

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2026



RESTRICTIONS UPON SEX OFFENDERS POST SUPERVISION

More protections for residents from sexual victimization are essential. Specifically, when individuals convicted of serious sex offenses that present a continued risk to reoffend, particularly when residing in close proximity to schools, child care facilities, public parks or facilities whereby children or vulnerable adults are present and other locations where residents may be at risk. What are needed are reasonable, prospective, and narrowly tailored restrictions on residential proximity to areas that present a risk of sexual victimization while ensuring that such restrictions are not punitive in nature and do not impose retroactive penalties.

We propose that for any offender convicted of a felony sex offense after July 1, 2026, who has refused to participate in sex offender treatment programs either in prison or in civil commitment, the department is authorized to reject a residence location if the proposed residence is within close proximity to schools, child care centers, playgrounds, or grounds or facilities where children or vulnerable adults are present who the department determines may be put at substantial risk of harm by the sex offender's residence at that location.



CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) | \$82.6K

The City seeks to install smart monitors, resilient and redundant networks, and communications equipment to rapidly and accurately collect, understand, 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).

TRANSPORTATION BUDGET REQUESTS

1st | Roundabout SR 99 (Pac Highway) at S 373rd Street | \$1M

The intersection at State Route 99 and S 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 projected to start in 2026. To date the city has received the following funding: \$723k from the sale of Town Center 4, \$1m from development traffic impact & mitigation fees, \$2.5m Transportation Improvement Board Grant, and \$800k from City of Federal Way local funding.

2nd | City Center Access | \$100M

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.

3rd | Increase Circulation and Traffic Capacity in Downtown Federal Way | \$5M

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, including pedestrian crosswalks and safety improvements in the downtown core.



4th | Improvements to the SW 336th-SW 340th Corridor | \$20M

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 with the anticipated Sound Transit South Federal Way station, and improved connections between Tacoma and Federal Way are needed.



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OTHER INITIATIVES

Affordable Housing

The City of Federal Way supports state legislation and funding that:

- Increases development and preservation of affordable housing within our city and across Washington State;
- Expands accessible and supported housing options for people with disabilities;
- Provides cities with the tools and sustainable revenue needed to meet local housing needs;
- Streamlines permitting and modernizes regulatory frameworks to expedite housing production; and
- Strengthens partnerships with nonprofit, tribal, and private-sector housing providers.

By advancing these priorities, Federal Way reaffirms its commitment to being a community where all residents—regardless of income or ability—can live with dignity, independence, and the opportunity to thrive.

Child Care

The City of Federal Way supports state legislation and funding that:

- Expands affordable child care and early learning opportunities for families of all income levels.
- Increases support for the child care workforce, including wages, training, and professional development;
- Provides capital and operational funding to grow child care capacity, especially in underserved areas;
- Reduces regulatory and permitting barriers that slow the development of new child care facilities; and
- Strengthens partnerships among local governments, schools, tribes, nonprofits, and private providers.

By championing these priorities, Federal Way affirms its commitment to building a strong, equitable, and resilient child care system that supports working families and helps every child succeed.



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