

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

### **CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON**

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Adopting Shoreline's Federal Legislative Agenda		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager's Office		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Debbie Tarry, City Manager		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

#### **PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

On April 26 the Mayor and City Manager will have several appointments with Federal Legislators to discuss issues and policies that are important to the City. In preparation for those meetings, staff presented a list of Federal Legislative Priorities for Council's consideration on April 2, 2018. The staff report for this Council discussion can be found at the following link:

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2018/staffreport040218-9b.pdf>. The priorities will guide the April discussion with the Federal Legislators.

The Legislative Agenda includes priorities for policy, infrastructure funding, tax policy, and identifying policy and initiative positions that align with Council's adopted policies. Tonight Jake Johnston, the City's Federal Lobbyist, will also be in attendance to discuss and present the proposed legislative agenda.

On March 21, 2018, Congress approved a federal spending plan, and on Friday, March 22, President Trump signed the spending plan. Within the spending plan, Congress provided funding that will help cities provide services and address significant transportation infrastructure. Some of this was somewhat unexpected, but very welcome. Highlights include increased funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program, increased funding in the TIGER Grant Program, and the inclusion of \$2.6 billion in funding for the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grant Program, which is a critical funding sources for Sound Transit in completing the Lynnwood Link Extension (LLE).

#### **RESOURCES/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This item has no direct financial impact.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council adopt the Federal Legislative Agenda as discussed on April 2, 2018.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Draft 2018 Federal Legislative Priorities

Approved By:      City Manager ***DT***      City Attorney ***MK***



## **2018 Shoreline Federal Legislative Priorities**

- 1. Support the federal funding commitment for Lynnwood Link Light Rail expansion:**
- 2. Create a new federal program to fund infrastructure for medium sized cities.**
- 3. Support a permanent authorization of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.**
- 4. Funding for the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor from SR-522 to SR-99.**
- 5. Support the 2018 Internet Sales Tax bill which is the Marketplace Fairness Act (S 976 in the Senate) and the Remote Transactions Parity Act (HR 2193 in the House).**
- 6. Continued Support of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding.**

### **Other Legislative Issues Important to the City**

- 1. Preserve tax-exempt municipal bonding authority. Support HR 5003 which would reinstate advance refunding bonds.**
- 2. Restore the state and local tax deductions (Property, sales, income).**
- 3. Support Green Stormwater Infrastructure initiatives**
- 4. Oppose any effort to deny federal funding to “Sanctuary” cities.**
- 5. Support the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement program.**