

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Adopting the 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities		
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office		
PRESENTED BY:	Jim Hammond, Intergovernmental Program Manager		
ACTION:	<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:

Staff has drafted proposed 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities ("Priorities") for the City's upcoming advocacy efforts in Washington, DC. For 2020, staff proposes a continued focus on funding policies that support investments in the NE 145th Street Corridor and the associated I-5 Interchange.

The City has long prioritized the success of the Shoreline South/145th light rail station as an overarching goal that supports the full range of City goals for the 145th Corridor. With Sound Transit's success in finally attaining full federal funding for Lynnwood Link, City policy more directly focuses on the interchange replacement, a pedestrian overpass serving the light rail station and redevelopment of the station area for housing and economic development. These identified federal priorities are complementary with state and regional priorities, ensuring that the City's key messages are clear and consistent across all audiences. In addition, the proposed priorities encourage Congress to tackle pressing federal challenges that line up with the community's values, such as sustainability, addressing climate change, the enhancement of community and economic development, and other important social goals

At its February 10th meeting, the City Council reviewed and discussed the proposed Priorities. Tonight, Council is scheduled to adopt the 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities.

RESOURCES/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This item has no direct financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities.

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

BACKGROUND

The City has long prioritized the success of the Shoreline South/145th light rail station as an overarching goal that supports the full range of City goals for the 145th Corridor. With Sound Transit's success in finally attaining full federal funding for Lynnwood Link, City policy more directly focuses on the interchange replacement, a pedestrian overpass serving the light rail station and redevelopment of the station area for housing and economic development. These identified federal priorities are complementary with state and regional priorities, ensuring that the City's key messages are clear and consistent across all audiences. In addition, the priorities would encourage Congress to tackle pressing federal challenges that line up with the community's values, such as sustainability, addressing climate change, the enhancement of community and economic development, and other important social goals.

DISCUSSION

At its November 25th meeting, the City Council reviewed and discussed the proposed 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities, which are attached to this staff report as Attachment A. The staff report for this February 10th Council discussion can be found at the following link:

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2020/staffreport021020-9c.pdf>.

Council was supportive of the Federal Priorities as drafted and did not propose any changes to the proposed Priorities. Council directed staff to bring the 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities back to Council for adoption tonight.

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities



2020 Shoreline Federal Legislative Priorities

Shoreline-specific local needs:

Federal support to complete the infrastructure improvements on SR 523 (145th Ave N) from Corliss Ave. to SR 522 connecting the Shoreline South/145th Link Light Rail Station at I-5, scheduled to open in 2024.

- Continued support for a BUILD grant for the Interchange at I-5 and 145th, including changes to the BUILD program that would set aside money for medium-sized cities.
- Elevating the need for federal, regional and state funding support for to complete this project.
- Supporting funding efforts for a non-motorized bridge spanning I-5 that will connect newly upzoned neighborhoods with affordable housing requirements to the Shoreline South/145th Light Rail Station.

Reauthorization of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act with the following priorities:

- Permanent authorization of the BUILD Grant Program.
- Designating a portion of BUILD Grant funding to medium sized cities with a population between 10,000 and 75,000 akin to the rural community set aside.
- Increasing the funding allocation to Metropolitan Planning Organizations like the Puget Sound Regional Council.
- Prioritizing transit and non-motorized transportation funding.

Support, in the form of early phase funding, for reconstruction of NE 145th Avenue from SR-99 to Corliss Avenue that will link SR-99 with light rail and alleviate a major regional bottleneck.

- This will be a priority segment after the Corliss Ave to SR-522 projects are completely funded and in construction. Early phase funds are needed now and can be put to use.

The City of Shoreline also urges Congress to tackle the pressing policy challenges that are aligned with the City's values, including the following:

- Immediate federal action to curtail the impact of climate change, including legislation to meet carbon reduction goals and transition our economy to a carbon-neutral future.
- Funding for salmon recovery and watershed restoration.
- Increased funding for Community Development Block Grants and the Home Investment Partnership Program
- Preservation of municipal authority over tax authority and local public revenue streams
- Passage of the EQUALITY Act to protect LGBTQ+ citizens in all communities from discrimination
- Opposing any policies that would prevent our community from being a safe, inviting and equitable community for everyone without regard to immigration status
- Passage of significant gun control legislation to enhance the safety of our community, including universal background checks and Red Flag laws
- Restoration of Congressional Directed Spending