



## 2025 City of Des Moines City Council State Legislative Priorities

### Public Safety

Collaborate with AWC, WASPC and other groups in efforts to secure more public safety (in particular behavioral health) funding for local governments, including:

- Amending existing local option Public Safety Sales Tax to allow councilmanic implementation and greater flexibility for using the funds.
- Supporting Governor Ferguson's initiative to get more funding to public safety – and ensure that those funds are shared with local governments.

### Funding Requests

**Enhancing Local Government Financial Resources.** Support lifting the 1% property tax cap and allowing further local government financing tools to address the crisis many local governments have with general government funding.

**Redondo Fishing Pier.** The Redondo Fishing Pier is a regional attraction that was very popular when it was open. It needs to be replaced this biennium and can be if funding is available. **Capital Budget request: \$2 million.**

### Airport Issues

Support locating a permanent air quality monitor in Des Moines, including needed budget allocation.

Support State funding for a City-led, independent airport community impacts study to evaluate the ongoing impacts of the SAMP.

Support further enhancements to SB5955 and RCW53 to provide more opportunities for sound insulation repair and replacement, and to also allow unconstrained funding for mitigation of the public health impacts of airport operations.

Support the joint StART Airport Community Legislative Agenda.

### Historic Preservation

Support historic preservation funding opportunities in Des Moines.

### Ferry Development

Electric passenger-only ferries have the potential to improve connectivity and mobility around Puget Sound. Foil ferries are much quieter, faster and reduce impacts to marine life in Puget Sound. *Des Moines supports new grant funding to spur the return of Mosquito Fleet passenger-only ferries that will include routes connecting Des Moines.*

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