

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2025

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles

The City Parks Department has identified the Federal Way Community Center as the best first option for installation of charging stations for several reasons. The facility is a high use building and the nature of the visits are perfect for EV charging as the average visitor stay is approximately 90 minutes which is commensurate with rapid charges currently on the market.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The City seeks to install smart monitors, resilient and redundant networks, and communications equipment to rapidly and accurately collect, understand, and share information and conduct planning in the event of an emergency or disaster. This project will cost \$82,583. The City received \$21,629 for EOC upgrades as part of its annual Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

FLOCK Safety Cameras

Flock Cameras enhance public safety efforts and represent a significant shift in modern policing. These cameras offer advanced features such as high-resolution optics and real-time connectivity, giving us a competitive advantage in identifying vehicles of interest and reinforcing our commitment to public safety. The cameras will be strategically placed to augment the existing Safe City Cameras the City has invested significantly in over the years. The Flock Cameras will allow the City to proactively and reactively respond to and disrupt crime in our City and neighboring jurisdictions. The Flock Cameras will serve as a force multiplier. Their presence will help locate missing persons, recover stolen vehicles, deter crime, and contribute to a secure community environment.

TRANSPORTATION BUDGET REQUESTS

1st. Roundabout SR 99 (Pac Highway) at S 373rd Street

The intersection at State Route 99 and \$ 373rd Street has a failing level of service and a significant crash history; in addition to several fatalities. The City has actively been designing the project to provide increased traffic safety and capacity as well as local access by constructing a roundabout at the intersection. The City requests funding support from the Legislature as the roundabout is principally located on a State Route. The total project cost is \$6m with construction start in 2025. To date the city has received the following funding: \$723k TC4, \$1m traffic impact & mitigation fees, \$2.5m TIB, \$800k COFW direct funding.

2nd. City Center Access

The City Center Access project improves access from Federal Way's City Center to and across I-5. Additionally, it improves intermodal and multi-modal access by modifying the existing over-utilized S 320th Street interchange in order to better accommodate concentrated urban growth and provide multi-modal connections with transit agencies. The project total is \$700 million. The city received a \$30m legislative earmark in 2023 that is starting in 2026 and has approved ROW acquisition in 2026. This request is a transportation budget request - not general fund.



STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

TRANSPORTATION BUDGET REQUESTS (CONT.)

3rd. Increase Circulation and Traffic Capacity in **Downtown Federal Way**

The City of Federal Way has limited connections from the downtown area to the regional transportation network, with limited ways to disperse traffic. To partially address this, this circulation improvement project includes: extending sidewalks on S 312th Street from Steel Lake Park going east to 28th and; construction of frontage improvements and a safe walking route for students between 312th and Truman High School, and pedestrian crosswalks and safety improvements in the downtown core.



4th. Improvements to the SW 336th-SW 340th Corridor

Construct improvements to the SW 336th St to SW 340th St corridor, including a roundabout at SW 340th Street and Hoyt Road SW. With traffic from the City of Tacoma's Brown's Point area and the City of Federal Way, this area has seen an increased level of congestion. Traffic is projected to continue to increase and with the anticipated Sound Transit South Federal Way station improved connections between Tacoma and Federal Way are needed.

ISSUES, BILLS, & INITIATIVES



Indigent Defense

The City of Federal Way strongly opposes the adoption of caseload standards for indigent defense which are not based on a thorough study of the court system that operates here in the state of Washington. Regardless of what caseload standard is ultimately adopted, the biggest flaw in our current system is that Washington is one of only a dozen states that provide minimal funding for indigent defense, leaving that funding burden almost entirely to local governments. We therefore urge the state to provide a meaningful level of financial support for indigent defense.

Maintain Local Control for Homelessness Issues

The City of Federal Way opposes legislation that would limit the ability to address homelessness within our community. The city does not criminalize homelessness. We provide resources to find shelter and services to those in need. We have been successful in addressing these issues without state intervention.



