



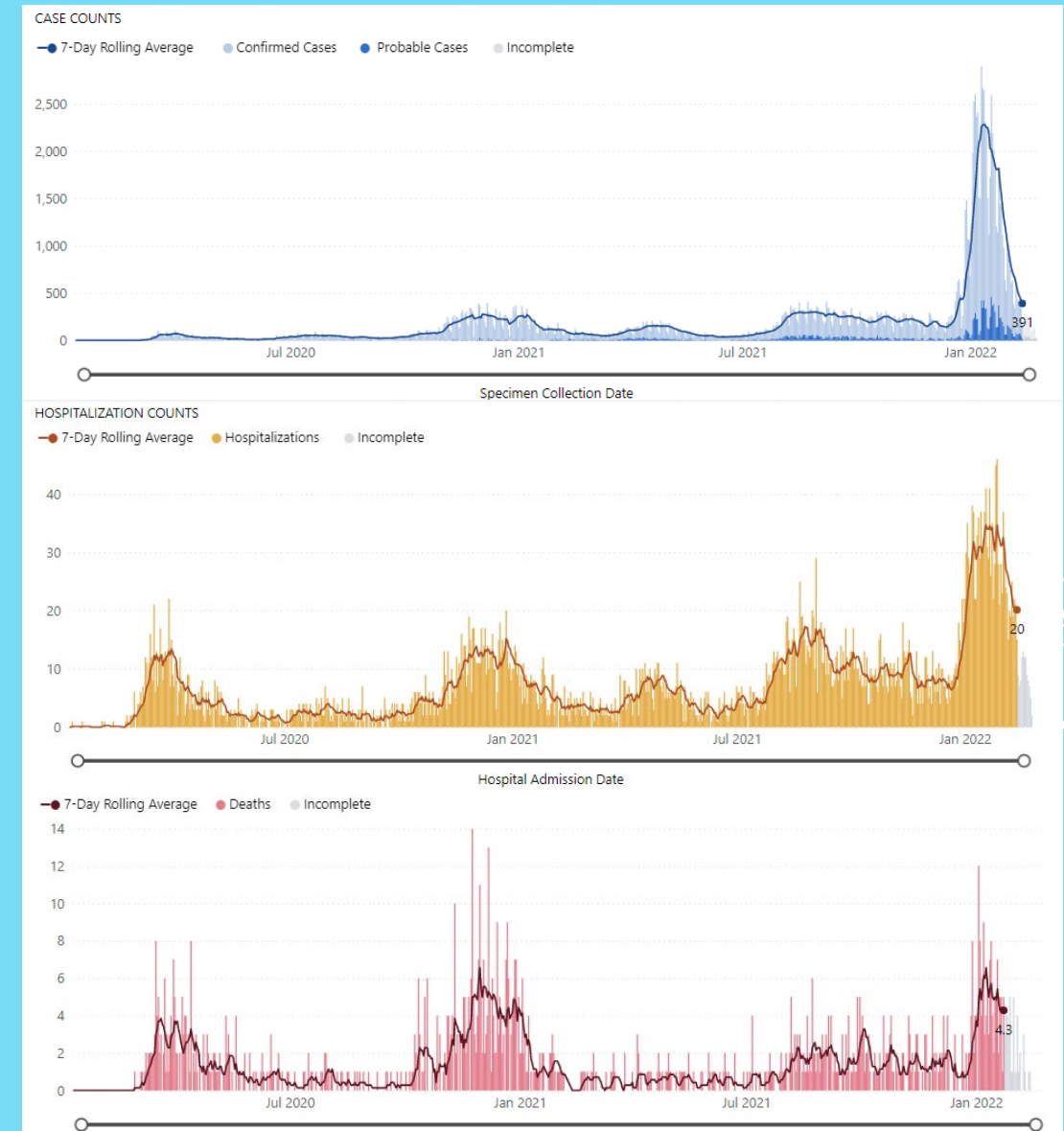
SNOHOMISH COUNTY UPDATE – STILLY VALLEY CHAMBER

COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER NATE NEHRING

March 8th, 2022

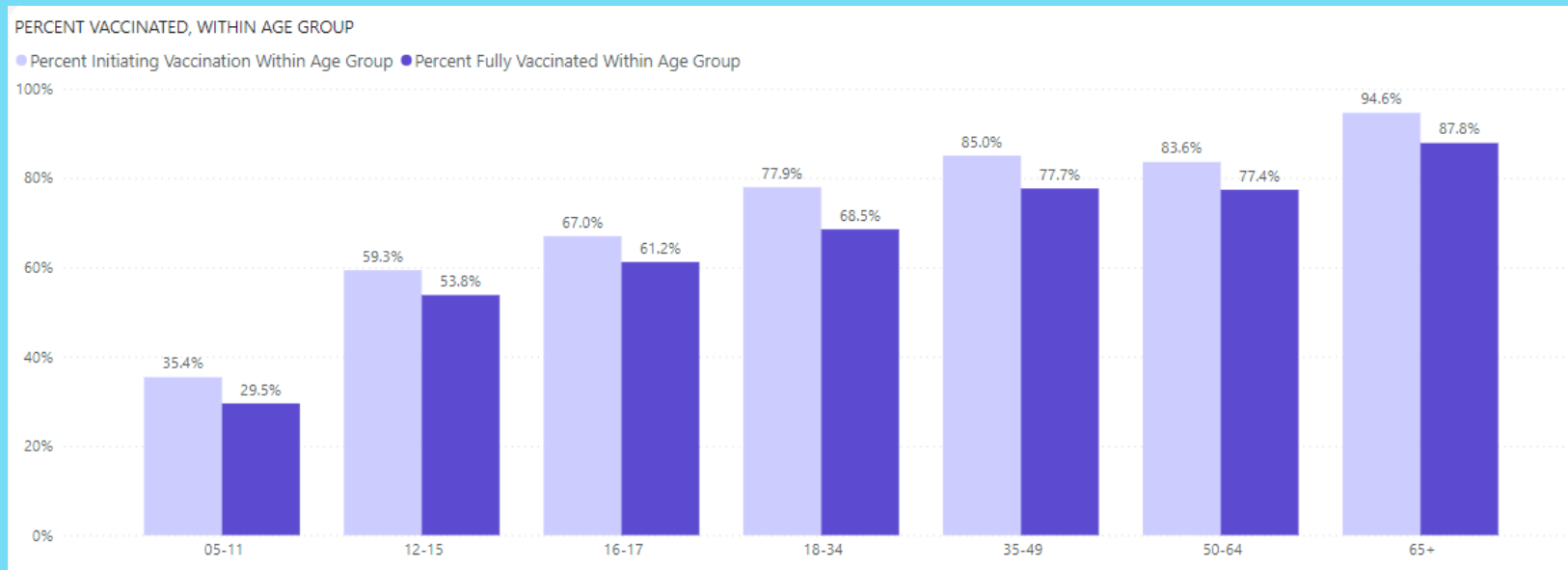
COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

- The Omicron variant cases and hospitalizations have quickly gone down in the past few weeks following a dramatic increase in January
- Conditions have improved and the CDC & State DOH have changed masking requirements
- Masks will not be required in most indoor locations starting March 12th



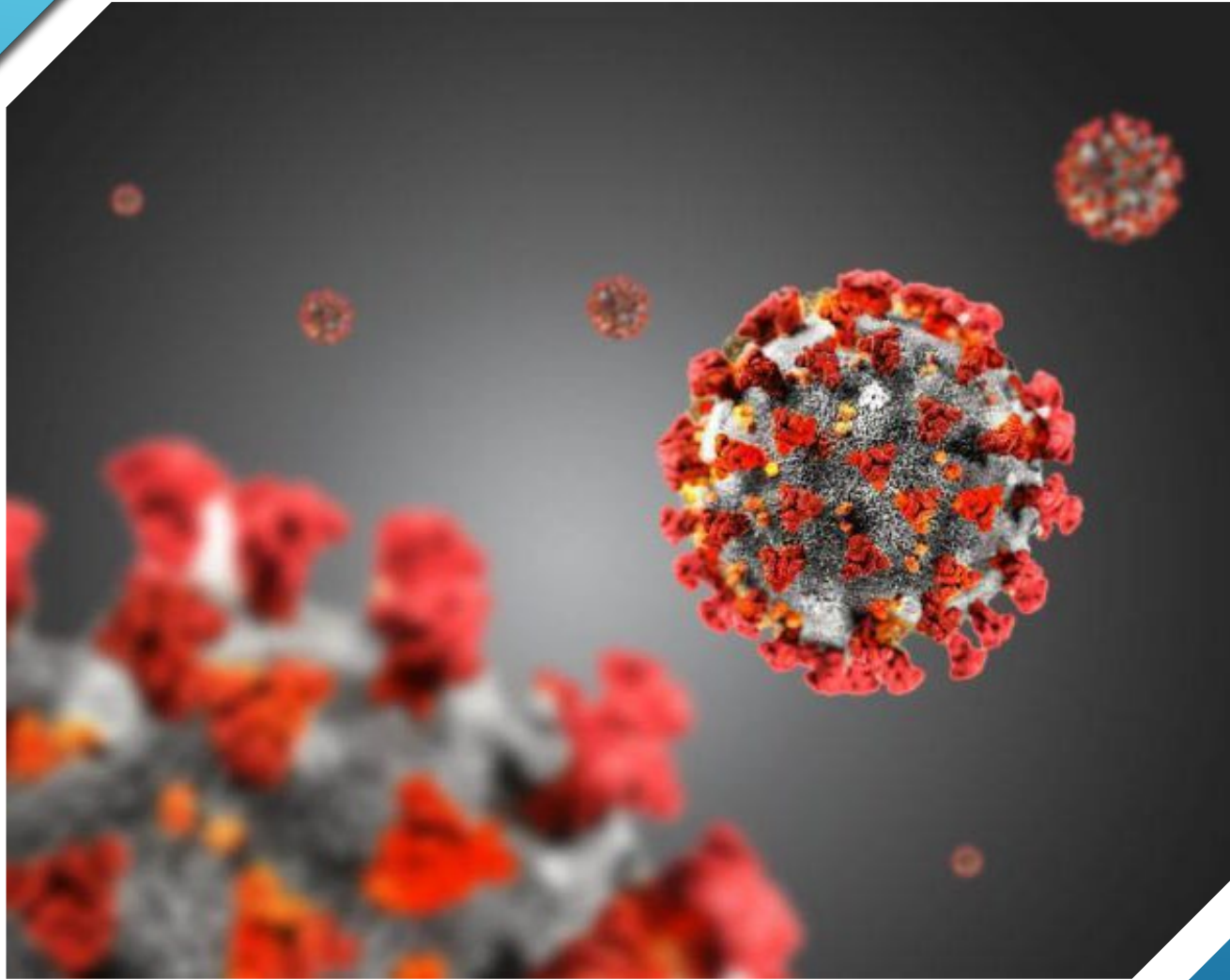
COVID-19 VACCINATION RATE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

78.1% of those 16+ are fully vaccinated



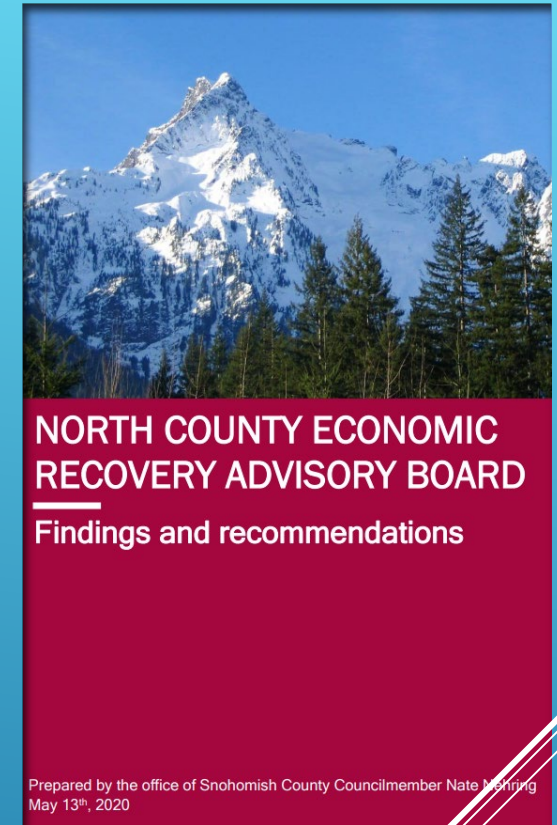
COVID-19 RESPONSE

- ▶ County received federal ARPA dollars to respond to COVID-19
 - ▶ \$80 million in 2021
 - ▶ \$80 million in 2022
- ▶ First installment allocated
 - ▶ Public health response
 - ▶ Economic recovery
 - ▶ Social services



ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE RECOVERY TASK FORCE

- ▶ Joined Executive Somers in Task Force to identify strategies to help businesses and employees
- ▶ Formed the North County Economic Recovery Advisory Board
- ▶ Issued a report with findings and recommendations
 - ▶ Linked here:
<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/73661/North-County-Economic-Recovery-Report?bidId=>

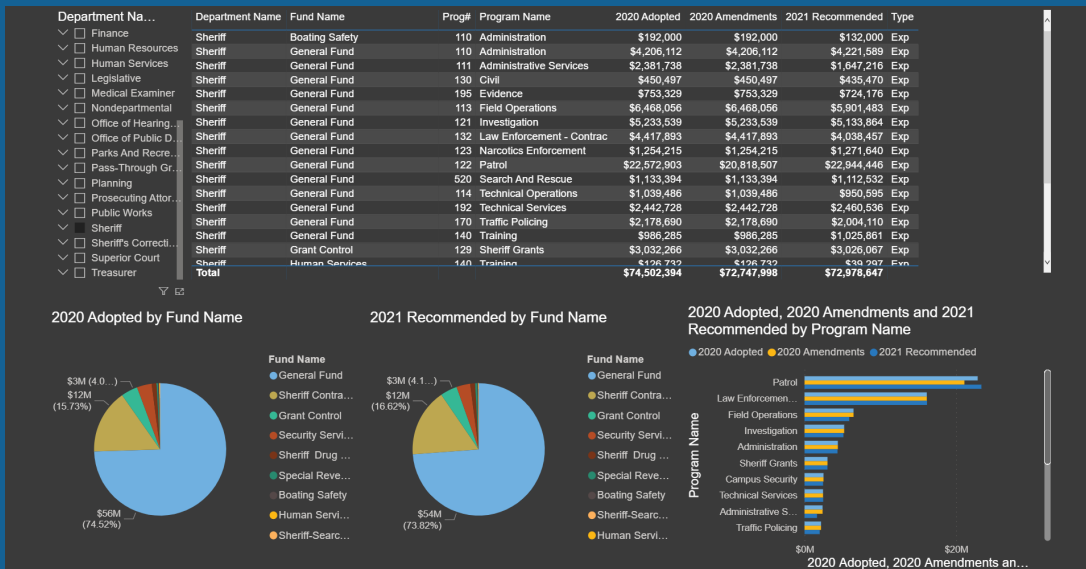


SNOHOMISH COUNTY BUDGET

- ▶ Budget pays for services including:
 - ▶ Public safety, roads, solid waste, human services, elections, document recording, land use and many others
- ▶ The General Fund pays for most of these services
 - ▶ 2022 General Fund is \$288 million
 - ▶ 70% of the General Fund goes to Public Safety and Law and Justice Departments



2021 ADOPTED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

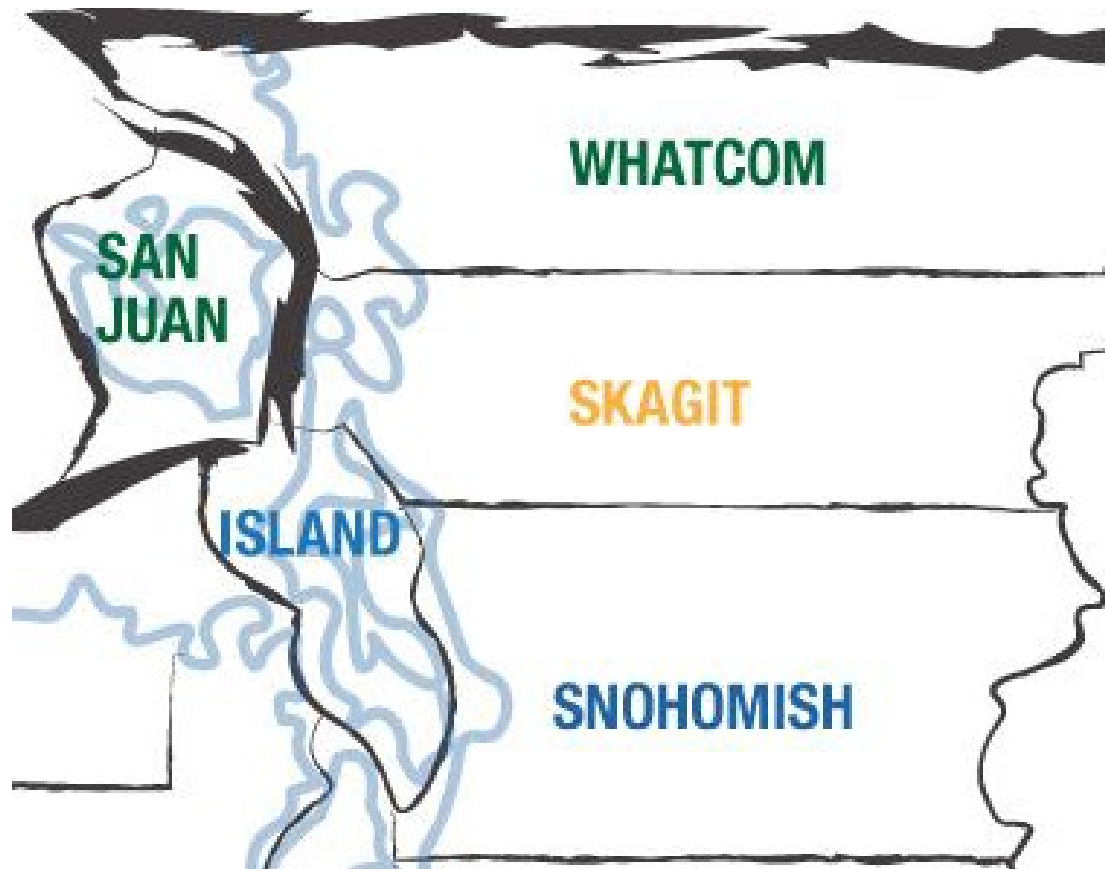


- ▶ Budget includes 2.5% increase to general property tax levy
 - ▶ First year since 2016 that general property tax levy has been increased by Council
- ▶ Budget funds additional Sheriff's deputies and body worn cameras
- ▶ Funds crime prevention officers
- ▶ Electrifies County's vehicle fleet

Online budget tool can compare 2020 and 2021 budgets.

Will soon be able to compare 2022 budget

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/5673/Budget-Dashboards>



REGIONAL COLLABORATION WORK

- ▶ SWISS Region Counties – Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, Skagit, San Juan
- ▶ Started collaboration in 2020
- ▶ Developed joint legislative priorities
 - ▶ Behavioral Health investments
 - ▶ Expansion of Rural Broadband
 - ▶ Increased funding for transportation projects connecting counties
- ▶ Goal is for better advocacy results with joint effort

The background of the slide is a photograph of a park. In the foreground, there are several large, mature trees with thick trunks and dense foliage. A paved path or road runs through the park, bordered by a low stone wall and a chain-link fence. The ground is covered with fallen leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The overall tone is warm and natural.

Haller Park Improvements – \$50,000
– Arlington

Old School Park Improvement –
\$32,000 – Darrington

Frank Mason Park Improvements –
\$43,000 – Granite Falls

▶ Veteran's Memorial – \$50,000 –
Centennial Trail near Arlington

- ▶ Kayak Point Park - \$2,616,959
- ▶ SR 530 Memorial - \$2,400,000
- ▶ Whitehorse Park - \$1,227,572
- ▶ SR530 Broadband internet project

2022 INVESTMENTS IN NORTH COUNTY

- Partnering with State Broadband Office
- Made up of broad range of stakeholders including providers, business, non-profit, healthcare, education, and local government
- Goal is to identify needs, plan for projects, and advocate for funding



BROADBAND ACTION TEAM (BAT)

BROADBAND EXPANSION EFFORTS

- ▶ SR 530 Expansion Project
 - ▶ County partnered with Ziply
 - ▶ Submitted application to State Broadband Office for \$18,461,464
 - ▶ Will expand broadband to 5,598 homes and businesses
- ▶ ARPA Investments
 - ▶ Snohomish County set aside \$5 million for broadband projects
 - ▶ Following a gap analysis, County will allocate funds toward areas of need



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Commercial air service at Paine Field has been a great success
 - ▶ Has seen an impact on flights due to COVID-19
- ▶ Cascade Industrial Center continues to see development and job growth
 - ▶ **Over 2,000 jobs in high-tech manufacturing, packaging, and distribution will be filled in 2021 and nearly 12,000 new jobs will be ready by 2040 in Arlington**



- ▶ Amazon distribution facility under construction in CIC
- ▶ Artist's rendering of facility

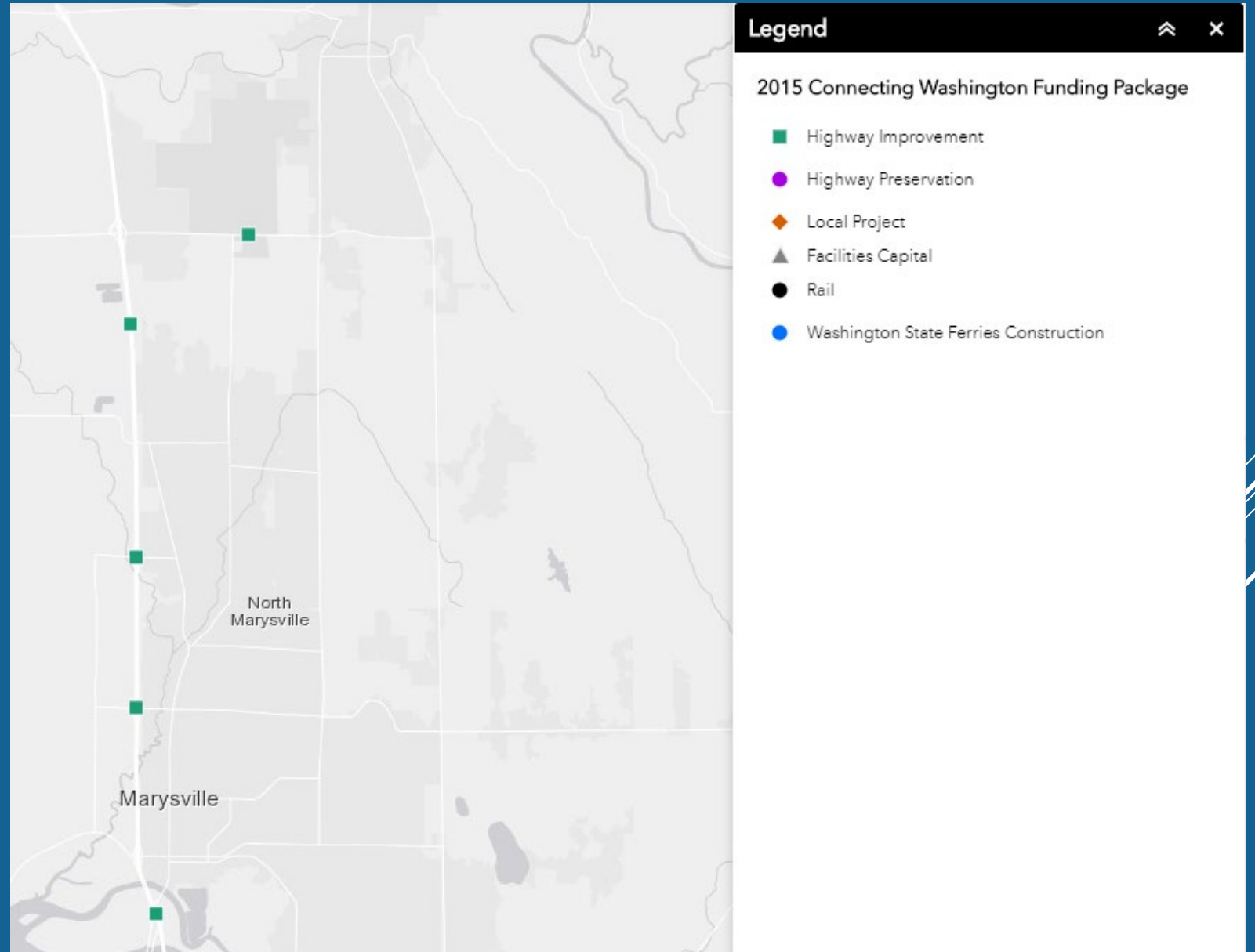
REGIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS (RAP) PROGRAM

- The Regional Apprenticeship Pathways (RAP) Program provides training in the skilled trades for high school students in Snohomish County
- Hosted at Marysville-Pilchuck High School, students from across the County participate.
- Partnership with Everett Community College provides safety training and career readiness
- Students receive training and safety certifications, college credentials, and preferred entry into certified apprenticeship programs after graduation
- Recently certified by the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council as an official apprenticeship preparatory program
- In its third year, the program offers opportunities for certifications and a second-year program for returning students



TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- ▶ Connecting Washington Projects in North Snohomish County:
 - ▶ I-5 Marine View Drive to SR 528
 - ▶ SR 529/I-5 Interchange
 - ▶ I-5/116th St and 88th St Interchanges
 - ▶ I-5/156th NE Interchange
 - ▶ SR 531 Expansion

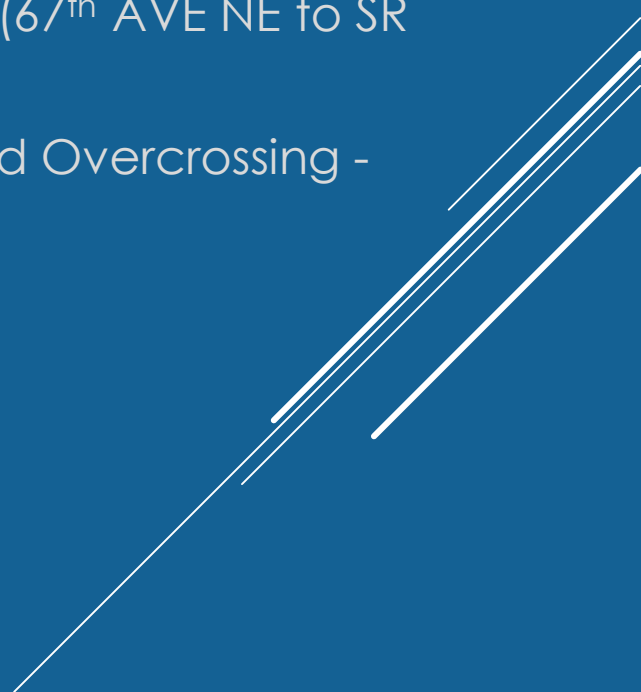


TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (CONT.)

▶ County investments in 2022

- ▶ SR530/Smokey Pt Blvd - \$350,000
- ▶ Goodman Creek Culvert Repair - \$150,000
- ▶ Nicks Rd Flood Repair - \$341,000
- ▶ 84th ST NE/163rd AVE NE Intersection Improvements - \$172,000
- ▶ 84th ST NE/123rd AVE NE Intersection Improvements - \$140,000
- ▶ 88th ST NE - \$400,000
- ▶ 67th AVE NE Intersection Improvements - \$140,000
- ▶ Jordan Creek Bridge - \$365,000
- ▶ Madden Bridge Rehab - \$727,000

▶ North County requests in upcoming transportation package

- ▶ SR 530 – Island Crossing - \$5.5 million
 - ▶ SR 531 widening (67th AVE NE to SR 9) - \$50 million
 - ▶ Grove St. Railroad Overcrossing - \$24 million
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- ▶ North County Embedded Social Worker Program continues great work:
 - ▶ Marysville Team interacted with 258 new clients in first 3 years
 - ▶ Arlington Team interacted with 99 new clients in first 2 years
 - ▶ Snohomish County invested local funds into the Diversion Center to provide short term beds and treatment
 - ▶ State funding helped with capital costs
 - ▶ In partnership with North Sound Behavioral Health ASO, opened 32 behavioral health beds in vacant portion of Denney Juvenile Detention Center
 - ▶ Carnegie Resource Center opened in 2018 on Snohomish County campus in Everett providing wraparound services for individuals in need
 - ▶ Continuing to build on the chronic nuisance properties ordinance to address problem properties across the County
- ▶ (Picture to the left shows a nuisance property before and after the work of our nuisance properties team)

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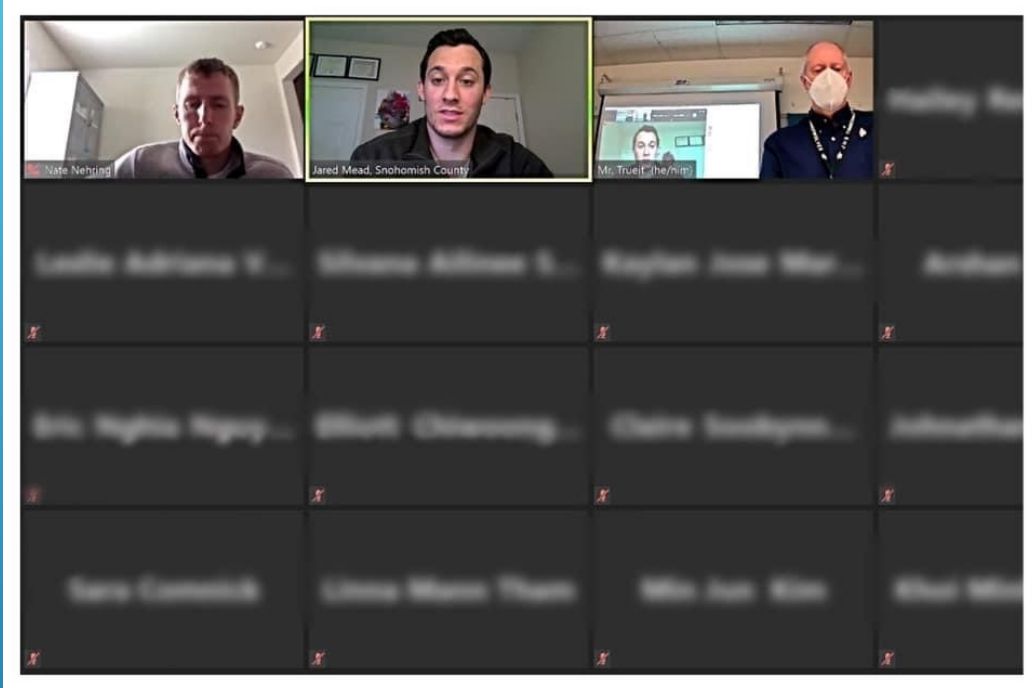
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BEFORE



AFTER



- ▶ Starting in 2020, Councilmember Jared Mead and I joined high school classes to talk about politics and local government
- ▶ We discussed civil discourse and how we can work across the aisle
- ▶ Enjoyed questions and discussion and will continue this school year

CLASSROOM VISITS WITH COUNCILMEMBER MEAD

THANK YOU!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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