

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

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Adopting Shoreline’s Federal Legislative Priorities
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager’s Office
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Jim Hammond, Government Relations
<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 February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 February 4, 2019. 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/2019/staffreport020419-9b.pdf>. These priorities will guide the February discussion with the Federal Legislators.

For 2019, staff proposes a continued focus on funding and support for investments in the NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and the associated I-5 Interchange. The City has prioritized the success of the 145<sup>th</sup> Sound Transit station as an omnibus goal that supports our goals for the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor, the interchange replacement, a pedestrian overpass serving the light rail station and redevelopment of the station area for housing and economic development. These identified priorities are complementary and support Shoreline’s station and regional priorities to ensure that the City’s key messages are clear and consistent across all audiences.

In addition, the priorities would direct staff to pursue improvements to federal policies that enhance community and economic development, as well as managing challenges posed by both culverts and stormwater management.

During the Council discussion on February 4, Council requested minor alterations to the priorities. The attached proposed 2019 Federal Legislative Priorities (Attachment A) reflect Council direction provided at the February 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**RESOURCES/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This item has no direct financial impact.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council adopt the proposed Federal Legislative Priorities.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: 2019 Federal Legislative Priorities

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



## 2019 Shoreline Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Continue to seek funding and support for implementation of NE 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor transportation projects, including:**
  - Continued pursuit of a BUILD Grant for the I-5/145<sup>th</sup> Interchange project
  - Elevating the need for 145<sup>th</sup> roadway improvements for transit and other traffic from I-5 to SR 99
  - Request funding for the NE 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor in any federal transportation bill, including preserving bicycle and pedestrian funding.
  - Prepare to submit potential funding requests, as appropriate, in support of NE 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor projects
- **Advocate for changes to federal transportation funding programs to strengthen ability of the City to pursue its transportation and infrastructure goals, including:**
  - Allocation of federal infrastructure dollars to transit and non-motorized projects
  - Addition of a medium-sized city set aside, similar to the current rural set aside, to better enable smaller communities to compete for federal dollars, both in a new Transportation bill and in the next round of BUILD grants
  - Increase in share of federal transportation funding directed to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (such as the Puget Sound Regional Council) for local distribution
- **Protect federal funding for Lynnwood Link Light Rail and other regional transit projects.**
- **Support funding for Community and Economic Development Programs, including:**
  - Increased funding for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
  - Preserving access to internet-based sales taxes and supporting other municipal tax authority
- **Strengthen federal tools for dealing with culvert and stormwater issues, including:**
  - Support the creation of a new federal program to provide federal grant funding for culvert replacement
  - Add green stormwater treatment as a scoring criterion for federal transportation awards.
  - Support a refundable tax credit for stormwater management by private property owners
  - Collaborate with federal partners, such as the Corps of Engineers, to develop partnerships to address projects in the Boeing Creek/Hidden Lake area