87                             |

# 3%, 4%, 5% Annual Levy Increase Reference



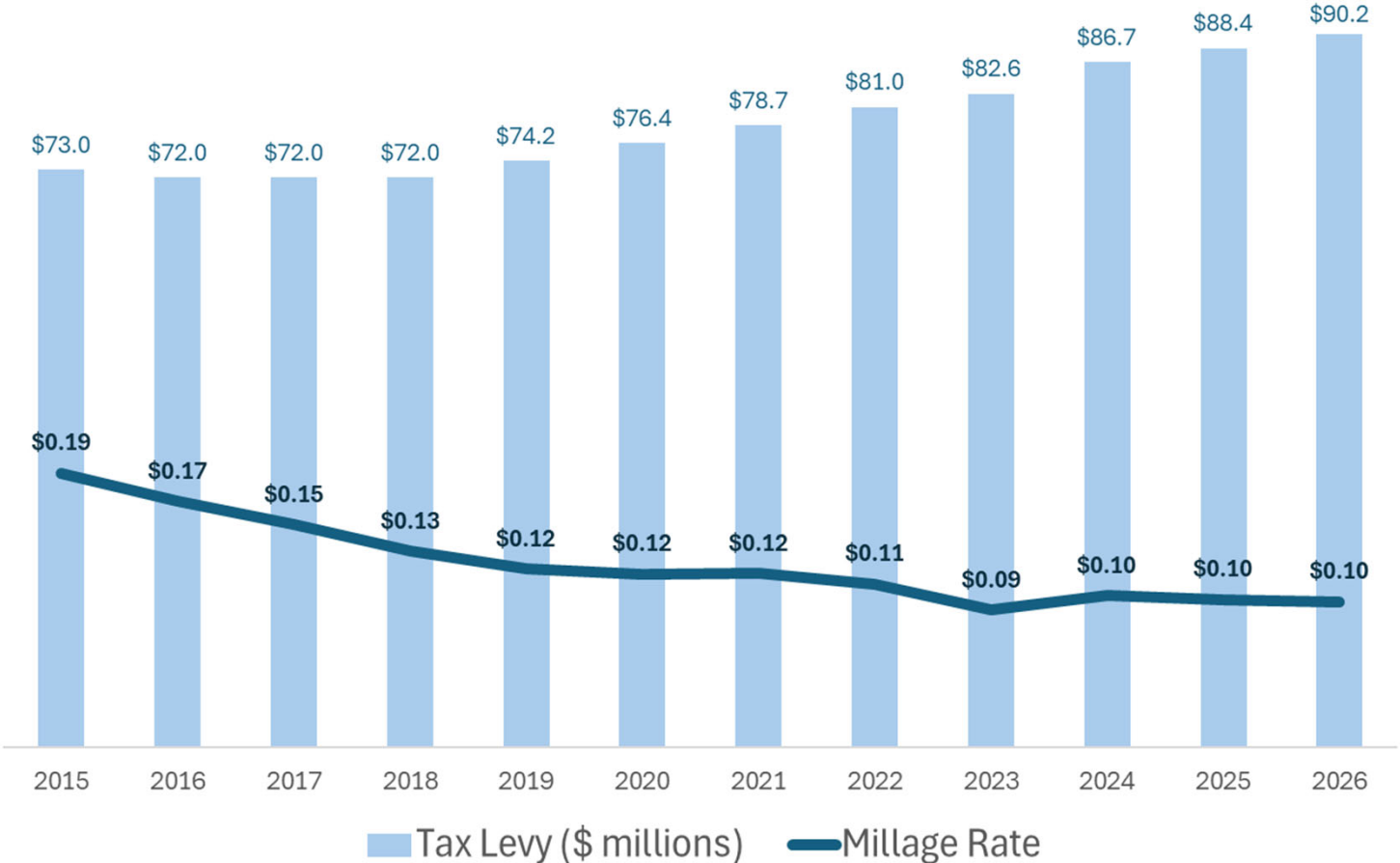


# Tax Levy Summary

- Levy amount is approved annually by the Commission
- Levy can be leveraged by issuing General Obligation (G.O.) bonds
- Current Levy uses:
  - G.O. bond debt service
  - Environmental remediation and sustainability
  - Regional transportation mobility
  - Community: equity, workforce, economic development
  - Investments in seaport infrastructure
- The Port may approve a levy amount up to the maximum allowable within statutory limits (\$120.2 million in 2026)
- 2026 levy proposed to be \$90.2 million



# 2015-2026 Tax Levy & Millage Rate (1)



(1) Millage rate represents the amount per every \$1,000 of assessed valuation

# Taxpayer Impact

|                                          | 2025    | 2026 preliminary |
|------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Tax Levy (\$ million)                    | 88.4    | 90.2             |
| Estimated millage rate (\$/1000)         | 0.1012  | 0.1000           |
| Median home value (\$) <sup>(1)(2)</sup> | 844,000 | 850,000          |
| Estimated median home Port tax (\$)      | \$85    | \$85             |

(1) 2025 per King County; 2026 data is not yet available

(2) 2024 median assessed value was \$761,000

- The Port's levy increases by 2.0% in 2026; preliminary assessed valuation for 2026 is ~\$904 billion (increase of 3.5%) thus the millage rate decreased slightly
- The Port's levy was approximately 1.1% of total property taxes levied in King County in 2025



# GASBs 87 Lease and 96 SBITA Accounting Changes

- Require to report part of the lease payments from tenants (except for leases related to aeronautical revenues) as non-operating interest income, instead of operating revenues.
- No impact to the Port's overall Changes in Net Position.
- Treat leases more like a long-term financing arrangement, similar to a loan for our tenants to use the Port facilities, with part of the lease payments representing interest income on that financing arrangement.
- Conversely, when the Port makes lease or subscription payments to vendors (for the use of land, facilities, equipment, or subscription-based IT services) a portion of those payments is now classified as non-operating interest expense.