



# 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## Transportation and Infrastructure

- ▶ **Provide funding** for critical local infrastructure, including the **Allentown Bridge**, which is **structurally deficient and functionally obsolete**.
- ▶ **Create stable, reliable infrastructure assistance funding** for cities, to assist in repairing roads, bridges and other public infrastructure that support economic development.

## Housing and Human Services

- ▶ **Address the housing stability crisis** by providing additional tools for rental assistance, foreclosure/eviction prevention, and capital construction of affordable housing.
- ▶ We strongly encourage the State to **adequately fund human services programs** – based on need – for the health of the safety net.

## Advancing Equity

- ▶ Develop and **implement a racial equity toolkit** for legislation, policies and programs to advance racial equity in Washington.
- ▶ **Ensure affordable, high-quality broadband internet access** is available to all households and businesses to provide educational, entrepreneurial, business and accessibility equity for all Washingtonians to access the internet.
- ▶ **Enact a financial inclusion law** that will address the public safety and equal access issues caused by bank de-risking.

## Shared Revenue

- ▶ **Include local governments in any new statewide revenues** to ensure the long-term health of municipalities.
- ▶ The State must **continue its role as a partner with cities**, including reinstating funding for the Public Works Assistance Account and Community Economic Revitalization Board.
- ▶ **Ensure funding for Streamlined Sales Tax Mitigation payments** brought back in the 2019 session remain funded, and identify a longer-term funding strategy beyond the 2020/2021 biennium.



City of Tukwila  
Fire Station #51



## Revenue Reform

- ▶ **Allow cities the authority and flexibility** to address the fact that growth in the cost of providing services continues to outstrip revenues.
- ▶ The State should **amend the law that limits annual property tax growth** to 1%, and work with cities to authorize additional funding flexibility and opportunities at the local level.

## Preserve Lodging Tax Flexibility

- ▶ Ensure the definition of “tourist” in Washington State **remains flexible** to allow jurisdictions and Lodging Tax Advisory Committees to distribute lodging tax dollars in a manner that **best serves each individual community**.

## Preparing for our Future

- ▶ **Enact policies to prepare to combat climate change**, including adequately budgeting for its effects, and providing tools for cities to prepare and address the ramifications of flooding, pollution and other key factors.
- ▶ Continue to **invest in workforce education and job training** to ensure Washingtonians have access to high-quality career and technical education opportunities.

## Law Enforcement

- ▶ **Enact police reforms** identified by the Association of Washington Cities:
  - ◆ Develop a statewide standard for use of force that preserves the right of local jurisdictions to enact more restrictive standards based on community input.
  - ◆ Create a database to track officers who have been fired for misconduct, and make it accessible to departments in their recruitment and hiring processes.
  - ◆ Expand grounds for decertification to include use of force violations.
  - ◆ Require that officer misconduct investigations be completed, regardless of an officer’s resignation.
  - ◆ Establish a duty for all law enforcement officers to immediately intervene and report misconduct or illegal activity by a fellow police officer.
  - ◆ Require that all officers receive regular support for vicarious trauma and mental well-being, including peer support, mental health counseling, and appropriate mental health screenings. Officers involved in any fatal use of force must undergo a mental health screening prior to returning to duty.

## Education

- ▶ **Implement needs-based funding** for allocation of social/ emotional student support resources, and **expand funding for learning opportunities** for summer school students.
- ▶ **Increase funding for homeless students** and secondary ELL students.
- ▶ **Incorporate early learning** for low-income students as a part of **Basic Education**.



## CITY OF SEATAC 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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### **Indoor Air Quality Study**

The City of SeaTac is cooperating with neighboring cities in contracting with the University of Washington to complete a study on indoor air quality in areas near the SeaTac International Airport. The study, to be completed by the end of the year, will recommend mitigation measures to protect the health of City residents.

### **Transportation: SR 509 and SR 518**

The City of SeaTac is significantly impacted by regional traffic associated with these two state routes, including those accessing the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Improving SR 509 and SR 518 through the Puget Sound Gateway has been and remains the City's top transportation priority. As the Legislature scrutinizes its transportation budget, the City will continue to advocate that this project receive full funding and remain on schedule.

### **Human Trafficking**

The City joins the efforts of many public and private partners in combatting human trafficking and will advocate for the incorporation of metrics and performance measures in these efforts.

### **Behavioral Health**

The behavioral health system in south King County, like much of Washington State, is under considerable strain. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic is having a significant impact on our residents' behavioral health. The City of SeaTac supports enhancements to the behavioral health system for the benefit of our residents.

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# City of Normandy Park Legislative Agenda 2021

FEDERAL

Adopted by the City Council November, 2020



\*shared with Sound Cities Association

\*\*Shared with AWC

## FEDERAL

- Advocate for criteria favorable to federal road support for small urban jurisdictions. \*\*
- Request Federal funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Recreation construction.

## STATE

- Request State funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Recreation construction.
- Lobby for design, construction and long-term support for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue road improvements.
- Support funding for maintenance and construction of local streets. \*\* \*
- Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs, particularly the Public Works Assistance Account with dedicated REET funding. \*\* \*
- Enhance local city authority with respect to taxes, revenue, and licensing. \*\* \*
- Increase the Property Tax cap from 1% to a rate that reflects inflation and the rate of growth. \*\* \*

- Enhance economic development tools and programs that foster business development in cities. \*
- Preserve state-shared revenues with cities. \*\* \*
- Increase gas tax distribution to local jurisdictions. \*
- Secure ongoing and significant funding for city culvert repair/replacement. \*\*
- Promote a fully funded Basic Law Enforcement Academy. \*\*
- Maintain funding for Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC). \*

## LOCAL

- Enhance communication and cooperation between local governmental entities, especially in terms of environmental improvement and police service.
- Coordinate with South King County municipal support entities such as Sound Cities Association, South County Area Transportation Board, Sea-Tac Advisory Roundtable (StART), Highline Forum and Soundside Alliance to develop a common legislative focus and to improve the well-being of South King County and Normandy Park.

## Legislative Priorities

### COVID-19 Humanitarian Relief

- Expansion of State-wide support for food security, rent support, transitional housing and the extension of the eviction moratorium.



### COVID-19 Business Support

- Expansion of State-wide business grants due to COVID restrictions for businesses and restaurants.
- Support for landlords affected by the eviction moratorium for both residential and business leases.



### Expansion of Broadband Internet

- Continue partnership with school district and propose **\$100,000** PILOT project for continued expansion.
- Work with State and Department of Commerce efforts for expansion of Broadband Internet to support businesses, residents, students and educators.



### Veterans

- Funding for Veterans Monument to 501c3 (State, Federal, & local asks).



### Crime and Public Safety

- **\$350,000** to initiate a Body Camera PILOT Program for Federal Way officers.
- Safe City Cameras **\$100,000**.
- Pilot project to prevent copper wire theft **\$100,000**.
- Support for maintaining capacity at the law enforcement academy.
- Engage in meaningful discussions on police reform legislation.



### Education

- Support the Federal Way Public Schools Legislative Agenda.
- Support additional funding for Highline/UW University Initiative.



### Community Programs

- **\$200,000** Establish Community Stakeholders group to coordinate policy and services response for people experiencing homelessness. Staffing for two years of implementing the program. **Year 1-\$100,000 / Year 2-\$100,000.**
- **\$100,000** Reintroduce resource center for youth in Federal Way similar to the REACH Center.
- **\$100,000** Reintroduce Youth Substance Abuse Program.
- **\$80,000** Reintroduce staff position to oversee youth violence prevention efforts.



### Transportation

- **\$50m** City Center Access to improve downtown access to and across I-5 including 320th interchange & transit access.
- **\$5m** Pedestrian, bicycle circulation and traffic capacity in downtown Federal Way, 314th.
- **\$20m** for widening of S 356th for better access to ST Link and Highway 18 from Browns Point and Federal Way.
- **\$20m** Collaborate with 27th District for widening of SW 336th Way and SW 340th St Corridor for better access from points west.



### Aircraft Issues

- Fund the third phase of the University of Washington study on ultra-fine particles (UFP's) that would examine their health impacts.
- Support any local, state and federal initiatives to ensure the health and safety of citizens from aircraft noise and emissions.



### E Pluribus Unum — "Out of Many, One." (Motto of the USA)

- We will look for legislative opportunities to bring our communities together in ways to enhance social equity, social justice and increased economic opportunities for our BIPOC communities.



## 2021 City of Des Moines City Council Legislative Priorities

1. **Bulkhead** – Reappropriation & Phase II funding. Due to the continuing long delays for any Puget Sound projects to get the required Federal NMFS permits, Des Moines will not be able to spend its currently allocated \$2 million for Phase I of this project before the end of this fiscal year (30 June 2020). It will be more cost effective now to combine Phases I & II, thus the City asks for re-appropriation of unspent funds Phase I plus an additional amount for Phase II. **Ask: up to \$2 million reappropriation + \$4.4 million Phase II**
2. **Redondo Fishing Pier and Capital Improvements.** The City received design funding in the last Capital budget. The design will be done by year's end. Construction funding will be sought as part of the 2021 Capital Budget. **Ask: \$2 million for fishing pier reconstruction**
3. **Improving Air Quality** - Capital budget request for indoor school classroom monitoring and outdoor baseline monitoring of air pollution related to the airport. Support Senator Keiser and Representatives Orwall & Johnson in this community initiative. **Ask: roughly \$800,000.**
4. **Barnes Creek Trail South Segment.** This segment will help connect Highline College and surrounding communities with the new Sound Transit station as well as connecting with a wider trail system. City already has a \$2 million grant from Sound Transit but will require more to fund the project. Transportation Budget **Ask: \$3.5 million**
5. **Policy Bills - Monitoring and Action.** There will be a variety of non-Des Moines-specific policy bills where Des Moines should take an active role. These will be flagged during the session. Issues will include those policies and legislation that protect or enhance the local authorities of cities. The **homelessness** crisis and how to address it regionally will see active legislation. Land use, **airport** and/or **marina** related legislation will be monitored particularly closely. One emerging issue is a bill to allow for wider use of **Tax Increment Financing** for economic development purposes that could be helpful to the City. The City Manager along with the City's Legislative Advocate, staff and AWC will continually identify and respond on other issues as appropriate and as they develop.

Approved 7-0 at the January 21, 2020 Des Moines City Council meeting



## **CITY OF BURIEN 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The City of Burien is a vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment. Our entire community has made tremendous sacrifices to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and our goal is to protect our community's health and help our local economy.

### **Health and Thriving Communities**

- Support additional resources to address housing instability created by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including rent assistance and foreclosure prevention assistance.
- Continue to invest and fund the Housing Trust Fund.
- Support policies and funding that provides greater access and equity for broadband services.
- Support efforts to address the impacts of Sea-Tac Airport operations on air quality and the health of residents in our communities, including monitoring, studies, and mitigation packages such as air filters in schools.

### **Quality of Life and Economic Development**

- Support a new transportation revenue proposal, with an emphasis on increased funding for public transportation, safe routes to school, and safety improvements along our most congested roadways that facilitate the movement of goods and services throughout our broader transportation system.
  - Seek \$3.5 million in design funding for the SR 518 Westbound on-ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.
- Continue to pursue full funding for the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) and defend against the redirection of PWTF program funds.
- Seek \$5 million for the design and construction of the Burien Public Works and Parks Shared Maintenance Facility.
- Support comprehensive tax reform, such as a state income tax and capital gains tax, that leads to a more equitable and progressive tax structure and decreased reliance on flat tax sources like sales and property taxes.
- Provide greater flexibility to use funds from existing revenue sources to help Burien manage the impacts of the economic crisis.
- Support policies that preserve local control and input regarding how local elections are administered.
- Support efforts to make childcare more affordable for low-income and middle-class families.

### **Public Safety**

- Support a statewide standard for use of force and the creation of a database to track officers who have been fired from their employment for misconduct.
- Support the expansion of grounds for decertification to include use of force violations.
- Support policies requiring an investigation of an officer be completed, regardless of whether the officer resigns prior to an investigation being completed.

- Support additional resources to diversion and reentry services.
- Support responsible solutions to reduce gun violence.

**Advancing Climate Progress**

- Support policies that reduce climate polluting emissions and ensure equity for lower income communities and communities of color to share in the economic opportunities presented by solutions to climate change.
- Support policies for a low carbon/clean fuel standard and a price on carbon.
- Support efforts for dedicated funding to help the Department of Natural Resources implement wildfire and forest health plans.



**Priority Agenda Items:**

**Promoting broad-based, inclusive, and equitable statewide economic recovery:** Consistent with the Port’s mission and statutory authorities, we will seek partnership with Washington State Legislature and Executive Agencies on broad-based economic recovery in Washington and pursue recovery in a manner that is equitable, inclusive, and acknowledges the disparate impacts on historically underserved communities. Examples include:

- **Transportation Revenue Package:** Building infrastructure and investing in moving people and freight supports economic activity and puts people back to work. Key transportation priorities:
  - o West Seattle Bridge partnership
  - o Puget Sound Gateway program
  - o Support for hard-hit transit agencies
  
- **Progressive climate action:** Enactment of progressive climate policies spurs investment in new technologies and generates demand for a newly skilled workforce, while reducing emissions and improving environmental justice action. Key climate policy priorities:
  - o Low Carbon Fuel Standard
  - o Carbon price, through either carbon fee or cap-and-trade policy
  
- **Response and relief:** Essential activities that kept the economy running early in the pandemic included maritime and freight operations, air cargo and more. The Port urges the state continue to consider the impact the pandemic has had on essential businesses and their workers as we move toward reopening, including:
  - o Tax structure changes that support essential industries
  - o Investments in the workers, including the future workforce, employed essential industries

**Equity and Community focus:** The onset of the pandemic was accompanied by a nationwide push to address historic inequities and systemic racism. The Port supports state leadership in addressing social injustice, and specifically supports action in the following areas:

- **Police reform and accountability:** The Port supports the state advancing legislation to improve civilian oversight of police decertification processes; to mandate anti-racist and de-escalation training; to prohibit chokeholds and holds that rely on neck pressure, and others that are consistent with the Port’s own work.
  
- **Public contracting and grantmaking:** The Port’s newly formed Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is eager to work with our community to increase the share of grants and contracts that go to underserved populations. Legislative changes may be required to meet our goals, and we will partner with Olympia lawmakers to pursue such changes.

**Additional priorities:** Beyond the above-listed priorities that respond to urgent societal issues, the Port will also pursue the following legislation consistent with our priorities as a public agency:

- **Reduced local match for community improvements:** The Port supports reducing the required local match that non-profit entities must provide in order to receive small-dollar grants for public improvement projects. This statutory change will help the Port distribute grant funding at a time when many local government partners will be forced to reduce grantmaking.

