

# North Kitsap Town Hall

Robert Gelder, North Kitsap Commissioner

January 12, 2022

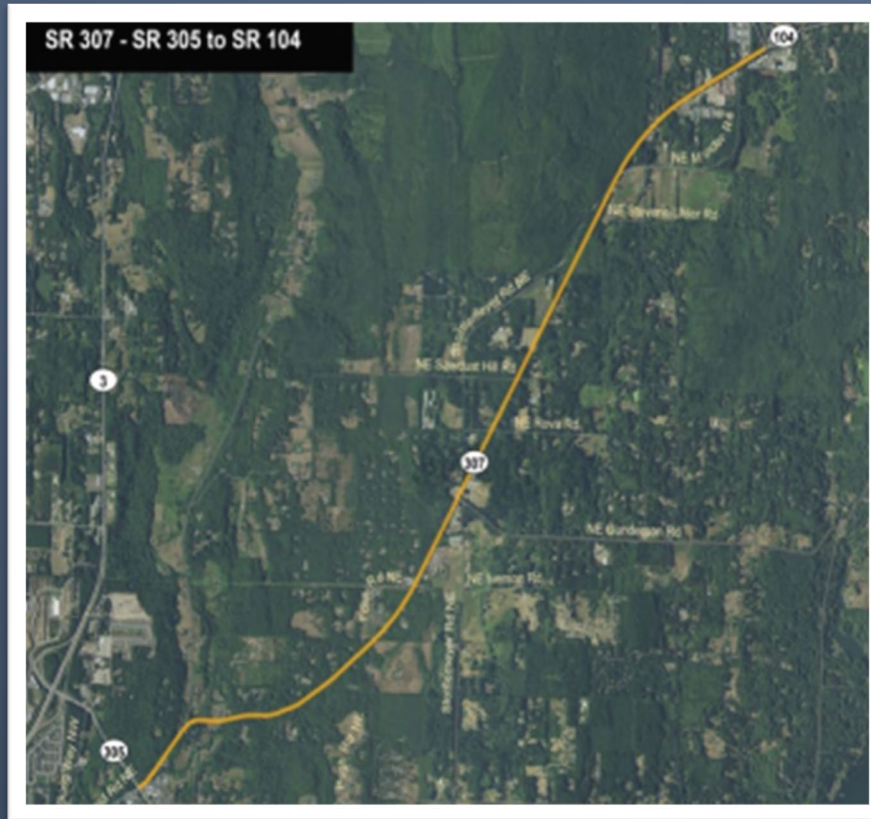


# Highway 104 Ferry Traffic

- County is seeking a grant from PSRC Rural Town Centers Program for Active Traffic Management System (ATMS)
- Would replace current tally system staffed by law enforcement
- ATMS will have signals, signage, technology to hold cars at Lindvog Road to prevent backups downtown
- Asking for \$1.4 million
- Decision in February or March



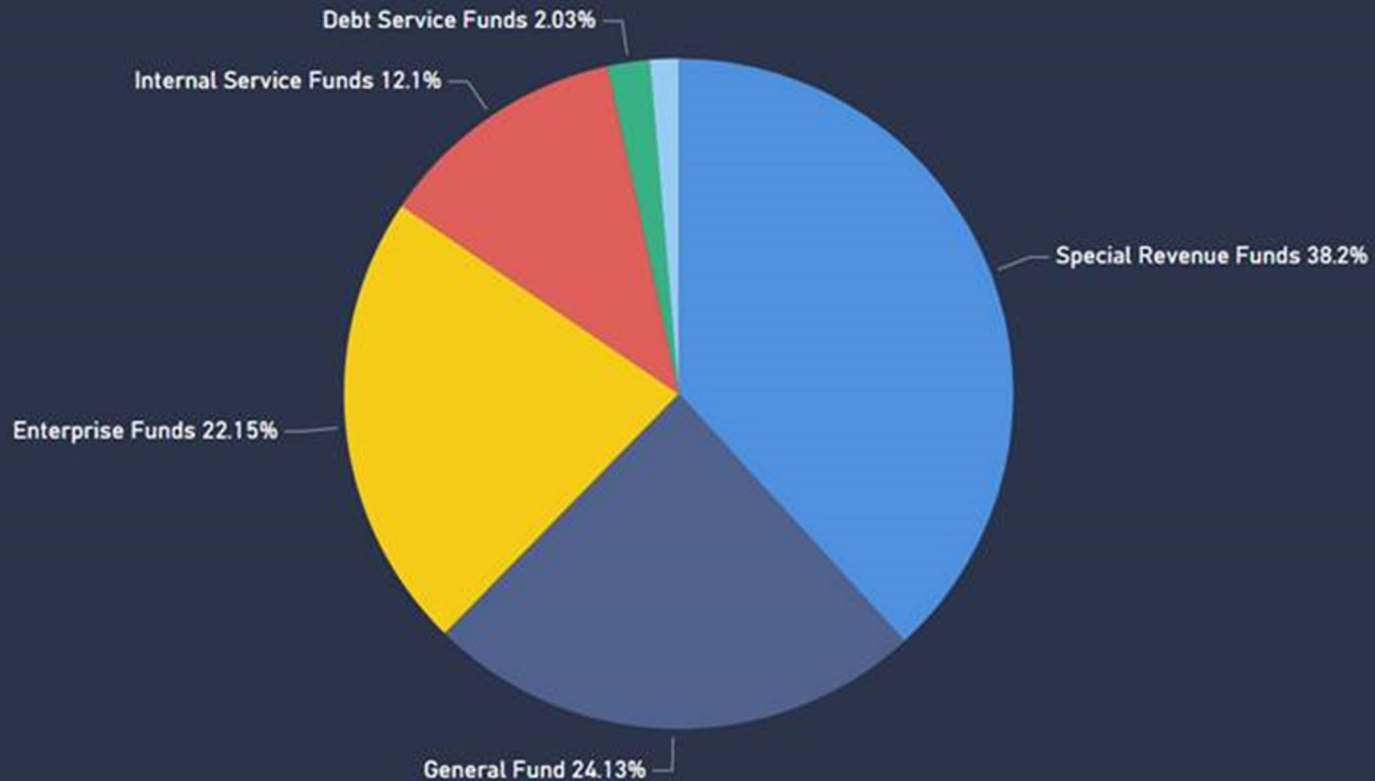
# Highway 305/307/104 Working Group



- Partnership with County, City of Poulsbo, WSDOT, Kitsap Transit
- Looking at funding a corridor study to identify safety & capacity improvements

# 2022 Budget

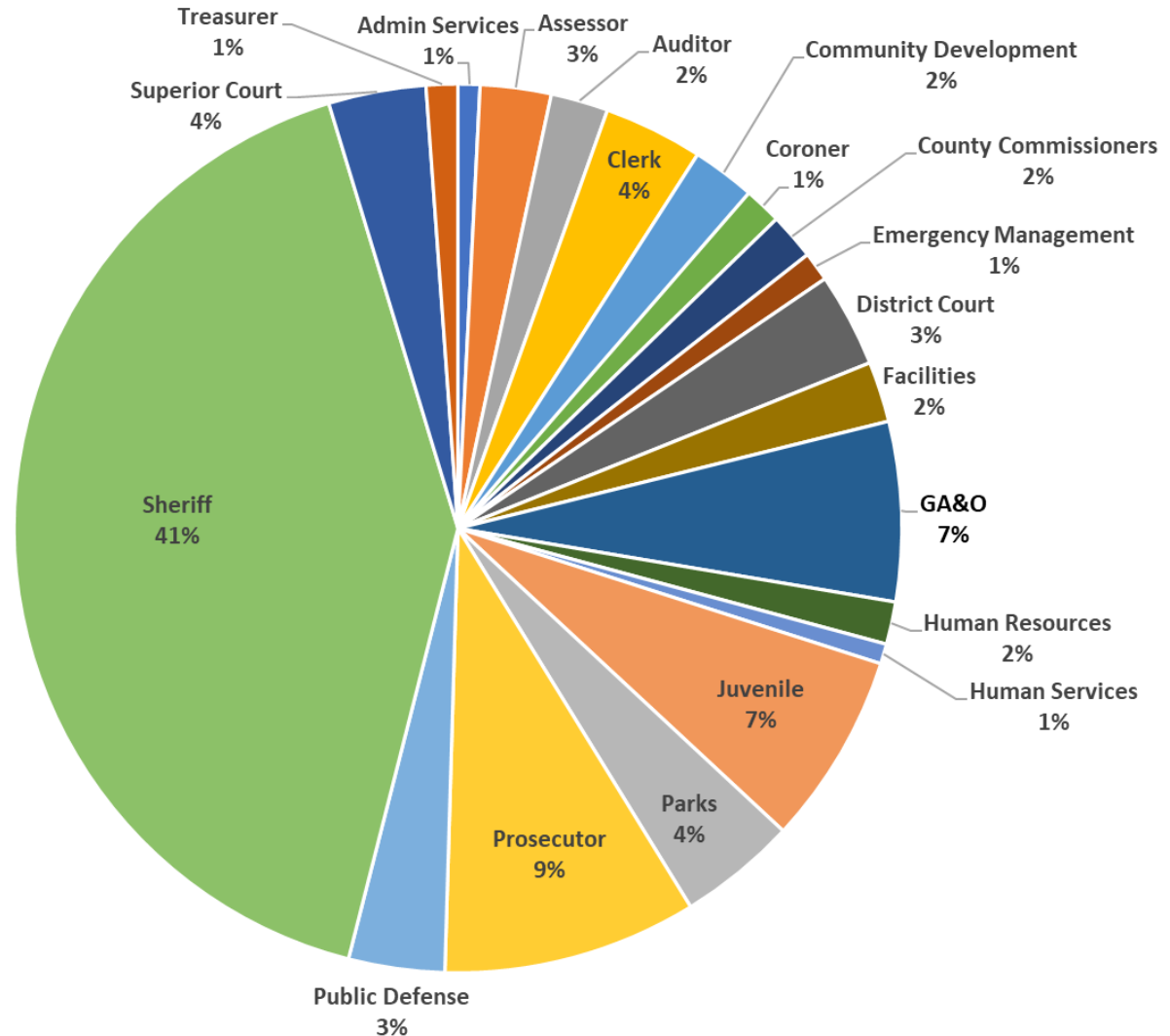
\$469.57 Million Overall  
\$113.32 Million General Fund



Most funds are legally restricted for very specific purposes



# General Fund 2022





- $1/10^{\text{th}}$  of 1 percent sales tax passed to fund affordable housing – about \$5 million a year
- Will target those with income below 60% of median income
- Community Advisory Committee to be formed soon

# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

Kitsap County has contracted with a consultant to help create an assessment in 2022 to:

- Review internal policies, employee recruitment practices & community engagement
- Establish an employee DEI advisory committee
- Identify & conduct internal training
- Create a DEI community advisory committee



# Port Madison Dialogues

Four-part online panel discussions held September – November 2021

- Early history of Suquamish Tribe
- Tribal sovereignty & governance
- Current issues facing the Tribe
- Healing Circle

Recordings of the first three sessions are available on YouTube





# Comprehensive Plan Update

- Due to be adopted in 2024 – last update in 2016
- Required by the Growth Management Act to plan for the next 20 years
- Initial steps, such as Buildable Lands Report, Countywide Planning Policies are complete
- Stay tuned for opportunities to participate



# Coroner's Office to become Medical Examiner's Office

- Kitsap County Proposition 1 passed in November 2021 with over 63% approval
- Forensic pathologist will take over as Medical Examiner when Coroner's term ends in 2023
- Most large counties use a Medical Examiner, rather than Coroner



# Recruitment Challenges

- Multiple retirements, resignations
- Covid-19 has changed the way people work and want to work
- 130 vacancies - 11.6% of staff
- 11 percent of staff is eligible for retirement
- On average, 57 days from posting job to hire





# Kingston Community Walk



Community walk with Josh Farley from the Kitsap Sun  
in 2022

# Upcoming Walk & Talks

- February 19 – Keyport Mercantile, 9:30 AM
- March 5 – Kingston Village Green, 9:30 AM
- April 2 – Indianola General Store, 9:30 AM





# Thank you for your time!

Rob Gelder  
rgelder@co.kitsap.wa.us  
(360) 337-7080

