

Safety and Security Update

Mount Baker Station

Rider Experience and Operations Committee

12/2/21

Why we are here

Discuss the current safety and security of Mount Baker Station

- Key events around and in the Mount Baker Station
- Context of Mount Baker to the security risks of the overall system
- Availability of resources
- Actions taken and ongoing efforts

Mount Baker Station

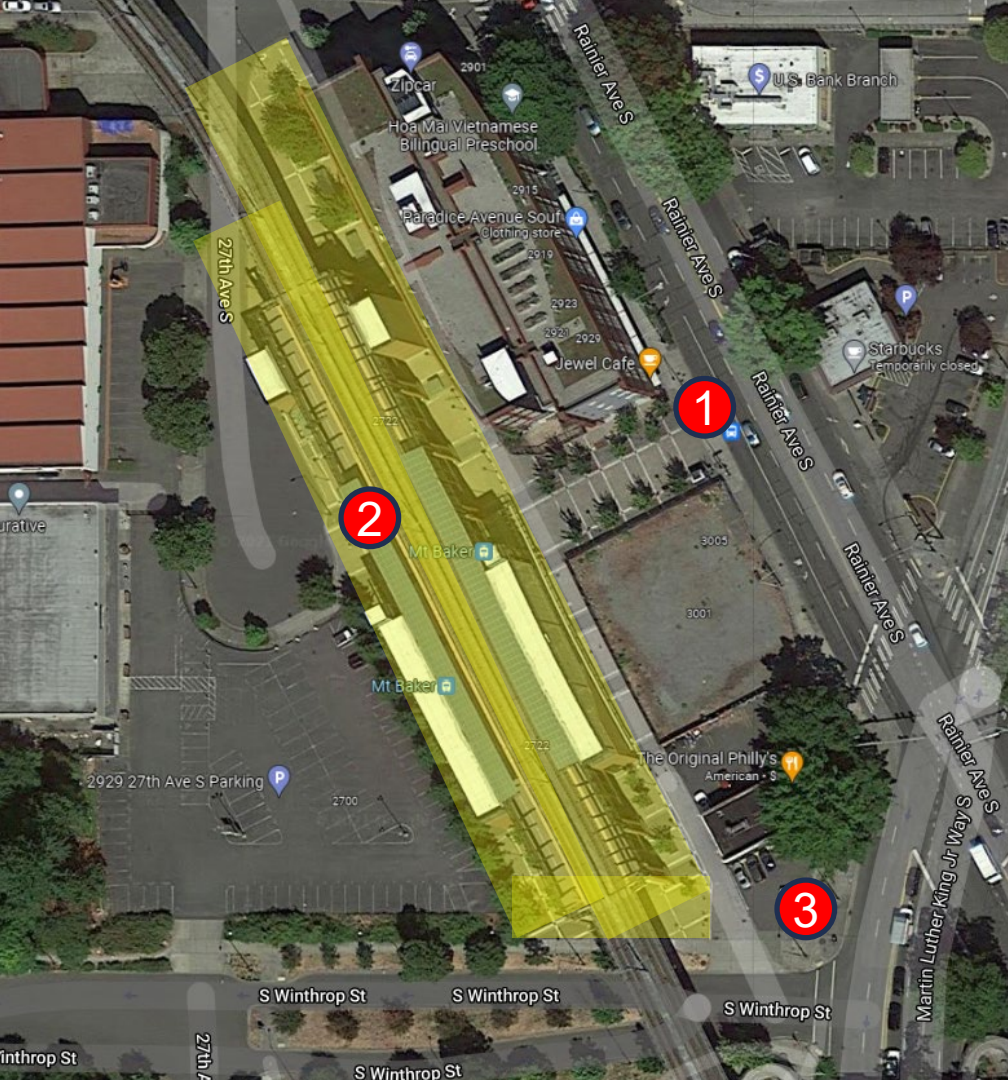


King County
Metro Mt
Baker Transit
Center

ArtSpace
Building

Sound
Transit Mt
Baker Light
Rail Station

Franklin High
School



Key Events and Locations

Event 1: JUN 22nd, 2021 @ 1PM

- Fatal Shooting
- 1 Victim Deceased

Event 2: OCT 22nd, 2021 @ 12:30 AM

- Shot Fired
- 3 Involved – No Injuries, No Damage

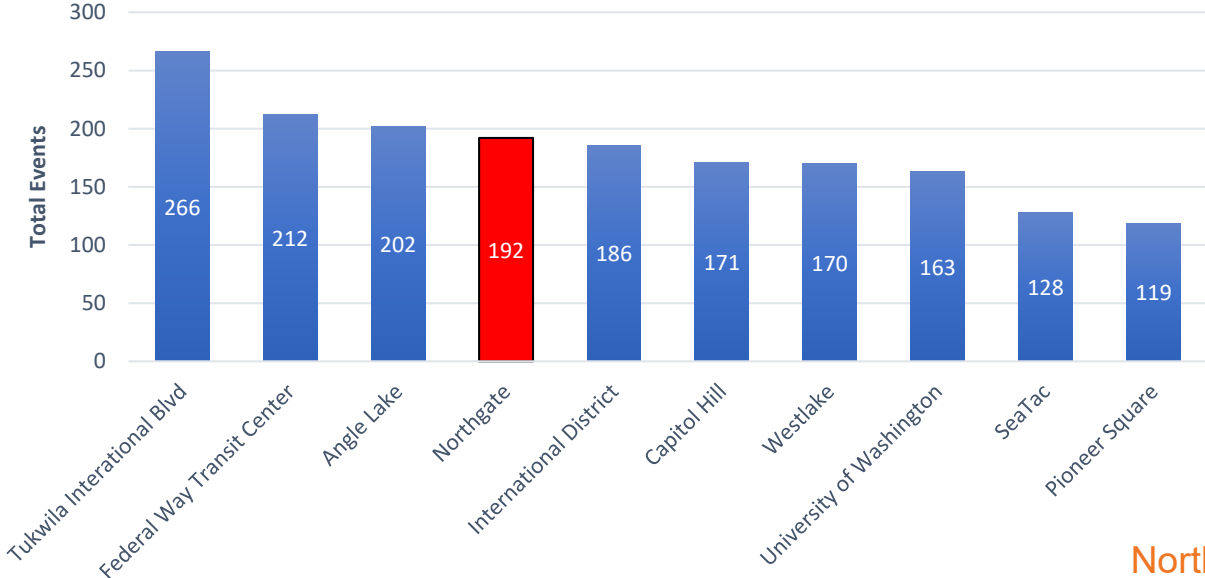
Event 3: NOV 21st, 2021 @ 10:30 PM

- Fatal Stabbing
- 1 Person Deceased, 2nd Person injured (gunshot)

Mount Baker in Context to Overall System

Top 10 Security Event Stations: Two-month trend (Sept –Oct 21)

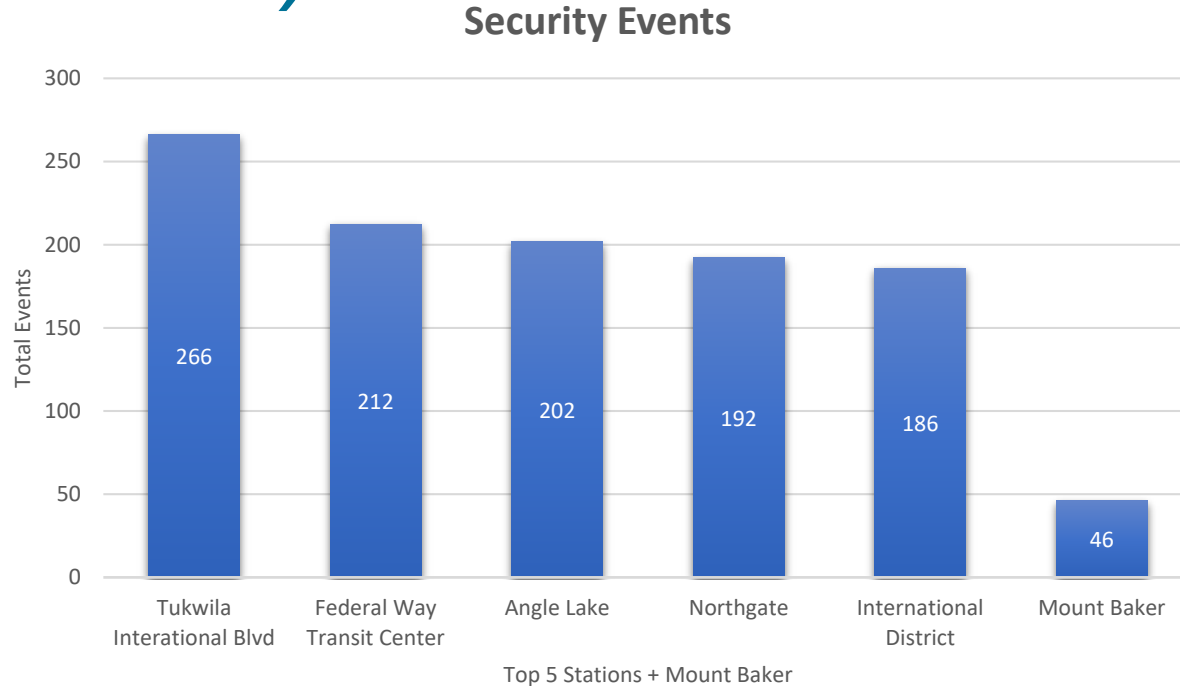
Security Events



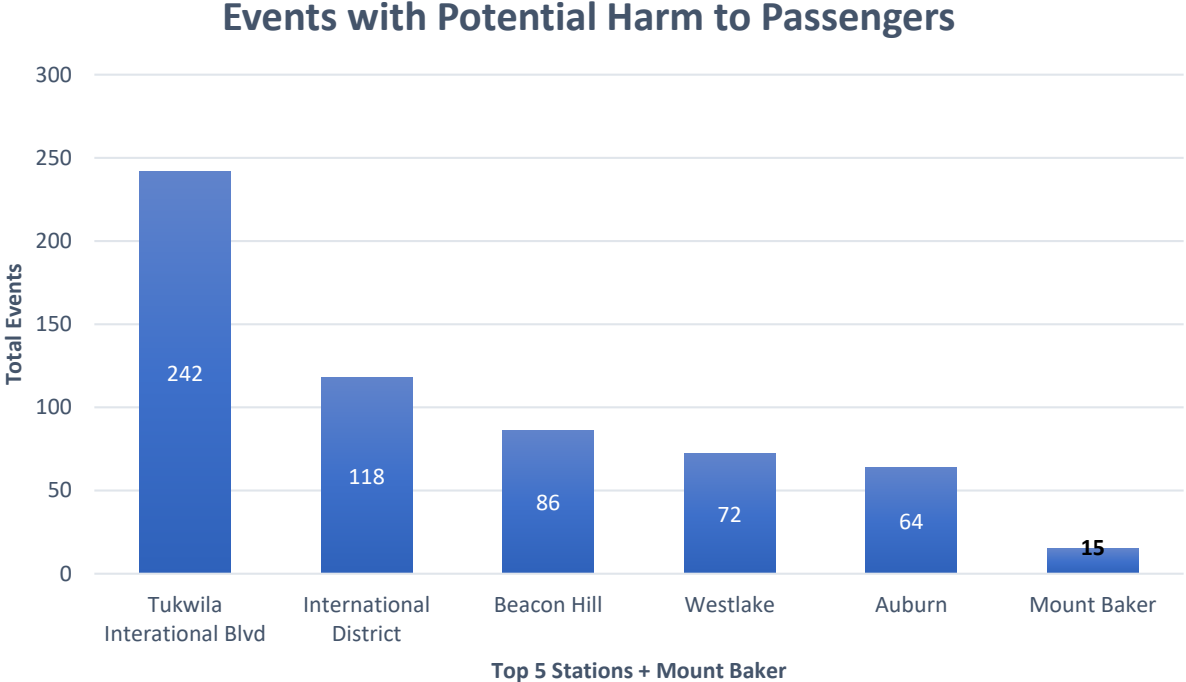
Top 10 Security Event Stations

Northgate Opened
02 October 21

Top 5 + Mount Baker: Two-month trend (Sept – Oct 21)



Top 5 + Mount Baker: Events with Potential Harm to Passengers (Jan – Oct 2021)

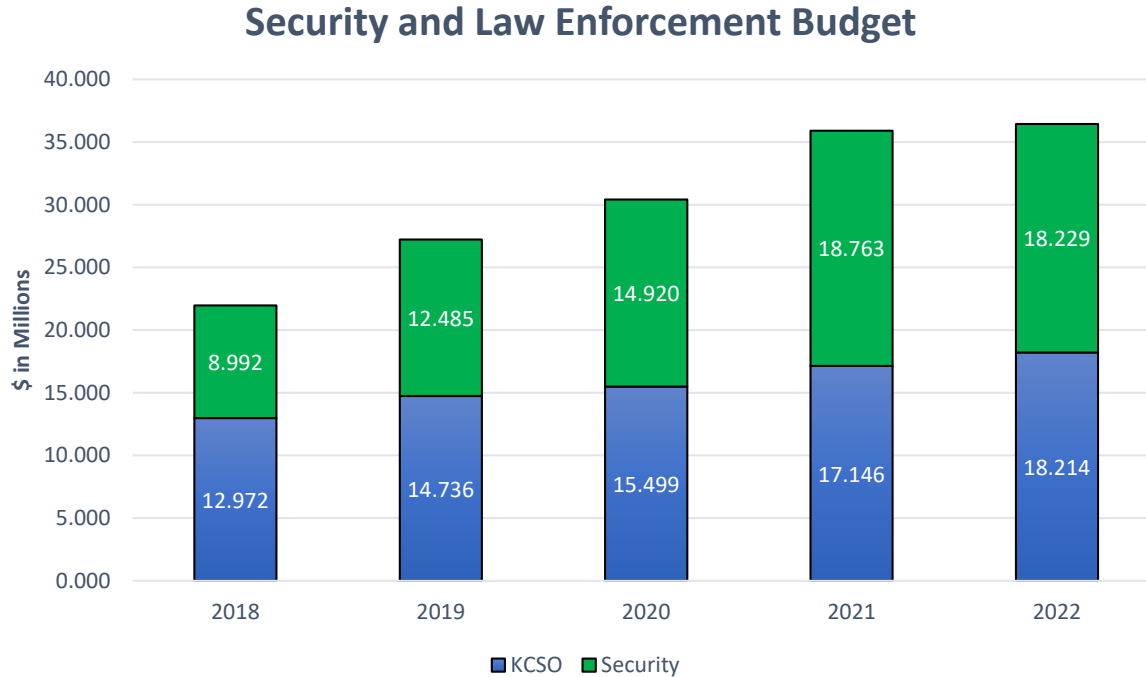


Availability of Resources

Contract Security and Law Enforcement

- Contract security provider Securitas – 75% staffing
- Contract security provider Phoenix Protective (mobile patrols) - 93%
- King County Sheriff's deputies (Sound Transit Police) – 70%

Security and Law Enforcement Budget



Deployment of Resources – Contract Security

Sound Transit's General Deployment Strategy:

- Use technology over staffing
- Contract Security used for static postings
 - High Risk Stations
 - Terminus Stations
 - Underground Stations
 - Revenue Vehicle Storage
- Mobile Security Patrols for all other facilities, park and rides, garages, and warehouses.

Deployment of Resources – King County Sheriff

Sound Transit's General Deployment Strategy:

- Not used for fixed postings
- Dispatched Call for Service response
- Patrols geographic zones with a focus on high event locations (Top 5 stations)
- Responds to rail collisions to reduce delays in returning to service

Actions taken and ongoing efforts

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Increased Contract Security and Law Enforcement Presence

- Increased security patrols in late 2020 due to community concerns.
- June 2021 – Increased security patrols to 6 per shift (12 per day).

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Increased Contract Security and Law Enforcement Presence

- November 2021 – Fixed security post, our goal is to provide 24 hour a day security coverage to the maximum extent possible until the end of 2021.
- December 2021 – Increasing daily law enforcement patrols at least 5 hours per day randomly throughout the day, through the month of December.

Ongoing Efforts

- Safety and community relations team will be participating in the bi-weekly community and elected calls.
- Continue to be on the South Precinct Interagency Calls hosted by the Seattle Police Department.
- Expedite improved lighting at the station (once supply chain issue is resolved).

Ongoing Efforts

- Develop TOD affordable housing opportunities on adjacent properties currently encumbered by homeless encampment.
- Work with community to activate the Mt. Baker plaza area.

Thank you.



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