

FUTURE FUNDING FOR UNINCORPORATED AREA ROADS

THOUGHTS FROM OUTSIDE THE BOX



(I) RAISE MORE MONEY:

REGIONALIZE THE ISSUE

REGIONALIZE THE SOLUTION

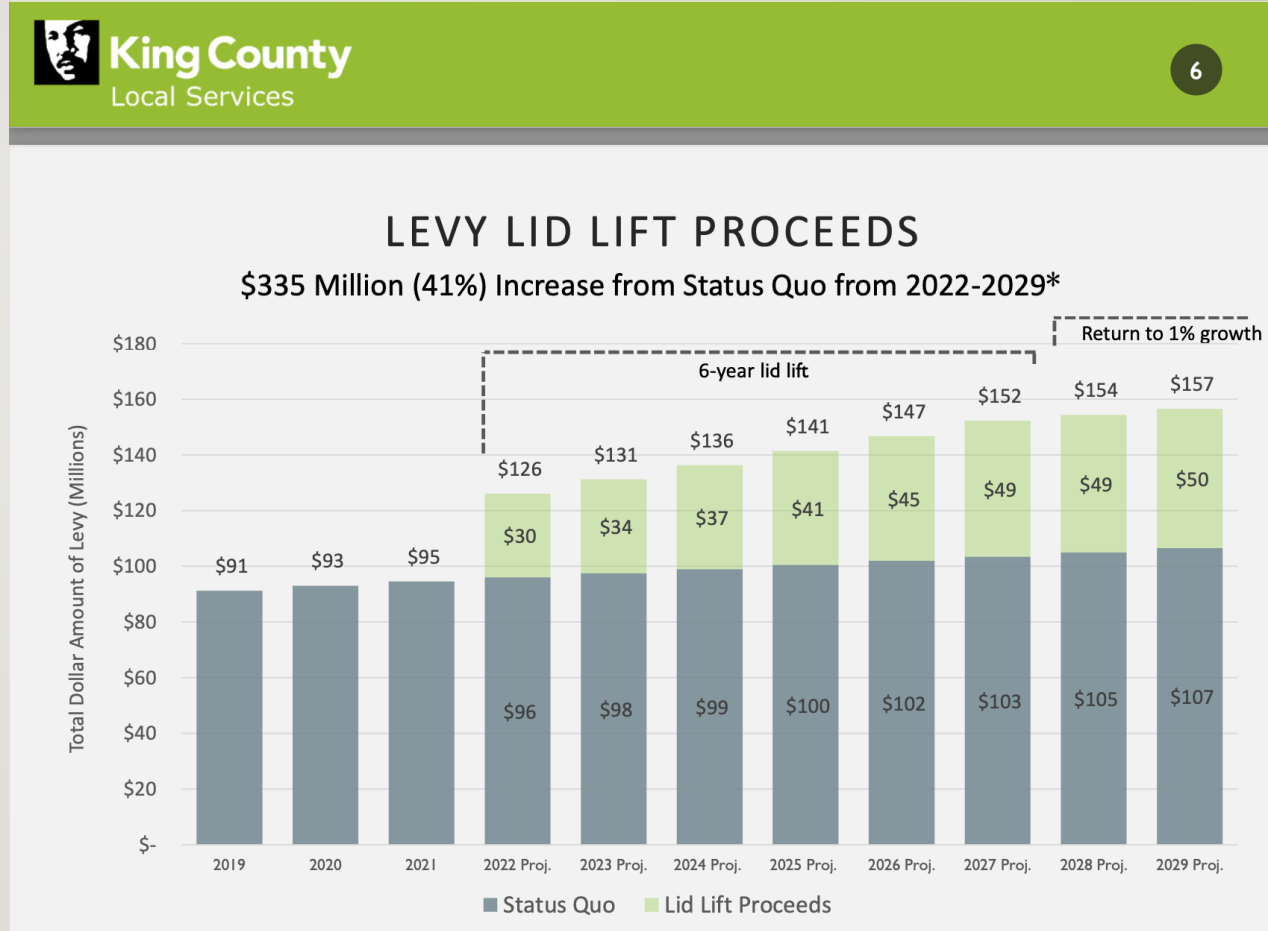
A FLAWED ATTEMPT:

LEVY LID LIFT PROPOSAL (2021)

Tax only paid by
unincorporated area residents

Roads improved largely serve
city-to-city commuters

Was not submitted to voters



A BETTER WAY:

“COMPLETELY
SAFE STREETS”

- Levy lid lift, re-focused
- Safety appeals to voters
- Benefits all jurisdictions

- COUNTYWIDE LEVY: **REGIONALIZATION**

Include all cities so everybody is vested

- **PURPOSE: SAFETY FOR ALL ROAD USERS**

Pedestrians - Bicycles - Traffic - Transit

- **ALIGNS WITH ADOPTED POLICIES**

“Complete Streets” - “Target Zero” - “Safer Roads”



A BETTER WAY:

COMPLETELY SAFE STREETS

Allocation formula
benefits the
unincorporated area

- Tax proceeds allocated to each jurisdiction based on **classified arterial road miles**
 - UKC share of countywide total = **30%**
- Tax revenue comes from **population**
 - UKC share of countywide total = **11%**

A BETTER WAY:

COMPLETELY SAFE STREETS

Assume a (low) levy rate
equivalent to **1 latte/month**
per household (\$6)

- COUNTYWIDE TAXES COLLECTED = \$72M/year
 - 70% FOR CITIES = \$50M/year
 - 30% FOR COUNTY = \$22M/year
- CONTINUE FOR 20 YEARS: = \$440 M
(Total TNR funding shortfall = \$2.7 Billion)

(2) REDUCE COUNTY ROAD COSTS:

STOP FAVORING THROUGH TRAFFIC
THAT PAYS NOTHING
FOR THE ROADS THEY USE

CONVERT FOUR
“RURAL REGIONAL ARTERIALS”
TO
STATE HIGHWAYS

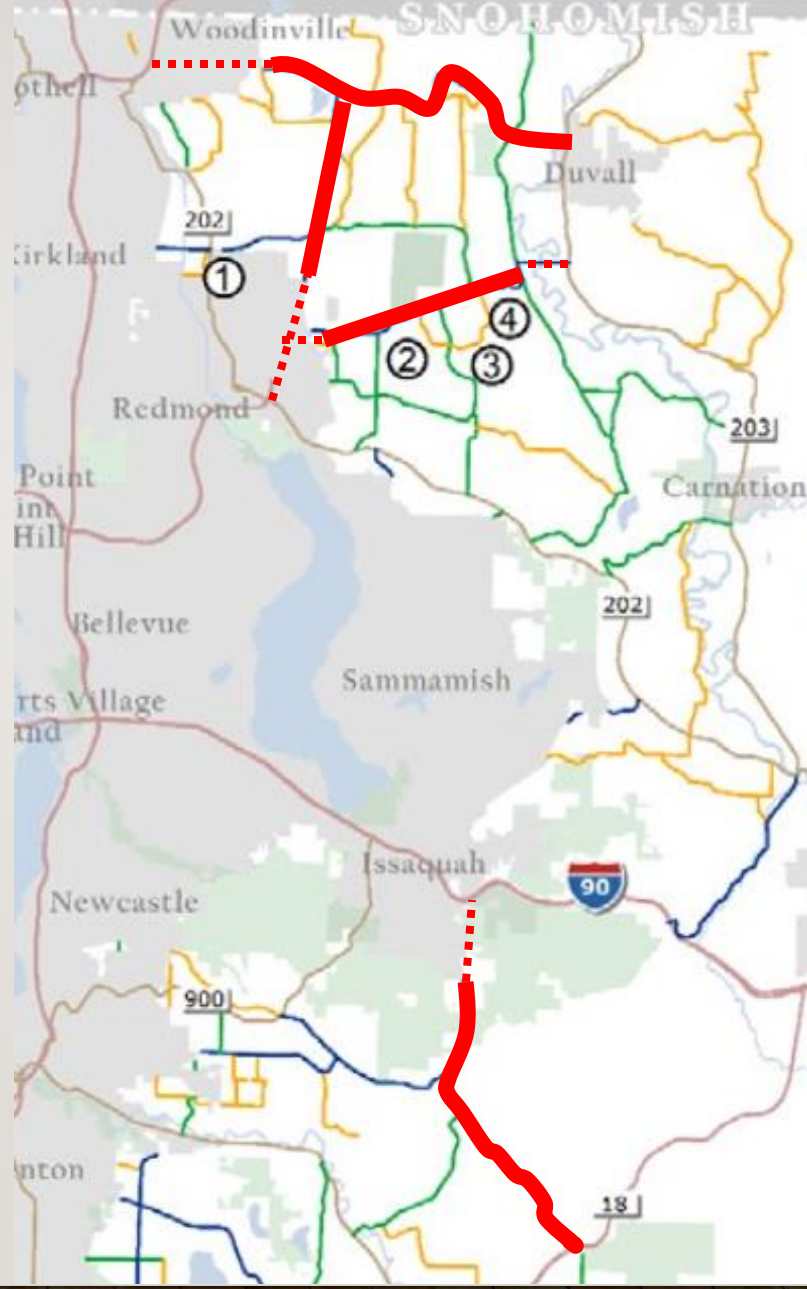
WOODINVILLE-DUVALL ROAD

NOVELTY HILL ROAD

AVONDALE ROAD

ISSAQUAH HOBART ROAD

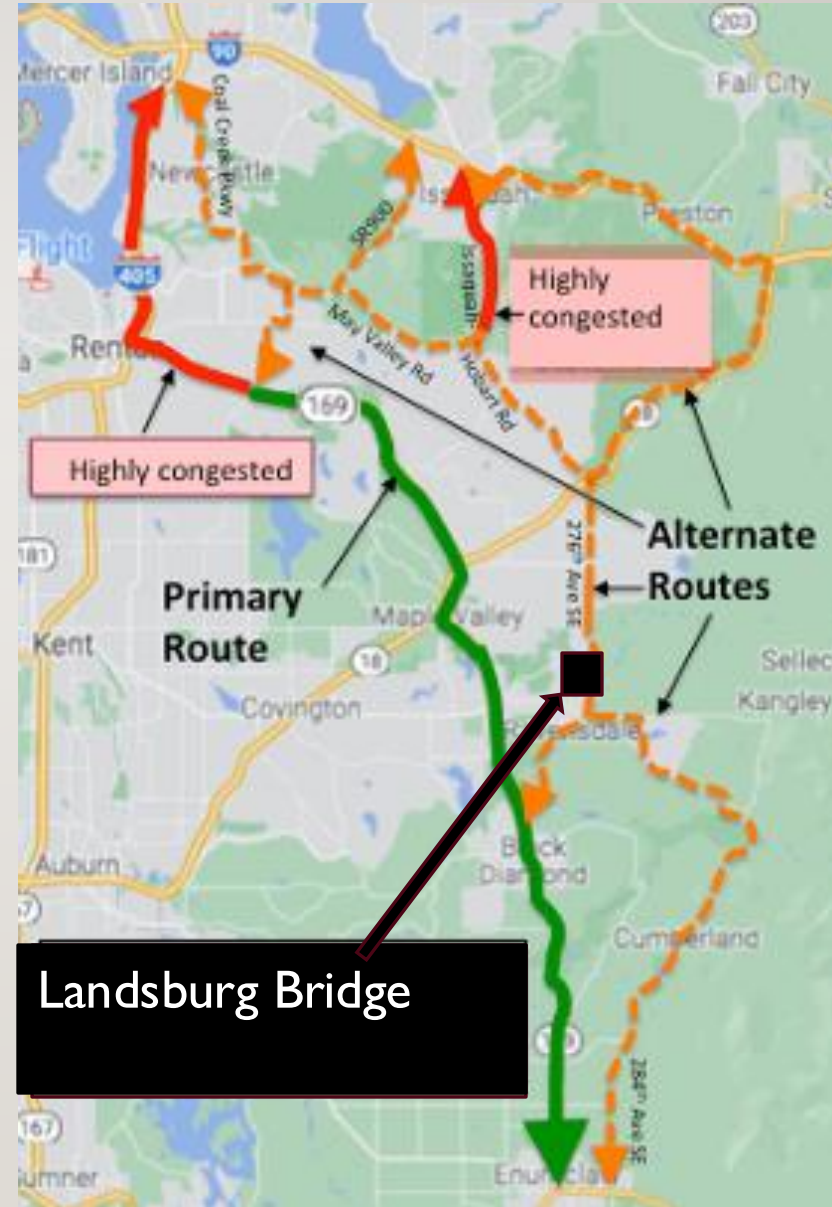
(p.s. we can suggest more locations)



CLOSE THE LANDSBURG BRIDGE

75% of use is **long distance commuting**
from Enumclaw-Bonney Lake
to Bellevue-Redmond

Commuters will revert to SR 169

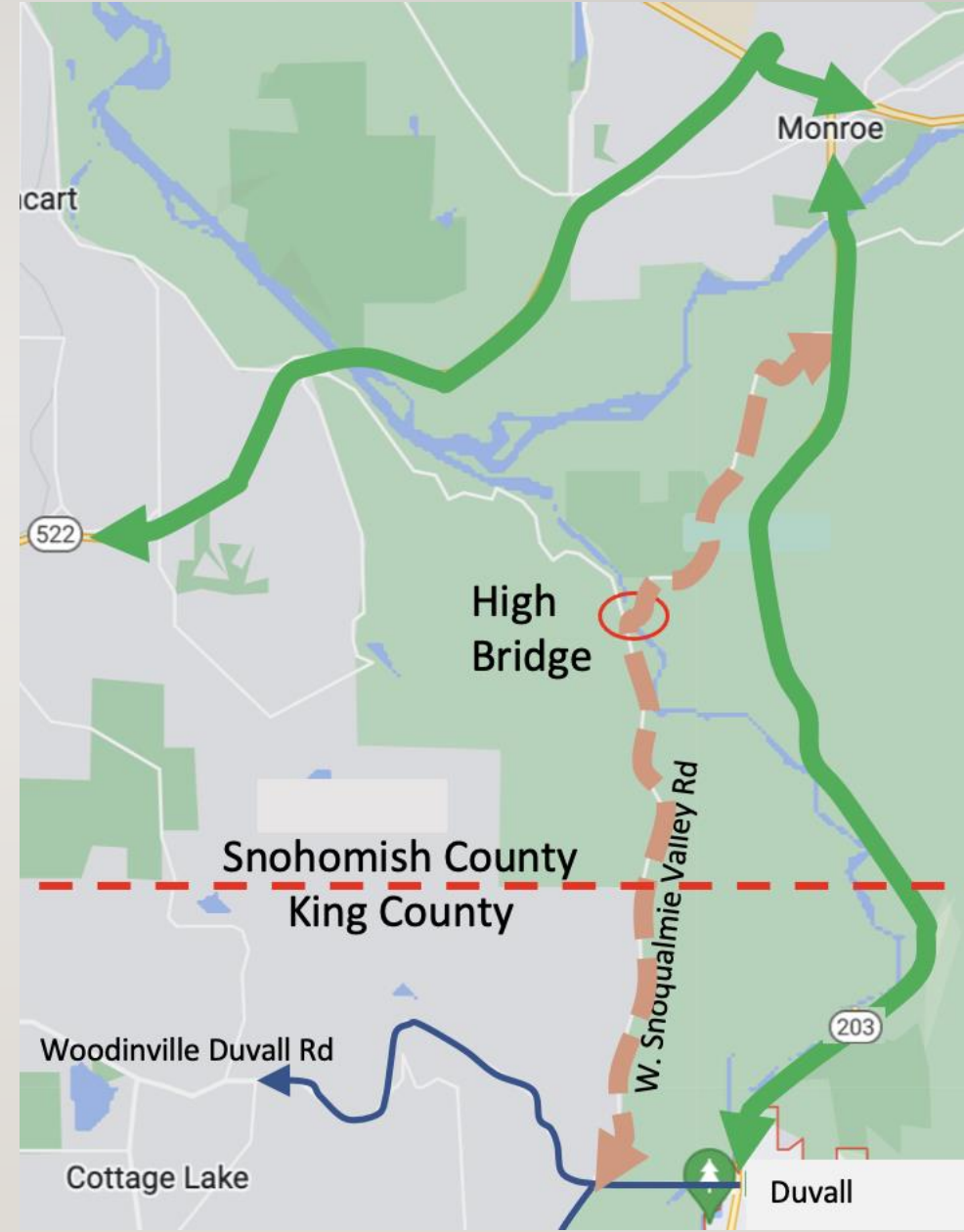


CLOSE THE WEST SNOQUALMIE VALLEY ROAD AT THE COUNTY LINE

Commuters will shift to SR522 and SR203
(where they belong)

Local farmers will enjoy restored quiet

Road reconstruction can be deferred



MORE THOUGHTS FOR ANOTHER DAY

REGIONALIZE

Road finances

- Local Access First –
Prioritize county road tax
- Schedule of Roads to be Closed–
What roads will close & when
due to lack of funds
- Traffic impact fees –
Voter-approved regionalization
- Black Diamond –
Confront this unmanaged growth

MORE THOUGHTS FOR ANOTHER DAY

MODERNIZE

County roads

- Road Design Standards –
Update for pedestrians, bicycles, transit
- Roundabouts –
Preserve local access, control speeds
- Choker Sections –
Protect hill-climb routes, scenic corridors

Thank you
for bearing with me!

When can we meet again?

