



2026 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:

- Ensuring HB-2015 funding remains and is accessible.
- Looking for more flexible councilmanic public safety funding options. One priority is allowing fees from traffic cameras to be used for expanded public safety purposes.

Airport Issues

Support efforts to find, or reinstate, mitigation funding for the disproportionate impact that residents near Sea-Tac Airport face due to noise/air-pollution and other negative airport impacts. Ongoing, structural funding is needed for area cities.

Support State funding for an independent study evaluating the SAMP's impacts on airport communities.

Historic Preservation

Support historic preservation funding opportunities in Des Moines.

Ferry Development

Passenger-only ferries have the potential to improve connectivity and mobility around Puget Sound. *Des Moines supports efforts to spur the return of Mosquito Fleet passenger-only ferries that will include routes connecting Des Moines.*

Funding

Enhancing Local Government Financial Resources. We seek new options to enhance local government financing tools, particularly unrestricted funds. Protect the Public Works Assistance Account. We oppose unfunded mandates from the State.

City of Des Moines Projects. The City of Des Moines Council recognizes the challenging State budget and is not requesting earmarks for Des Moines public works projects in the 2026 session. ***We thank our Legislators*** for their support in past years.

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