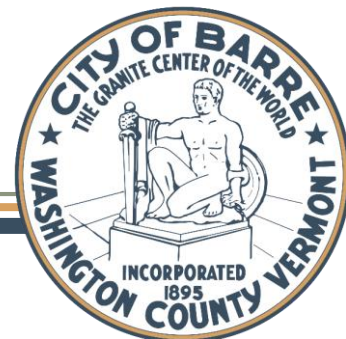


# APPROVE FY25 BUDGET

NICOLAS STORELLICASTRO  
CITY MANAGER  
APRIL 11, 2024



# MOST OF OUR BUDGET IS FIXED

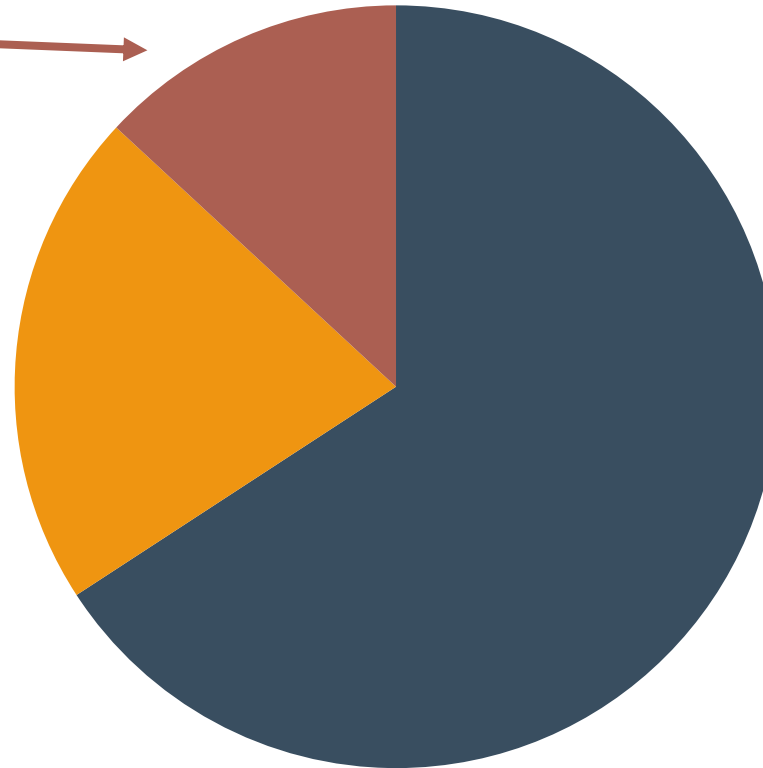
## LABOR v. EXPENSE SUMMARY - 2025

Discretionary Spending -- 13%

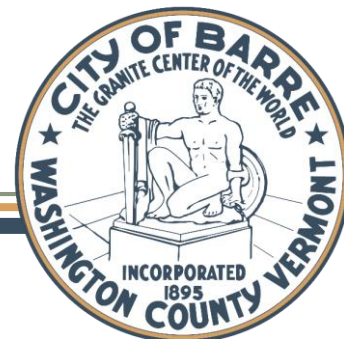
Fixed Costs -- 21%

Includes costs where the City has little or no discretion, including:

- Debt service
- Insurance
- Vehicle and heating fuel
- Sand/salt
- Technology (emails, software, phones)



Wages & Benefits -- 66%

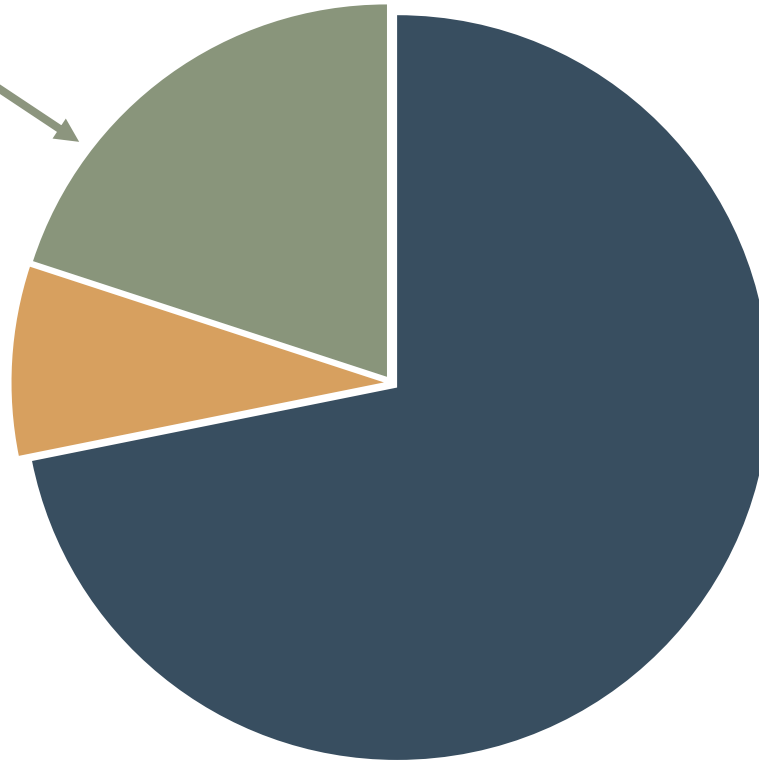


# MOST OF OUR REVENUE IS FROM PROPERTY TAXES

REVENUE SUMMARY - 2025

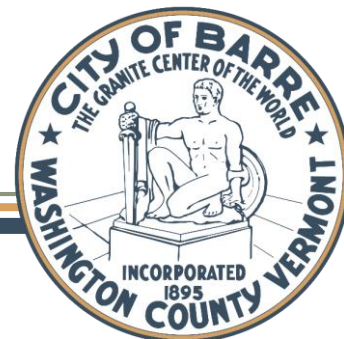
City Generated Revenue – 20%

Federal & State Assistance – 8%



Property taxes & PILOT – 72%

Revenue	FY24 Enacted	FY25 Proposed (Change from FY24)
Property taxes & PILOT	78%	72% <b>(6%)</b>
City Generated Revenue	21%	20% <b>(1%)</b>
Federal & State Assistance	1%	8% <b>+7%</b>



# FY25 BUDGET CONDITIONS

- ↑ ~5% contractual wage increases
- ↑ 13% health care rate increases
- ↑ \$497K in projected expenses
- ↓ Depleted fund balance due to flood expenses
- ↓ Loss of grand list value



# WHERE DOES THE BUDGET STAND?

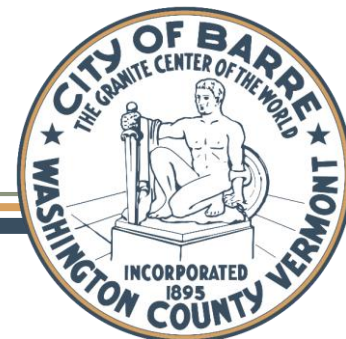
- **THEN:** Staff identified \$526K in deep cuts to services.
  - **NOW:** \$280K of the most painful cuts were restored
- **THEN:** In order to restore the deepest cuts and maintain a predictable and reasonable projected tax rate increase, external funding assistance was required.
  - **NOW:** \$1M in state funding secured by the legislature
- **THEN:** Following Council feedback, staff targeted a 5% tax increase that allowed restorations of many of the cuts identified.
  - **NOW:** The budget prepared by staff would result in a projected tax rate increase of 4.85%



# KEY RESTORATIONS/INVESTMENTS

\$	Service
+\$91,491	Planner position
+\$67,406	100% restoration of cemeteries seasonal staff
+\$30,702	Fully fund Aldrich Public Library
+\$16,815	Full season use of the Barre Town yard waste disposal site and bulk waste removal event

Full list of restorations and retained cuts included in the Appendix.



# CHANGES MADE SINCE JANUARY

**+\$5,000** Regroup messaging system

**+\$8,000** Public Works asset management software

**+\$50,000** Increased PD OT budget to reflect actual expenditures caused by staffing shortages

**+\$21,521** Recognized additional dispatch revenue



# BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

- Task Force requested \$18,000 for 6 accessible portable toilets to be deployed through the City on a year-round basis
  - No external funding source identified, any increase would be paid by property tax
- UPDATE:
  - Manager attended the Wednesday, April 2 meeting of the Task Force
  - City identified a better rate for portables and proposes a pilot program of 2 portables that would cost \$4,920 per year
    - This addition results in a new projected tax rate increase of 4.93%
    - Portables would roll out in FY25 (i.e. after July 1)





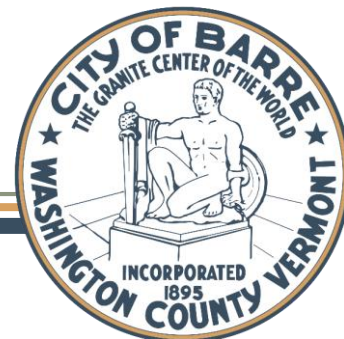
# FINAL BUDGET MATH

\$280K in restorations

+ \$1M in state funding

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= 4.93% new projected tax rate increase



# THANK YOU

## QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION?

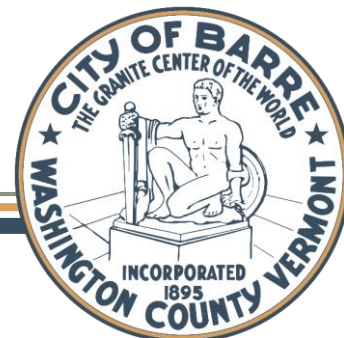
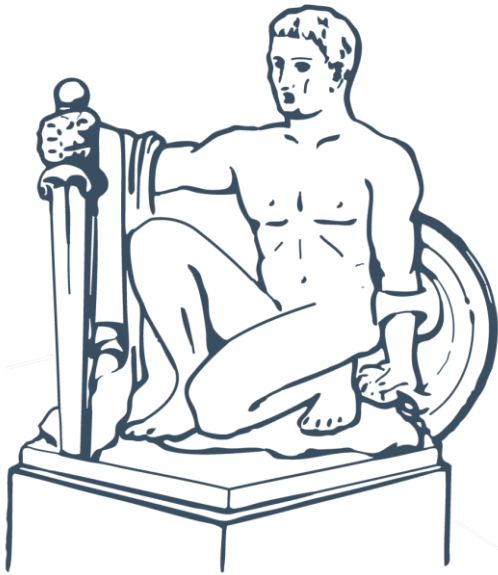
SUGGESTED MOTION:

***MOVE TO APPROVE A GENERAL FUND BUDGET OF \$14,873,780 OF WHICH AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,143,583 IS TO BE RAISED BY LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.***

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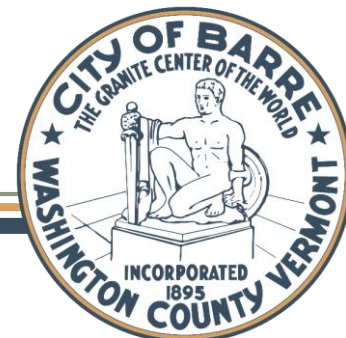
# APPENDIX: \$93,312 INCREASE IN NON-TAX REVENUE

Increase	Description
+\$34,889	PILOT payments
+\$23,765	Civic Center rental increases
+\$8,200	Interest income
+\$6,278	State highway aid
+\$5,000	Meter revenue
+\$5,000	Recording fees
+\$3,600	Recreation/camp fees

In addition to these new revenues, staff is proposing to reduce general fund expenses by:

- (1) Using the Semprebon annuity to fund playground maintenance; and
- (2) Dedicating \$8,000 in opioid settlement funds to support Fire and Police Department expenditures.

Examples above account for over \$86K of proposed new non-tax revenue.



# APPENDIX: BUILDINGS & COMMUNITY SERVICE BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (1 OF 3)

<b>(6043) BCS: CITY HALL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Fuel Oil	(15,361.00)
City Hall BM Solar Project	(4,287.00)
Water and Sewer	(625.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(20,273.00)</u>
<b>(7035) BCS: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Electricity	(9,423.00)
Propane	(7,955.00)
PSB BM Solar Project	(4,650.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(22,028.00)</u>

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# APPENDIX: BUILDINGS & COMMUNITY SERVICE BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (2 OF 3)

<b>(7050) BCS: RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Skate Guards & Cashiers	(1,560.00)
Pool Equipment	(600.00)
Training and Development	(450.00)
Recreation Supplies	(250.00)
Travel and Meals	(200.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(3,060.00)</u>
<b>(7015) BCS: FACILITIES: (NB Rink, Charlie's PG, Math, Lincoln)</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Water & Sewer	(5,500.00)
Fuel - 135 N. Main St (Wheelock Hse)	(5,395.00)
Building Maintenance	(4,500.00)
Electricity	(3,000.00)
Elect: 135 N. Main St (Wheelock Hse)	(1,000.00)
Clothing (Uniform/Dry Cleaning Service)	(639.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(20,034.00)</u>
<b>(8040) PARKS AND TREES</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Tree removal	(12,500.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(12,500.00)</u>

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# APPENDIX: BUILDINGS & COMMUNITY SERVICE BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (3 OF 3)

<b>(7020) BCS: MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
BM Solar Project	(9,533.00)
<b>Building and Grounds Maintenance</b>	<b>(2,000.00)</b>
Clothing (Uniform/Dry Cleaning Service)	(1,931.00)
<b>Alumni Hall Maintenance</b>	<b>(1,000.00)</b>
Propane (Alumni Hall & Aud)	(994.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(15,458.00)</b>
<b>(7030) BCS: BARRE OUTDOOR RECREATION (BOR)</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
BOR BM Solar Project	(14,296.00)
Electricity	(11,142.00)
<b>Building and Grounds Maintenance</b>	<b>(4,000.00)</b>
Propane	(3,826.00)
<b>Supplies and Equipment</b>	<b>(2,500.00)</b>
Clothing (Uniforms)	(1,789.00)
Overtime	(1,000.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(38,553.00)</b>

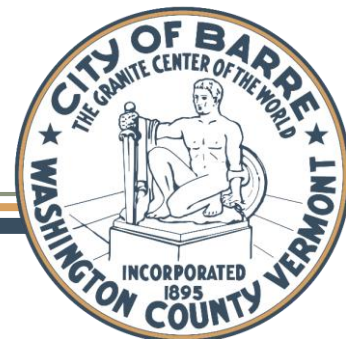
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# APPENDIX: PERMITTING, PLANNING & ASSESSING SERVICES BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL

<b>(8030) PLANNING, PERMITTING, &amp; ZONING</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
JR. PLANNER (TOTAL Comp allowance including benefits)	(91,491.53)
Travel and Meals	(150.00)
Dues and Membership Fees	(50.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(91,691.53)</u>
<b>(5020) ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Overtime	(1,000.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(1,000.00)</u>

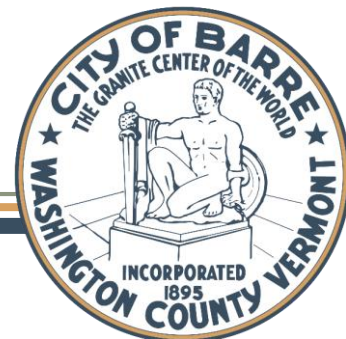
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# APPENDIX: POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (1 OF 2)

(6050) POLICE DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Overtime	(47,497.00)
Office Equipment Service Contracts & Maint.	(10,115.00)
Computer Access	(3,328.00)
Vision	(2,330.00)
K-9 Program	(2,200.00)
Travel and Meals	(1,000.00)
Clothing (Phased Uniform Replacements)	(1,000.00)
PD Building Security Cam's (17 total; Replace 2-3 Hi-Res/Yr)	(1,000.00)
Office Supplies	(1,000.00)
Consultant Fees	(500.00)
Juvenile Program	(500.00)
Footwear	(350.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(70,820.00)</u>

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# APPENDIX: POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (2 OF 2)

(6045) METERS ENFORCEMENT	Decrease
Meter & Handhelds Replacements (3 - replace 1/yr)	(4,000.00)
Clothing	(500.00)
Meter Supplies(Batteries, Tickets, Envelopes, Bags)	(500.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(5,000.00)</u>
(6055) DISPATCH	Decrease
Clothing	(3,671.00)
Training/Development (APCO)	(2,000.00)
Travel/Meals	(1,000.00)
Tower Rental Fees (American Tower Co.)	(541.00)
Office Supplies/Equipment	(500.00)
Vision	(410.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(8,122.00)</u>

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# APPENDIX: CEMETERIES BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL

(8500) BCS: CEMETERIES & PARKS DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Seasonal staff 50% reduction	(33,743.13)
Electricity (Office)	(5,500.00)
Veterans Flags	(2,434.00)
Small Equipment Maint Exps (No Labor)	(2,000.00)
Grounds Maintenance (Hope)	(1,000.00)
Dufresne Lot Expenses (Water, Taxes)	(550.00)
Overtime Allowance	(500.00)
Travel and Meals	(100.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(45,827.13)</u>

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# APPENDIX: PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (1 OF 2)

<b>(8020) ENGINEERING</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Training/Development	(3,309.00)
Director POV Mileage Reimbursement Allowance	(1,652.00)
Engineering Equipment/Licensing (GPS, GIS)	(900.00)
Overtime	(375.00)
Footwear	(145.00)
Travel/Meals/Mileage	(100.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6,481.00)</b>
<b>(6070) TRAFFIC SIGNALS</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Traffic Light Maintenance	(4,500.00)
Traffic Light Electricity	(1,000.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(5,500.00)</b>

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# APPENDIX: PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (2 OF 2)

(8050) STREET DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Bulk Waste Removal - Disposal Fees	(10,000.00)
Salt - Sno	(10,000.00)
Pre-Cast Catch Basin's & Grates - SS	(5,000.00)
Storm Water Permits (Fees Only)	(3,847.00)
Concrete - SW repairs (small <25ft)	(3,500.00)
Bridge & Railing Repairs	(3,000.00)
Supplies New SW Construction/Rehab	(3,000.00)
Yard Waste Semi Annual Collection Prg Fees	(2,200.00)
Asphalt- SW repairs	(2,000.00)
Vision	(1,900.00)
Culverts - SS	(1,862.00)
Vehicle Grease and Oil	(1,500.00)
Vehicles Damage	(1,000.00)
Plow Damage	(1,000.00)
Guardrails	(1,000.00)
Roadside Mowing	(1,000.00)
Gravel - STS	(1,000.00)
SS - Surface Sewers (Gravel Backfill)	(1,000.00)
Physical Exams	(540.00)
Travel and Meals	(250.00)
Chloride - SNO	(250.00)
Street Light Maint. (Bulbs-not signals)	(250.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(55,099.00)</b>

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# APPENDIX: FIRE & EMS BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL

(6040) FIRE / EMS DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Breathing Apparatus	(7,000.00)
Fire Hose	(7,000.00)
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	(5,000.00)
Office Supplies	(5,000.00)
Safety Equipment	(4,000.00)
Vision	(2,575.00)
Radios and Pagers	(2,500.00)
Clothing (Uniform Replacements)	(2,500.00)
Defib - Batteries/Preventative Maint.	(2,000.00)
Ambulance Billing Training Seminar (Annual)	(1,500.00)
Building Appliances Updates	(1,250.00)
Footwear	(850.00)
Dry Cleaning	(600.00)
Secure Vacant Property	(500.00)
Medical Supplies	(500.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(42,775.00)</u>

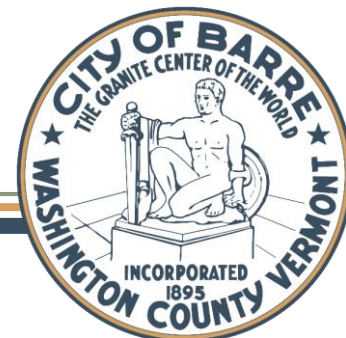
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# APPENDIX: GENERAL ADMIN/CITYWIDE BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (1 OF 2)

<b>(5040) CITY MANAGER</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
IT Expenses	(1,416.00)
Manager Expenses	(250.00)
Network HW/SW Expenses	(200.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(1,866.00)</u>
<b>(5070) CITY CLERK</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Base Salary , Longevity	(2,067.42)
Overtime	(500.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(2,567.42)</u>
<b>(5050) FINANCE</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Computer Forms	(500.00)
Overtime Allowance	(200.00)
Travel and Meals	(200.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(900.00)</u>

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# APPENDIX: GENERAL ADMIN/CITYWIDE BUDGET CUTS AND RESTORATION DETAIL (2 OF 2)

<b>(5010) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Working Communities Grant Match (Yr. 3 of 3)	(5,000.00)
City Report	(2,550.00)
City Hall Printer Expenses (OSV Lease)	(1,725.00)
Interpretive Services Allowance	(1,000.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(10,275.00)</u>
<b>(6020) ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Humane Society Fees	(3,000.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(3,000.00)</u>
<b>(9130) MISC ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
City Committee Funding	(1,500.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(1,500.00)</u>
<b>(9060) INSURANCE</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Unemployment (9100)	(8,190.25)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(8,190.25)</u>

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