



King County

Local Services

How can we serve you?



King County Department of Local Services

Roads Funding
October 28, 2019

August 26 Committee Meeting - Follow-up Items

Roads Funding Discussion

- Levy Lid Lift
- Ballot Measure Process
- Investing New Revenues



Levy Lid Lift

Primary or general election - (August or November 2020)

- Year 1 – increase levy to \$2.25 statutory limit
- Years 2-6 – allows for inflationary growth (CPI + Population)
- After year 6 – limited to legal maximum (currently one percent)
- Would generate ~ \$164 million over eight years

(based on King County, Office of Economic & Financial Analysis (OEFA), July Forecast)

Potential Impacts - Junior Taxing Districts

- Could have an impact on some junior taxing districts

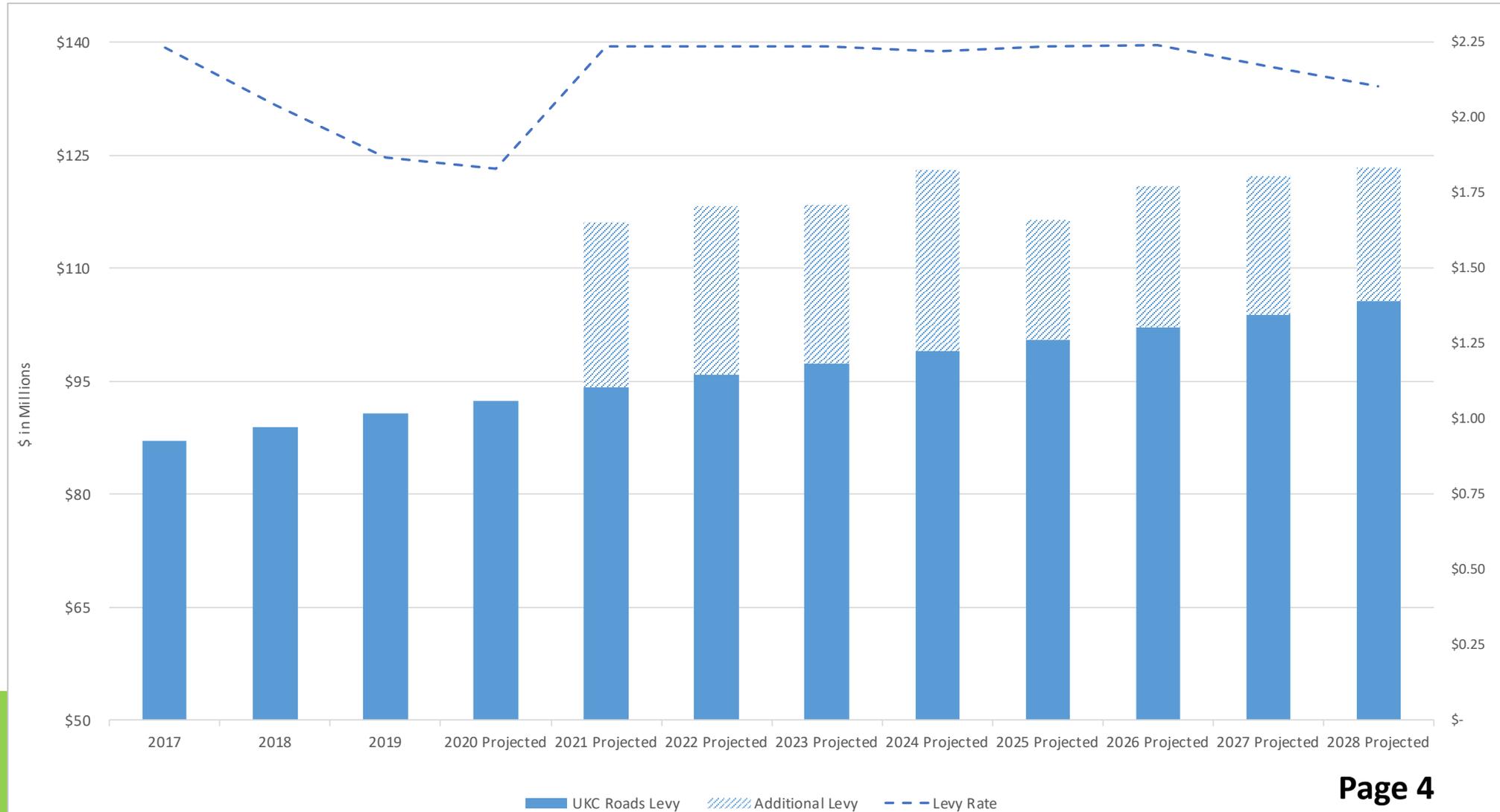
Levy Impact to Median Unincorporated Area Home
(based on July OEFA forecast)
2021 impact - \$224



Levy Lid Lift – Potential Revenue

King County Roads Levy Change \$164 Million (2021-2028)

- 2021 – increase levy to \$2.25 statutory limit
- 2022-2026 – allows for growth at CPI + Population
- After 2026 – return to legal maximum growth (currently 1%)



Ballot and Ordinance Information

Ballot Titles: The election ordinance proposes a “ballot title”—the words that will appear on the ballot. The PAO may revise the ballot title to ensure it is clear, true and impartial.

Three Basic Elements:

- Identification of the enacting jurisdiction’s legislative body and, (10 words or less) statement of the proposition’s subject matter
- Concise description of the proposition (75 words or less)
- Question—whether the proposition should be approved

Election Ordinance: To initiate the process of obtaining voter approval for a levy lid lift, the county council must adopt an election ordinance that requests the county auditor to call a special election on an eligible date and proposes the levy lid lift.

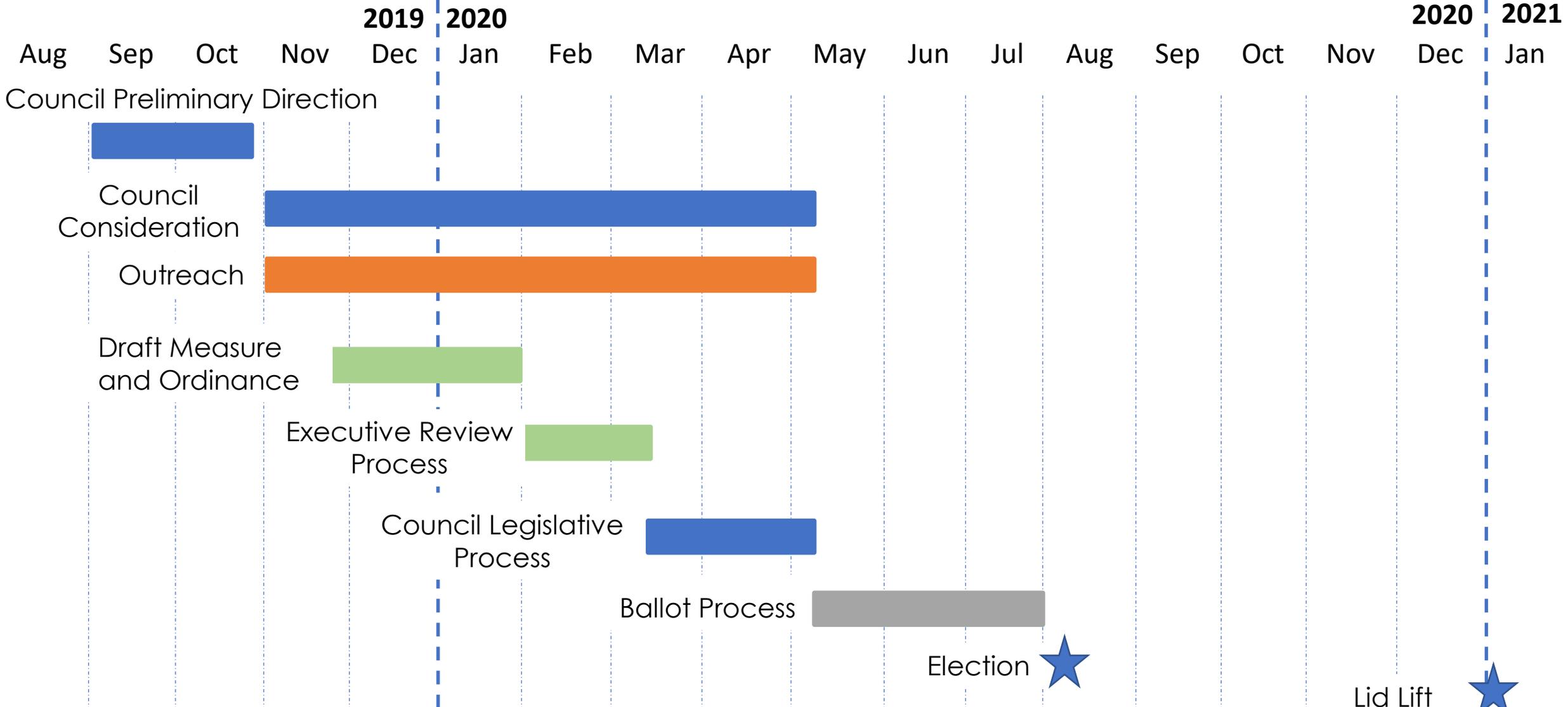
Filing Deadlines:

Election Date ¹	Filing Deadline
Primary - August 4, 2020	May 8, 2020
General - November 3, 2020	August 4, 2020

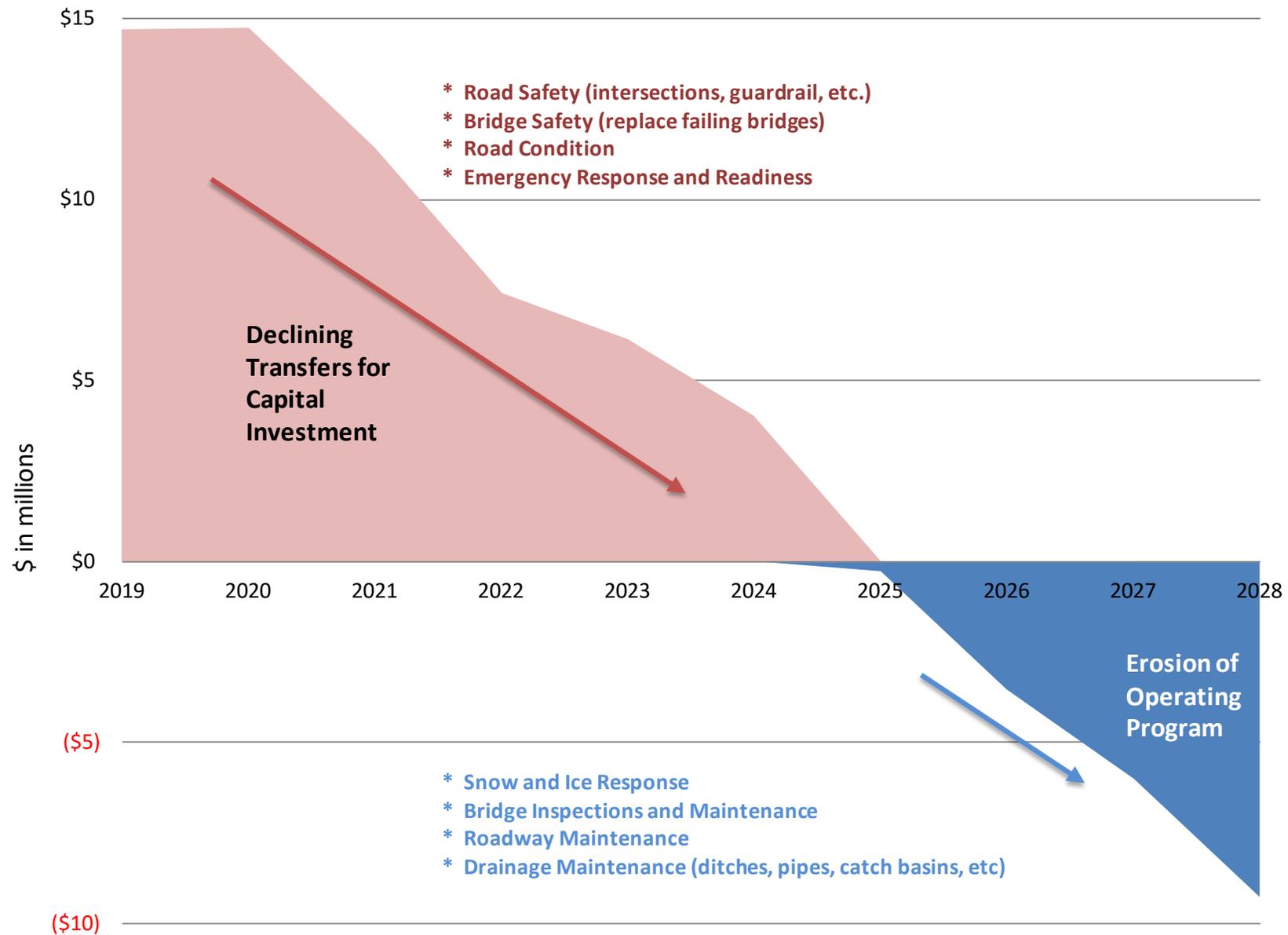
¹ Multi-year permanent levy lid lifts may only be on the primary or general election ballot



Lid Lift Process

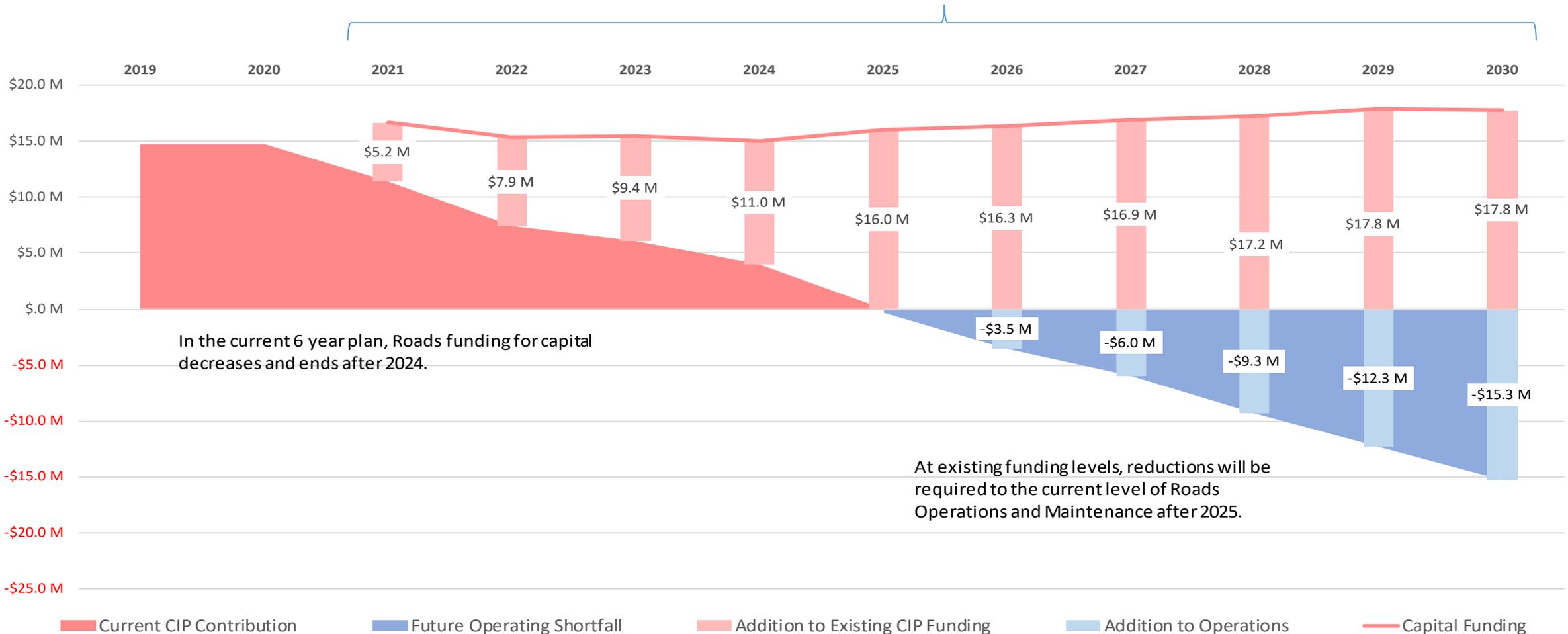


Current Situation the Funding Cliff



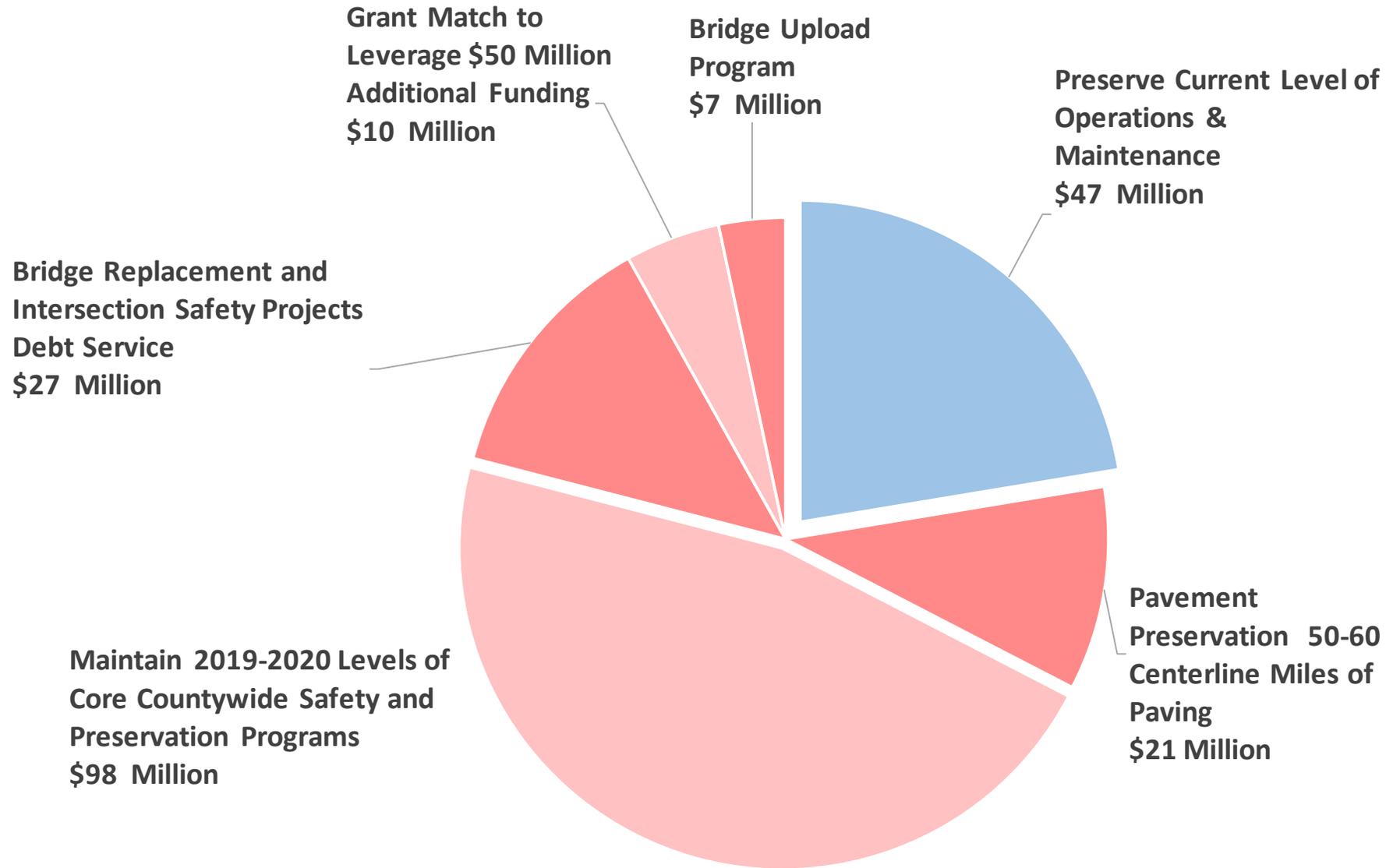
Stabilize the Program for Ten Years

Operations & Maintenance - Core Preservation & Safety (2019/20 Levels) - 6 Bridge Replacements* - 4 Intersection/Safety Projects* - New Bridge Upload Program - Paving 50-60 Centerline Miles



* Funded through bond proceeds, with debt service paid in the Road Operating Fund.

Investing Levy Lid Lift Revenues 2021-2030

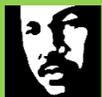


Investment by Project Type

Consistent with Strategic
Priorities:

- Core Safety
- Regulatory
Compliance

- **Maintenance and Operations**
\$47 million funds projected deficits after 2025 - slows but not sufficient to stabilize or reverse decline
- **Countywide Core Preservation and Core Safety Capital Programs**
\$98 million maintains current (2019-2020) program levels - Countywide Drainage, High Collision Safety, Guardrail Preservation
- **Countywide Pavement Preservation**
\$21 million paves 50 – 60 centerline miles
- **Bridge Replacements**
\$13 million for debt service on a new Bridge Safety Program to replace 6 bridges in addition to those currently funded
- **Intersection Safety**
\$14 million for debt service to complete 4 intersection safety projects
- **Funding for Grant Match**
\$10 million to leverage state/federal grants – up to \$50 million possible
- **New Countywide Bridge Upload Program**
\$7 million to bring bridges up to new federal, load rating standards





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QUESTIONS?