

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Discussion of 2013 Legislative Issues and Proposed Transportation Funding
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager's Office
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The 2013 Legislative Session begins on January 14. Staff is seeking Council direction on a recent transportation funding proposal and is proposing updating the City's 2013 Legislative Agenda based on feedback from a recent meeting with the 32<sup>nd</sup> District Delegation.

Staff is looking for Council feedback and direction regarding the potential support for a proposed transportation options package presented by the Sound Cities Association (SCA), Seattle and King County. This package will potentially be a joint King County/Cities legislative proposal to the Legislature.

Staff also received feedback from the delegation regarding cuts to the State's safety net and supporting economic development for cities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council provide direction on whether they can support the transportation funding proposal. Staff also recommends revising the Legislative Priorities and Core Principles as reflected in Attachment A.

Approved By:            City Manager DT            City Attorney IS/FC

## **INTRODUCTION**

Deputy Mayor Eggen hosted the 32<sup>nd</sup> District delegation, along with staff, to discuss the City's 2013 Legislative Agenda. We discussed the recently announced local transportation funding options package, and received good feedback in terms of navigating the new reality of the Senate, areas to focus, and a potential issue that is not currently part of the City's agenda.

### **Local Transportation Funding Options**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been participating in the Mayor's Transportation Forum, a group of Mayors from around the state discussing local option transportation funding led by Seattle's Mayor McGinn and Federal Way's Mayor Priest. Additionally, a sub-group of King County Mayors met with Dow Constantine to negotiate transportation funding options that can be supported by both the county and cities.

The proposed package had to include support for transit funding as well as funding to address infrastructure needs for city and county roads in order to receive support from all parties. Legislative leaders messaged to King County and its cities that if King County and its cities are not on the same page there would be no legislative support in Olympia.

The proposal includes three local transportation funding options:

- An 8-cent State Gas Tax increase (for which cities receive 18% collectively)
- A 1.5% Local Option Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) applied through Councilmanic authority by King County
  - 60 % of revenues goes to sustain King County Metro (and replaces the Congestion Relief Charge)
  - 40% of revenues to transportation needs of cities and the county
- Expand Transportation Benefit District Authority
  - Expand councilmanic authority for Transportation Benefit Districts from \$20 to \$40 (Shoreline currently receives approximately \$700,000 annually from the \$20 TBD car fee.)

### **Revised 2013 Legislative Agenda**

During the meeting with the 32<sup>nd</sup> District delegation, Representative Kagi expressed surprise at not seeing a legislative principle to address the impact to families from the cuts to the State safety net and Senator Chase encouraged the City to support programs aimed at economic vitality and recovery to help support businesses operating in Shoreline. Staff has revised the proposed 2013 Legislative Priorities based on this feedback.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council provide direction on whether they can support the transportation funding proposal. Staff also recommends revising the Legislative Priorities and Core Principles as reflected in Attachment A.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Revised 2013 Legislative Priorities

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## **City of Shoreline**

### **Revised 2013 Shoreline Legislative Priorities and Core Principles**

#### **Legislative Priorities**

1. Advocate for the local options transportation funding package to include an 8-cent gas tax increase, a 1.5% MVET for King County with a 60% Transit/40% Transportation split, and an increase in councilmanic TBD authority to \$40
2. Support efforts to return \$10 million of diverted liquor revenues and reinstate the local share of excess liquor profits to cities
3. Support legislation to encourage, promote, or provide incentives to local jurisdictions in order to get transit-supportive densities
4. Support continued efforts for state funding to address NPDES Phase II requirements
5. Support the restoration of state funding of the state's safety net programs to address the impact to Shoreline families.
6. Clarify Metadata related to public disclosure requests
7. Support dedicated transit funding options to sustain transit service in King County

#### **Core Principles**

- Raise additional state revenues to restore funding for local government, provide full funding for basic education, and increase funding for community colleges
- Authorize local governments to increase all local revenue sources at rates not exceeding the rate of rising costs in the long term, possibly including an increase in the property tax cap;
- Provide for the consolidation of utilities within Cities, as the most efficient providers of urban services;
- Create viable dedicated funding opportunities for transportation purposes, such as the TBD fee or the MVET
  - Shoreline prefers the MVET as a more progressive value-based tax;
- Ensure continued funding for the state's safety net;
- Support programs that encourage economic vitality and recovery within cities.