

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Discussion of State Legislative Priorities and Issues of Shared Interest with the 32 nd District Delegation		
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office		
PRESENTED BY:	Jim Hammond, Intergovernmental Relations Manager		
ACTION:	<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:

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RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Tonight's discussion with the 32nd District Delegation is informational in nature and has no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required by the City Council. Staff recommends that the City Council discuss these issues of shared interest with the 32nd District Delegation and provide staff direction for further action, as warranted.

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

BACKGROUND

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This report will address the following:

1. The need for statewide transportation funding and the value/importance of the proposed 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge;
2. Additional resources for behavioral health support/intervention;
3. The ongoing importance of addressing challenges related to affordable housing;
4. The future of the Fircrest Campus;
5. The importance of a coordinated state/local partnership and a watershed-based approach when tackling culverts and stormwater; and
6. State-level proposals for implementing changes to law enforcement practices.

Many of these topics are also part of the City of Shoreline’s draft 2022 State Legislative Priorities, which will also be discussed at tonight’s Council meeting. Please refer to the accompanying staff report for additional information on these State Legislative Priorities. Also, the Council and members of the Delegation may identify and raise other issues during the course of their conversation.

DISCUSSION

The 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge and Statewide Funding for Transportation

The region’s climate challenges have emphasized the statewide need to broaden the base of transportation funding and increase the emphasis on mass transit and non-motorized modes of transportation. The transportation sector generates a significant amount of the greenhouse gases produced in Washington State, and the City supports the use of carbon-based revenue options that would simultaneously fund transportation and help to limit the impacts of climate change. Additionally, the City’s planned non-motorized bicycle/pedestrian bridge at 148th Street serves as a strong example of a transportation project that not only enhances sustainability, but also serves as a key to unlock the significant housing capacity of the station area. This, in turn, fosters the development of additional affordable housing and promotes equitable access to both housing and mobility.

Additional Resources for Behavioral Health Support/Intervention

The State Supreme Court's *Blake* decision, and the Legislature's response to it, shined a light on the significant needs related to substance use disorder and behavioral health. Shoreline's work with partner cities on the [North Sound RADAR program](#), along with the transfer of drug cases to district/municipal courts has emphasized the need for additional investment in behavioral health intervention, diversion from the criminal justice system, treatment services and a crisis triage facility.

Ongoing Affordable Housing Needs

Shoreline recognizes that its community and communities across the state face a crisis of affordable and available housing. A central component of Shoreline's response to this crisis has been its commitment to establishing dense, new, urban communities around its two light rail stations. The City is appreciative of the State's recent efforts to support Shoreline's efforts to attract and preserve multi-family development, including the establishment of Tax Increment Financing and a pilot 20-year Multi-Family Tax Exemption program. As the State continues its work in this area, it must avoid mandates and allow local government to tailor the tools to the specific need within its community.

The Future of the Fircrest Campus

Recent direction from the State Legislature has, after years of limited activity, galvanized development on the Fircrest campus. Since the last State legislative session, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has initiated the process to establish a Campus Master Development Plan. Over the coming months, DSHS will articulate a vision for future development of the campus, including a new nursing facility that was funded through the State's Capital Budget last session. In addition, DSHS and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), have engaged in discussions to modify the lease arrangement between the two agencies, which would return approximately 12 acres in the southwest corner of the campus to direct DNR oversight. This land is trust land that DNR manages for the benefit of several identified beneficiaries – the agency has expressed the intent to turn this land into a revenue-generating resource. Both processes are being undertaken in close communication with City staff. At the same time, a broad range of other organizations have expressed interest in making use of this valuable resource—ranging from public fire and water agencies to nonprofit health, housing and human service organizations.

A Regional Approach to Culverts and Managing Stormwater

The State is tackling its legal obligation to address fish-blocking culverts across the state. Many critical fish runs are blocked by a series of culverts that are both State and locally owned. At the same time, effective management of stormwater continues to be a priority for the health of Puget Sound. The City advocates for a shared strategic vision and a State/local partnership that effectively addresses the need in each watershed and makes real progress toward helping our marine environment and threatened fish runs.

Clarification of State-level Reforms Related to Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice

Last session, the State Legislature initiated far-reaching changes to law enforcement practices in Washington. While implementation is ongoing, some issues have emerged where additional clarification would be welcome. The City of Shoreline receives its police services through a contract with the King County Sheriff's Office and supports

efforts to clarify civil standards for use of force requirements. In the course of this work, related issues have received significant attention, such as how misdemeanor defendants are handled during their passage through the criminal justice system.

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