



Fire Engine Update

City of Tacoma Fire Department

City Council Study Session

March 16, 2021





OVERVIEW



- 2021-22 Adopted Budget included:
 - Elimination of one fire engine in April 2021 due to reduced General Fund resources
 - Staggered BLS Transport implementation due to limited staffing
 - 2 Units in April 2021; 3 additional units in Oct/Nov 2021

ENGINE RESTORATION



- To restore the eliminated engine, \$3.0-4.0M needed in 2021-22.
- Proactive staffing of assignments is required to limit overtime, for budget impacts and fatigue.
- Mandatory overtime assignments may occur.

ENGINE & BLS STAFFING



Date Range	Adopted Budget			Restored Engine	
	Current	April 2021	Oct/Nov 2021	April 2021	Oct/Nov 2021
Engines in Service	16	15 (-1)	15	16	16
BLS Transport Units in Service	0	2 (+2)	5 (+3)	2 (+2)	5 (+3)
EMS Captain	0	1 (+1)	1	1 (+1)	1
Daily/Total Minimum Staffing	74/296	76/304 (+2/+8)	82/328 (+6/+24)	79/316 (+5/+20)	85/340 (+6/+24)



FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS



- American Rescue Plan Act eligible based on current understanding of rules

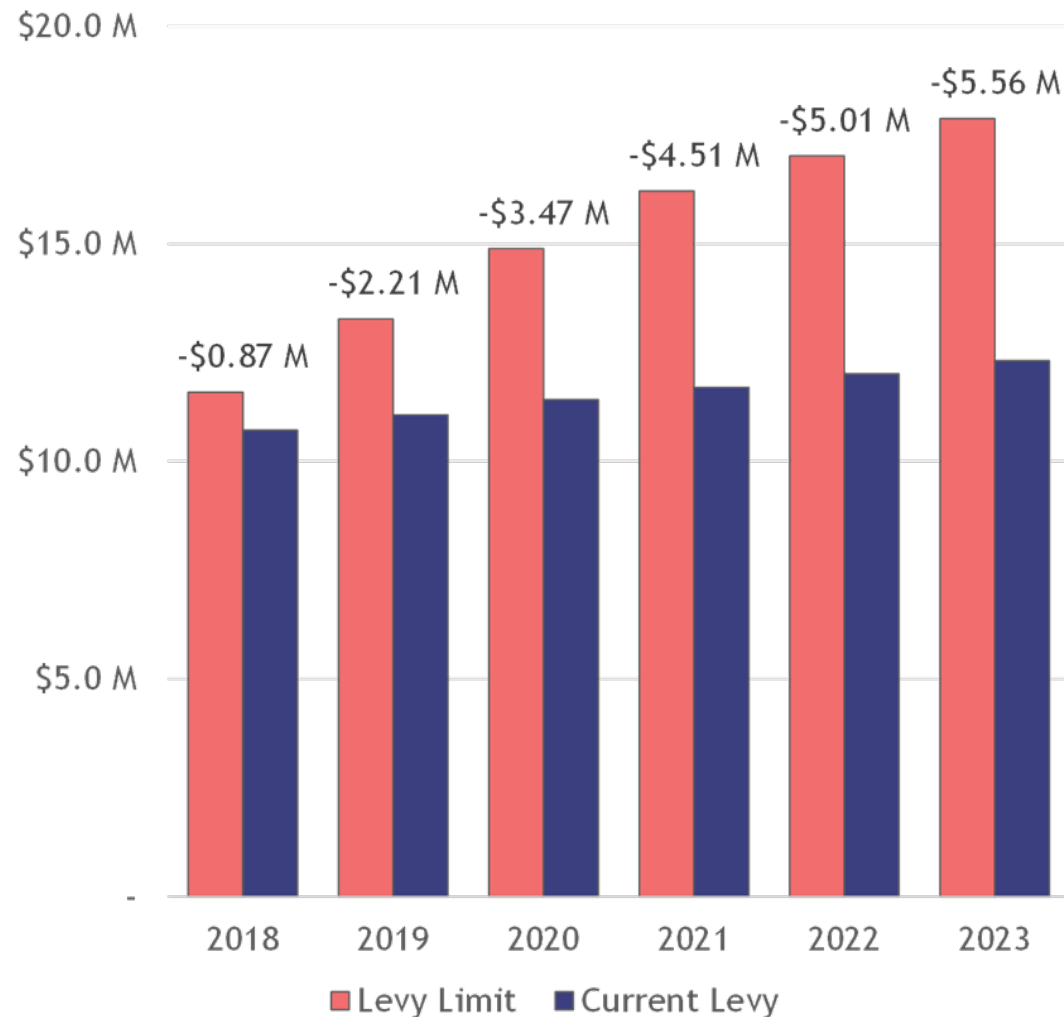
2021-2022	2023-2024	Total
\$3-4M	\$4.1M	\$7.1M-8.1M

Reminder that staff will come forward at the Committee of the Whole on March 23 with approach on the American Rescue Plan Act



EMS LEVY LID LIFT

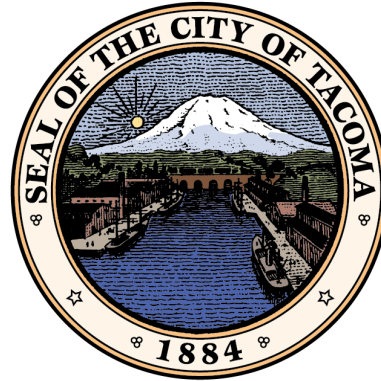
- EMS Levy Lid Lift may
 - help fund ongoing costs
 - authorize BLS transport with no out-of-pocket cost for residents
- Last EMS Levy vote was in 2006
- 2021 EMS Levy is \$0.38/\$1,000 of AV
 - Levy limit is \$0.50/\$1,000 of AV



SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS



- No reduction in engine service; staggered BLS implementation
- Amendment of 2021-22 Fire Department budget will come forward with Reappropriation in May 2021
- Direction on EMS Levy Lid Lift timing
- TFD will return to Study Session in September 2021 to update on staffing and BLS Transport implementation



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