

ALS Subcommittee

Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan & Levy Reauthorization

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Seattle Joint Training Facility – Classroom 4

9401 Myers Way South, Seattle

Chair: Keith Scully, Councilmember, City of Shoreline

Agenda

- **Opening Remarks & Introductions** 5 minutes
- **Report From Other Subcommittees** 5 minutes
- **ALS Allocation Review** 50 minutes
- **Reserves & Contingencies** 30 minutes
- **Miscellaneous Issues** 20 minutes
- **ALS Accomplishments to date** 5 minutes
- **Next Steps/Next Meeting** 5 minutes

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EMS Advisory Task Force
2026-2031 Medic One/EMS Levy Reauthorization Calendar

2024

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Econ forecasts: 3/1-3/15; 7/14-7/28; 8/16-8/30

3/28/2024

- Task Force
- BLS Subcommittee
- ALS Subcommittee
- Regional Services Subcommittee
- Finance Subcommittee

- Tukwila Community Center - 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA 98168
- Renton Fire Station 14 - 1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton, WA 98057
- Seattle Joint Training Facility - 9401 Myers Way S, Seattle, WA 98108
- Mercer Island Community Center - 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island,
- Bellevue City Hall - Room 1E-112 - 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98
- 3/27/2024 Bellevue City Hall - Room 1E-112
- 6/6/2024 Bellevue City Hall - Room 1E-112
- 10/3/2024 Need location

MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

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ALS Subcommittee Report for the 5/16/24 Finance Subcommittee

(Endorsed at 5/8/24 ALS meeting)

Accomplishments to Date:

- Members were oriented to issues to be considered by the Subcommittee and endorsed items to be reviewed as part of the Work Plan.
- Reviewed in depth the standard medic unit allocation, including its history, main components, key drivers, and issues experienced.
- Reviewed EMS system trends and specific criteria used to assess ALS service gaps and medic unit needs to anticipate future demand.
- Discussed the benefits and costs of two ALS-specific programs that support the region: ALS Support for BLS Activities and having paramedics train students at Paramedic Training.
- Analyzed actual expenditures for providing ALS services; compared costs and trends across agencies.
- Reviewed 2026-2031 Status Quo financing proposal.

Decisions made by the Subcommittee:

1. To protect the system, include two half-time units as a “placeholder” in the Financial Plan should new units need to be added during the next levy span.
2. Financially model the “placeholder” to determine the impact on the 2026-2031 levy Financial Plan.
3. Continue conducting the annual medic unit analysis to identify any service gaps and stress on the regional system.
4. Sufficiently fund the ALS Support for BLS Activities program; consider enhancing program scope.
5. Continue funding to have paramedics train students at Harborview’s Paramedic Training program; possibly increase scope.

Next Steps:

- **Determine 2026 preliminary ALS baseline allocations;** inflate over six years.
- **Identify appropriate levels of ALS reserves** and contingencies for the next levy span; determine usage and access requirements.
- **Refine placeholder** costing scenario and incorporate into the Financial Plan.
- **Determine scope and budget** for ALS Support for BLS Activities and Paramedic Training support.
- **Determine medic unit service** to Skykomish region.
- **Proceed with tasks** as directed by EMS Advisory Task Force at May 22, 2024 meeting.