



CITY OF BURIEN 2023 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.

Healthy and Thriving Communities

- Support additional resources to address housing instability, including rent assistance and tenant protections.
- Support efforts to increase funding for the Housing Trust Fund.
- Advocate for the creation of new tools/incentives/revenues to increase housing supply and address affordability.
- Engage in the GMA reform conversation and secure dedicated planning funding.
- Support \$5 million for the Recreation and Conservation Office to support deferred maintenance for local park agencies.
- Advocate for robust funding in capital budget programs that invest in outdoor recreation.
- Support efforts to increase opportunities for youth and enhance equitable access to local parks facilities.
- 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 efforts to revise the property tax cap to tie it to inflation and population growth factors so Burien can better serve their community.
- Provide greater flexibility to use funds from existing revenue sources through programs like the Public Works Assistance Account to help finance basic infrastructure.
- Advocate for minority owned businesses interests, including apprenticeship training and disadvantage business enterprise programs.
- Support efforts to make childcare more affordable for low-income and middle-class families.
- Seek \$3.8 million in design funding for the SR 518 Westbound on-ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.

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 updates to land use planning that take into consideration climate change and resiliency.
- Support efforts to strengthen energy codes.

Behavioral Health

- Support creating greater access to behavioral health services including substance abuse treatment and dual diagnosis treatment facilities.
- Support continued state funding to help communities establish alternative response programs like co-responder programs, diversion programs, and others that provide options beyond law enforcement.

- Support more state investment in alternative response teams, treatment facilities for adults and juveniles, treatment in jails, and funding for social workers, treatment providers, and system navigators to help direct people to treatment.
- Support clarification regarding the crime of possession of a controlled substance so individuals, law enforcement, and treatment providers can respond appropriately.
- Support responsible solutions to reduce gun violence.

Proposed 2023 City of Des Moines City Council State Legislative Priorities

Funding Requests:

Marina Steps. Downtown Des Moines and the marina floor will be connected via new marina steps. This is a key part in downtown's renaissance and the waterfront redevelopment program. Constructing the marina steps should help leverage private investment to the neighborhood and bring greater vibrancy and walkability to area.

Capital Budget request: **\$2 million.**

Redondo Fishing Pier. The long Federal permitting process is almost complete, but additional funds are needed due to heavy project inflation.

Capital Budget request: **\$1 million** for Redondo Fishing Pier and **\$1.6 million** for adjacent Redondo Bathroom project.

Barnes Creek Trail South Segment. In 2022, Des Moines received \$3.5 million in the 16 year Move Ahead Transportation Package for this project. WSDOT has not determined when funds for each project will be spent. The Legislature should clarify that Barnes Creek funding be used soon so that pedestrians can access the new Kent/Des Moines Sound Transit station opening in 2024.

Public Safety

Blake & Pursuit: Des Moines will work with WASPC, AWC and other groups towards better public safety. For 2023 we are asking the Legislature to clarify and further mitigate impacts from the *Blake* ruling and pursuit legislation.

Car Part Legislation:

A. Combatting Catalytic Converter Theft: Des Moines helped craft recommendations from the State Task Force for the Study and Reduction of Catalytic Converter Theft. Des Moines asks the Legislature to approve the new legislation that will be introduced in 2023 to combat this problem.

B. Aftermarket Mufflers. Address adjustable volume aftermarket mufflers. Loud aftermarket mufflers are problematic for Redondo and other south King County neighborhoods and detract from quality of life.

Airport Issues

CACC. With CACC recommendations on a new airport location being expected in mid-2023, Des Moines encourages appropriate planning and appropriations to continue momentum for locating alternatives to SeaTac for future air travel.



2023 State Legislative Priorities

Restoring “Reasonable Suspicion” Standard for Police Vehicular Pursuits

The amount of car thefts and the number of criminal suspects dangerously fleeing the police have increased dramatically since the evidentiary standard for police vehicular pursuits was increased far beyond the constitutional requirements of “reasonable suspicion” by the State Legislature in 2021. To restore the prior level of community safety throughout the state, the City of Federal Way supports a return to “reasonable suspicion” (from the current “probable cause”) as the standard for police vehicular pursuits, at least for violent offenses, sex offenses, escape offenses and automobile theft.

Restoring the Role of The Courts in Enforcing Drug Possession Laws

In the wake of the Blake decision (which invalidated the State’s existing prohibition on possession of illegal drugs for lack of an element of intent), the State Legislature passed SB 5476 in 2021, a stop-gap measure that will expire in the summer of 2023. Failure to adopt further legislation in 2023 would result in the decriminalization of the possession of every type of drug in our State.

SB 5476 lowered the offense level for most drug possession offenses from a Class C felony down to a misdemeanor, though the provisions of SB 5476 mandating two unstructured referrals by law enforcement prior to any engagement with the court systems have made it much more unlikely that individuals will ever be prosecuted for the possession of illegal drugs. The failure to implement diversion programs through the court system all but guarantees that individuals caught possessing illegal drugs will not be placed into a structured rehabilitation program which includes any element of accountability for making progress toward becoming clean and sober. Another flaw with the failure to utilize the court system is the lack of record-keeping. There is no ability for law enforcement in one jurisdiction to know if an individual has already used up their mandatory two referrals in other jurisdictions.

To address the flaws of SB 5476, the City of Federal Way supports removing the current requirement for two unstructured referrals by law enforcement and instead restoring the role of the courts in the referral of individuals to diversion programs in order to ensure structure and accountability, and also to allow for proper record-keeping of each individual’s history of interaction with the legal system. The penalty for possession of illegal drugs should be a gross misdemeanor, which is a compromise between the previous Class C felony and the current simple misdemeanor, and courts should have the discretion to refer an individual to diversion programs, but not a requirement to do so.

The City of Federal Way also supports the efforts of the court system, law enforcement, and jails in seeking state resources to provide regional coordinated intervention for behavioral health issues that participants in the criminal justice system are confronted with.

Maintain the Ability of Local Government to Plan for Growth

Several recent legislative proposals in Olympia would mandate highly prescriptive land use regulations on local governments. Blanket mandates -- whether for duplexes, ADU's or other types of housing -- fail to recognize that the suitability of higher density development can vary within a city depending upon the unique characteristics of individual neighborhoods and also undermine the principle of local control. The City of Federal Way has not sought to limit growth generally or the construction of new and affordable housing, but has invested considerable time and effort, through deliberate processes that involve extensive public participation, to plan for smart growth. Instead of proposing to mandate zoning standards from Olympia, the state should look to provide incentives to cities which would promote higher densities and leave local zoning decisions with city elected officials.

Condominium liability and housing affordability

Supports condominium liability reform aimed at lowering regulatory barriers associated with building affordable condos and improve the climate for condominium construction statewide. Changes are needed to create more certainty for developers and insurers and remove disincentives to building affordable condominium projects while maintaining consumer protections. The City of Federal Way would also welcome other proactive approaches to create new tools/incentives/revenues for cities to use to support increasing housing supply, address housing affordability, and support home ownership.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Turf Ball Fields at Celebrations Park (\$1.8 Million)

The City of Federal Way has already compiled \$1.2 million for this project. The additional funding will support the resurfacing of two ball fields.

TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Funding for infrastructure systems

City Center Access (\$50 Million)

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.

Improvements to the SW 336th-SW340th Corridor (\$20 Million)

Construct 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.

Increase Circulation and Traffic Capacity in Downtown Federal Way (\$5 Million)

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: Reconstruction of S 314th St between Pete von Reichbauer Way S and 23rd Ave S, (all but 25% of this section of roadway is a private street in a failing condition); extending sidewalks on S 312th Street from Steel Lake Park going east to 28th and; and construction of frontage improvements and a safe walking route for students between 312th and Truman High School.

WSDOT Triangle Project

Currently the triangle project includes construction of the southbound off ramp to 161, and replacement of the northbound to eastbound ramp if funds allow. The City supports funding the project to allow full construction.

Behavioral and Mental Health Resources

Supports creating greater access to behavioral and mental health services and establishing funding to support communities' efforts in establishing response programs like designated peer professionals and crisis responders who work alongside law enforcement, the courts, and jails. People experiencing mental and behavioral health challenges continues to increase and the mental health system struggles to respond. Oftentimes it is police officers who are solely responding to people suffering mental health issues. In addition, the lack of coordinated behavioral health intervention and adequate state resources contributes to the seemingly endless cycle people experience in the criminal justice system.

Highline College's Top Three Legislative Issues for 2023

- **Provide Fully Funded, Competitive Compensation**

Colleges are losing outstanding employees and job applicants to better paying K-12 schools, private employers, and other colleges and universities. Low pay has been an issue for a long time, but the consequences are more severe as we work to teach and serve students derailed during the pandemic. Faculty and staff are leaving to work in the very fields students hope to learn. A salary increase of 6.5% for each year of the biennium, for a total increase of 13%, would keep talent at our colleges. We are requesting that any and all increases be fully funded so colleges are not forced to cut instructional programs and student services to pay for the funding gap. The 13% increase would be in addition to routine state general wage increases.

- **Support Workforce Development Programs**

Many industries in Washington — such as healthcare, advanced manufacturing, transportation, and aerospace — were struggling to find skilled employees even before the pandemic. COVID-19 made skill gaps worse. However, colleges are having difficulty maintaining workforce programs because of the high cost of small class sizes, specialized equipment, consumable materials, and inflation. In many cases, these programs are the only pipeline into specialized fields. Investments would help colleges sustain workforce programs and update equipment to ensure students learn in classrooms that mirror today's work environments.

- **Advocate for Capital Investments across the Community and Technical College System**

Washington's system of 34 community and technical colleges deeply appreciates the Governor's and Legislature's support over the past two sessions. For the 2023-25 capital budget, our system requests \$1.7 billion in capital investments to maintain and modernize our aging campuses and ensure we provide effective teaching and learning environments for the next generation of students.

Highline Public Schools 2023 Legislative Agenda

Fully Funding Special Education

The legislature has made much-appreciated, critical investments in Special Education over the last four years, yet these investments continue to fall woefully short of fully funding Special Education. Highline serves 2,669 students with disabilities and expends \$55,470,889 to provide the services our students require in order to be successful at school. Fully 30% of the district's expenditures in special education (\$15,879,372) come from the district's local levies to provide the necessary and mandated supports for our students.

Mastery Based Learning (MBL)

Mastery Based Learning is an effective way to engage students in learning, build relationships between students and teachers, and actively harness a student's unique educational interests. MBL allows students to demonstrate mastery of content and learning objectives through differentiated support and meaningful assessments. Yet substantial policy barriers, including an inadequate funding model, are limiting the expansion of MBL in Washington State. We urge the legislature to support MBL by identifying specific funding to support schools and districts to increase MBL offerings, including offerings that might occur on an asynchronous timeline.

Transportation

The current transportation allocation model doesn't adequately support district operations across Washington State. Highline specifically serves 2.5 times the average number of students experiencing homelessness. The formula struggles to adequately respond to the increased cost to transport these students to their home school. We urge the legislature to adopt a model that adequately funds transportation for ALL districts in Washington.

Regionalization

Housing and cost of living within the Highline School District service area continue to rise, making paying our employees a living wage increasingly unsustainable. Regionalization was provided as an answer to this predicament as part of the new allocation model. The reduction of the levy lid and failure to align regionalization with the labor market constricts the district's ability to continue to attract a strong workforce to serve our students to pay a living wage. If regionalization is to continue, it must recognize the impact of geographic differences as well as district-specific local costs and needs.

Capital Facilities Designed for Educational Strategies

To address escalating capital demands, we urge the Legislature to advance a constitutional amendment to change the bond validation rate from a 60 percent supermajority to a 50 percent, plus one majority of ballots cast. In addition, we seek an enhancement to the funding formulas for the K-12 Student Space Allocation and Construction Cost Allowance to align education spaces with research-based teaching strategies and actual construction costs.

Feed Students

Learning cannot occur when students are hungry. School meal programs should meet the diverse backgrounds, preferences, and experiences of all students. We ask the legislature to ensure that no student is hungry during the school day by providing universal free and nutritious school meals.

City of Normandy Park Legislative Agenda 2023



Adopted by the City Council December 2022

PUBLIC SAFETY

Normandy Park encourages the Legislature to pass public safety-centric laws to protect the community through safe and accountable Police Service. This can be done by:

- Responding to the Blake Decision – Support clarification around the crime of possessing a controlled substance so that law enforcement can respond appropriately. Revise the current system of two referrals prior to criminal charges so that it can be more effectively administered.
- Address vehicle pursuits for public safety – Clarify the ability of law enforcement to conduct vehicle pursuits using a reasonable suspicion standard in specific circumstances

SUPPORT THE FISCAL NEEDS OF ALL CITIES

Normandy Park supports the adjustment of the Property Tax Cap. Replace the 1% property tax cap with one that takes into consideration inflation and population growth.

ADDRESS HOUSING ISSUES

Normandy Park supports the development of local option tools and incentives to diversify the housing supply that recognizes the diversity of our communities and maintains local decision-making authority.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Normandy Park supports increasing access to community-based behavioral health services. Help communities establish alternative response programs like co-responder programs, diversion programs, and others that provide options beyond law enforcement for responding to situations that involve individuals suffering from behavioral health issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Support core salmon recovery programs within the Capital Budget. These core state programs are critical to leveraging significant local and federal investments to advance salmon recovery.

TRANSPORTATION

Normandy Park asks for support as the SR 509 Completion Project moves forward. Improvements are needed to this section of roadway in Normandy Park as it transitions to a safe and effective local multi-modal roadway. Improvements should focus on safety and mobility.



CITY OF SEATAC 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Increase Workforce Development Opportunities

The City of SeaTac is strongly invested in expanding workforce opportunities for residents and ensuring youth and young adults may access local, family-wage jobs, including careers within the technical and trades industry. Other communities have experienced immense success with pre-apprenticeship programs operated in conjunction with local labor partners and education institutions. The City will seek state resources to expand opportunities for our residents to participate in these types of programs.

Centralized SeaTac Community Park & Protecting Parkland from Development

The City of SeaTac provides a variety of amenities to support the health and well-being of residents, including outdoor recreation facilities and greenspace. The City supports protecting all existing parks from any future non-recreation related development. Though the City boasts an impressive 10 diverse public parks for residents and visitors to enjoy, the City lacks a centralized park that is easily accessible from the SeaTac Airport. Recognizing the unique challenges of situating a park in proximity to the airport, the City respectfully requests \$300,000 for a feasibility study to determine where a central park could be located.

Behavioral Health

The behavioral health system in south King County, like much of Washington State, is under considerable strain. The City of SeaTac supports enhancements to the behavioral health system for the benefit of our residents, including support for additional 9-8-8 crisis response teams and crisis triage and detox facilities. The City supports funding additional school counselors to meet the behavioral health needs to students of all ages.

Defend Local Control

The best governmental decisions are those that are made closest to the people represented. Cities possess strong local authority to provide for the safety and welfare of their residents, and the Legislature must abstain from restricting, mandating, or otherwise interfering with local decisions.

NOTE: Text in **underline and strike-thru format** reflects changes made per the discussion at the 11/28/22 Committee of the Whole.

ATTACHMENT A

City of Tukwila 2023 Legislative Agenda

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Provide funding for the **full replacement of the Tukwila Community Center’s heating and air cooling system, which is functionally obsolete** and impedes the City’s ability to provide full programming and meet critical safety-net needs during extreme winter events.
- Create **stable, reliable infrastructure assistance funding** for cities to assist in repairing roads, bridges and other public infrastructure that support economic development.
- Honor funding commitments made in **Move Ahead Washington**.

Housing & Human Services

- **Address the housing stability crisis** by providing additional tools for rental assistance, foreclosure/eviction prevention and capital construction of affordable housing, including starter homes and options for people aging.
- **Fund additional investments in behavioral health**, including in-patient and out-patient facilities, as an alternative to jail and align State law with best practices to allow individuals in crisis to receive necessary and life-saving services.
- We strongly encourage the State to **adequately fund human services** programs 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 as defined by SB 5717** 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.

Law Enforcement Use of Force

- Respond to the Blake decision by **revising the current system** so that it can be more effectively administered within and across jurisdictions, [including funding for cities affected by changes resulting from the Blake decision](#).
- Further clarify the **ability for law enforcement to conduct vehicle pursuits** using a reasonable suspicion standard in specific circumstances when there is an immediate threat to public safety.

Revenue Reform

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

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**.

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 to 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.
- Support a permanent policy **that allows greater flexibility for local governments** to hold virtual meetings without a physical location.



**COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item No. 80

ACTION ITEM

Date of Meeting November 8, 2022

DATE: October 28, 2022

TO: Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director

FROM: Eric ffitich, Senior Government Relations Manager

SUBJECT: Adoption of 2023 State Legislative Agenda

ACTION REQUESTED

Commission Adoption of the Port’s 2023 State Legislative Agenda and Authorization for Staff to Advocate on the Agenda During the 2023 Legislative Session.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the end of the 2022 state legislative session in Olympia, Washington, staff from the Government Affairs team has been working with subject-matter experts across the Port, members of the Executive Leadership Team, staff from the Commission office, and the Commissioners themselves to develop a draft legislative agenda for the 2023 legislative session.

Staff briefed commissioners in public session on October 25th and are before the Commission in this November 8th meeting seeking final adoption.

Proposed State Legislative Agenda for 2023

Priority Agenda Items:

Invest in essential workforces: Essential activities that kept the economy running early in the pandemic included maritime and freight operations, air cargo and more. The Port seeks continuing state partnership on workforce development in port-related industries, including support for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs and policies intended to support retention by ensuring a respectful worksite free of harassment and intimidation.

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. With the Clean Fuels Program and Climate Commitment Act in place, the state should pursue partnership with ports on decarbonization of heavy transportation from maritime to aviation sectors, including a focus shorepower, on-dock cargo equipment, and working toward zero emission trucking.

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The Port of Seattle fully supports state partnership in:

- Proposed maritime decarbonization investments put forward by The Northwest Seaport Alliance
- Potential state partnership on development of a regional clean maritime fuels collaborative effort, with the goal of promoting regional leadership in the clean maritime fuels space
- Development of an incentive package to promote deployment of Sustainable Aviation Fuels and other low- and zero-carbon aviation technologies

Further, the Port acknowledges that siting of clean energy facilities sufficient to meet state demand for renewable energy will require legislative changes, and we support state work to promote development of in-state renewable energy sources.

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:

- *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.
- *Public contracting and grantmaking:* The Port's 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.

Vessel noise and impacts: With the state's prior investment in Quiet Sound leading to successful program implementation and early successes, the Port supports additional state funding for Quiet Sound to ensure continued program success and further growth and development.

Priority Issue Areas: Quality Jobs and Small Business

Quality Jobs: Support proposals that are consistent with the Port's focus on bringing quality, sustainable jobs to the region, including proposals that:

- Expand state-level support for worker training programs in port-related industries of aviation, maritime, construction trades, and green jobs that seek to foster maritime innovation and provide incentives to incorporate new technology into port-related sectors.

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- Support career-connected and work-based learning programs that seek to expose middle- and high-school age students to professions in port-related industries, to include a focus on STEM fields that are directly relevant to port operations.
- Expand and strengthen state support for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, with a focus on retention especially among BIPOC apprentices.
- Ensure responsible enforcement of labor standards, including a culture of respect and inclusion on jobsites.
- Support continued state partnership on tourism promotion as an economic sector critical to the overall recovery of the Washington state economy.
- Pursue partnerships in trucking that expand the workforce and the supply of drivers serving port operations, to speed the movement of goods and services.
- Ensure local governments have access to qualified and well-trained law enforcement personnel by supporting state efforts to expand the reach of the newly established Criminal Justice Training Commission.
- Support rural economic development: Partner with the state and other ports and economic development actors to promote rural economic development initiatives, including rural broadband deployment, tourism promotion, support for small manufacturers in rural Washington, investments in freight corridors in rural areas, and other actions to support economic growth across Washington state.

Small Business: Support proposals that reduce structural barriers and provide equity in the workplace for disadvantaged groups, and promote inclusion of small businesses, including disadvantaged, minority, and women owned business enterprises (SMWBEs). This includes:

- Continued support for the repeal of Initiative 200, the enactment of Initiative 1000, and any other policy proposals that seek to achieve similar equity objectives.
- Support for proposals that provide flexibility in contracting to public owners, including alternative public works, while ensuring that contracting practices support SMWBEs.
- Support proposals that enhance the opportunities for SMWBEs to more effectively compete for small works projects.
- Support business assistance programs at the state-level that are focused on supporting BIPOC and rural-based small businesses that face challenges accessing resources and relief programs

Priority Issue Areas: Transportation and Competitiveness

General transportation priorities:

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- Continued state support for transportation networks that serve essential public facilities, with a specific emphasis on funding for needed upgrades to State Route 518 and the on-time delivery of the Puget Sound Gateway Program (SR509/SR167).
- Support proposals that speed the movement of freight and passengers from origin to destination through seaport and airport facilities and improve the trade competitiveness of Washington state and our gateway.
- Continue to deepen partnership with Washington State Legislature, Executive Agencies, and other public and private stakeholders on promoting Washington state as an international trading partner, supporting the state’s exporters while also ensuring that transportation facilities that support trade are modernized, world-class, and can operate efficiently.
- Support proposals that clarify and affirm the authority of the Port Commission to control access to port facilities by all transportation modes -- including private vehicle access, commercial ground transportation providers, and public transportation providers -- and promote fairness and equity among transportation service providers, in support of responsible operation in all areas of regulation, including insurance, monitoring, safety, and environmental standards
- Support state engagement in regional conversations related to a potential increase in passenger vessel routes operating in Puget Sound, and other innovative transportation partnerships that reduce congestion on roadways and reduce emissions associated with transportation sector. Increases in passenger vessel routes should be accompanied by consideration of potential mitigation measures associated with increased vessel traffic.
- Support state actions that promote resilience in the transportation network, and support collaboration with other government agencies, including on issues of climate resilience.
- Support coordinated approach to regional transportation planning, including aviation planning, to reflect the unprecedented growth in the region and the related stresses on our existing infrastructure.

Land use priorities: Continue to advocate on land use issues facing Washington ports, with a specific focus on zoning issues that may affect port competitiveness. This may include:

- Proposals that reflect the “Guiding Principles: Stewardship, Enhancement, and Protection of Maritime and Manufacturing Lands” document that was adopted by the Northwest Seaport Alliance on November 1, 2016;
- Proposals that reduce pressure on critical industrial lands by focusing dense residential development in existing residential areas

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- Proposals that reflect the Port's commitment to environmental sustainability, including promoting Puget Sound ecosystem health and resource stewardship, and acknowledge the fact that manufacturing and industrial centers designated under the Growth Management Act are resource lands of statewide economic significance that are irreplaceable; and
- Proposals that recognize the role industrial resource lands play in global port competitiveness and in supporting job retention in diverse economic sectors that provide ladders of opportunity to underserved groups; and
- Proposals that seek to strengthen the Container Ports Element of the Growth Management Act
- Recommendations related to the Department of Commerce's Interbay Public Development Advisory Committee; and
- Any legislative changes that may impact the efficient functioning of statewide essential public facilities.

Priority Issue Areas: Energy and Environment

Support and advocate for continued state investment in environmental cleanup programs and state-level policies that promote the adoption and implementation of clean energy sources to reduce the state's reliance on fossil fuels and seek to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. That includes:

- Policies that promote the use of low- and zero-carbon fuels for transportation, low or zero emission transit options, and otherwise support the continued reduction in the cost of low- and zero-carbon energy sources to consumers in the state.
- Programs directed at Puget Sound health, to include: water quality, habitat restoration, cleanups, stormwater management, underwater noise reduction, bankline "softening," kelp conservation & recovery, and other issues related to orca recovery in the Puget Sound.
- Improving prioritization, transparency, and funding for Department of Ecology's wetland mitigation banking program so that cost-effective and large-scale compensatory mitigation projects can be built in advance of permitted impacts.
- Programs funded through the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) that assist ports in their efforts to promote environmental stewardship, to include cleanup grants and public participation grants to community organizations, including a streamlined pathway that promotes voluntary, expeditious cleanup of habitat restoration and/or shoreline public access projects in underserved communities.
- Policies that promote use of clean energy technology, build energy efficiency, and support a statewide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as well as statewide goals for clean power, and that can be implemented in ways that: leverage our state's

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- competitiveness; maintain the efficient operation of essential public facilities such as airports and seaports; and support equity between our business partners.
- Continued state support for partnership in the development and deployment of sustainable aviation and maritime technologies, including state-level actions intended to drive development of low- and zero-carbon aviation and maritime technologies within the state and for use at in-state transportation facilities.
 - Support state actions that promote climate change resilience, and support collaboration with other government agencies in this effort, including a focus on resilience within the transportation network that serves ports, such as heavy haul corridors, freight chokepoints, intermodal yards and more.
 - Policies that reduce carbon and air pollution emissions for passengers, employees, and cargo traveling to and from Port facilities, with a focus on health equity in near-port communities.
 - Promote the improved efficiency of public transportation, public transit investment, and increase the availability of low carbon fuels for public transportation.
 - Pursue continued state partnership with efforts to reduce carbon emissions from waterfront operations while maintaining the international competitive edge that supports job growth in Washington state. This includes partnership on electric transmission infrastructure development, on innovation in the clean maritime sector, and on the state’s ongoing Maritime Blue 2050 initiative.

Priority Issue Areas: Tax, Governance, Technology, and more

- *Tax:* Support tax policies at the state level that support the economic health of port-related businesses and activities, including:
 - Policies that promote the efficient movement of freight and supports those communities that house the warehousing and distribution infrastructure necessary to enable the Port of Seattle, the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and its partners to serve Washington State businesses, including those in agriculture, manufacturing, and trade sectors.
 - Policies that reduce manufacturing costs in port-related businesses, including businesses that support the efficient functioning of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and that incentivize construction of fishing vessels in Washington State shipyards.

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- *Governance*: Oppose legislation that would create an imbalance of representatives between the two homeports in their governing of the Northwest Seaport Alliance. And further, advocate that any legislative proposal that would alter the previously voter established governance structure of either homeport include ratification by citizen vote within the respective homeport district(s).
- *Cybersecurity*: Monitor proposals that seek to balance the importance of transparency and public disclosure with the vulnerability of public governments that manage critical infrastructure.
- *Technology*: Monitor proposals related to the use of biometric technology, such as facial recognition, particularly those that address the protection of individual privacy, civil liberties, equity and compliance with federal and state regulations.
- *Broadband*: Support continued state and local government efforts to bridge the digital divide and bring high-speed internet connectivity to communities around the state.
- *Human trafficking*: Engage continued state partnership with Port efforts to combat human trafficking at port facilities, including the airport, seaport, cruise terminals, and marina properties, including potential advocacy in support of state anti-human trafficking efforts that align with efforts underway at the Port.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BRIEFING

- (1) Presentation

PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS

October 25, 2022 – Port of Seattle Commission was briefed on the 2023 DRAFT State Legislative Agenda

December 14, 2021 – Port of Seattle Commission voted to adopt the 2022 State Legislative Agenda

November 16, 2021 – Port of Seattle Commission was briefed on the 2022 DRAFT State Legislative Agenda