



Agenda Bill

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Agenda Bill Title

Discussion on the 2020 State and Federal Legislative Agenda.

Summary

Annually, the City Council establishes a state and federal legislative agenda. This agenda reflects the priorities of the Council in order to support and adopt legislation that addresses areas of concern. A finalized legislative agenda enables staff and our contract lobbyists to advocate and support legislation that benefits the City of Burien and its residents. Council discussion will enable the City Manager to finalize a Draft 2020 Legislative Agenda for Council consideration and approval. Attached are the City's draft 2020 state and federal legislative priorities.

AWC's 2020 Legislative Priorities are attached.

Administrative Recommendation

Review the state and federal legislative priorities and provide direction to the City Manager regarding the 2020 City of Burien Legislative Agenda.

Attachments

[2020 Draft State Legislative Priorities](#)
[2020 Draft Federal Legislative Priorities](#)
[Presentation Draft 2020 State Legislative Agenda](#)
[Presentation Draft 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda](#)
[AWC 2020 Legislative Priorities](#)



DRAFT 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Invest in Affordable Housing

- Pursue new resources and policies to increase affordable housing at the state and local level. These may include, but are not limited to:
 - Extending the Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) and modifying the real estate excise taxes (REET) to direct new resources for affordable housing; and
 - Enhancing the city role in decision-making for the use of existing and potential new resources provided to counties to address housing and homelessness in cities.

2. Invest in the Behavioral Health System

- Support statewide medication assisted treatment (MAT) services in city and regional jails.
- Support increased funding for homelessness, public health, mental health, addiction, and other important services.

3. Invest in Public Safety

- Support funding to expand mental health field response teams, allowing social workers and police to work together to connect people experiencing homelessness with needed services.
- Support gang prevention and intervention policies.
- Support responsible solutions to reduce gun violence.

4. Act on Climate Change and the Environment

- Support policies that reduce climate pollution emissions and ensure equity for lower income communities and communities of color to share in the economic opportunities presented by solutions to climate change.
- Support policies for the creation of a stretch Residential Energy Code and the authority for local adoption, low carbon clean energy standards, and a price on carbon.
- Support efforts to revitalize developing markets for recyclables and address deficiencies in domestic sorting, processing and remanufacturing capabilities.

5. Invest in Economic Development tools to encourage job creation and economic growth

- Pursue the creation of a tax increment financing option for cities.
- Support comprehensive tax reform that leads to a more equitable and progressive tax structure and decreased reliance on flat tax sources like sale and property taxes.

6. Invest in Transportation

- Support mitigation strategies for neighboring airport cities.
- Pursue a comprehensive city transportation bill that provides new resources and options.
- Pursue \$3 million for the SR 518 westbound on-ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.

7. 2019-2021 Capital Budget

- Pursue \$1.5 million for Moshier Sports Field to convert existing grass sports field into year-around multipurpose turf fields.
- Support fully funding the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF).

- Seek funding for the design and construction of the Burien Public Works and Parks Shared Maintenance Facility.

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DRAFT 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. **Reduce Airport Noise and Emissions**

Work with our Congressional delegation, neighboring communities, the FAA, and the Port of Seattle to reduce SeaTac Airport noise and emissions by:

- Promoting and supporting a regional “Coalition of Electeds”, or other regional forum, to bring airport noise and emission issues before Congress, the FAA, and the Port;
- Work with the FAA regional ombudsperson to address issues raised by the regional forum;
- Encourage the Port to complete another Part 150 aircraft noise study;
- Encourage the FAA to complete the studies in the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act including:
 - Evaluation of alternative noise metrics to the current Day Night (DNL) standard;
 - Measuring the ambient lead concentrations around airports, identifying mitigation measures, and identifying existing non-lead fuel alternatives;
 - Evaluation of the health impacts of aircraft noise on residents around airports: Seattle is one of the cities to be studied;
 - Implementing the pilot programs at six (6) “public use” airports to establish environmental mitigation projects.

2. **Climate Action**

Encourage and support a national climate action plan. Burien and neighboring cities are working on local climate action plans.

3. **Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Mitigation Funding**

Work with the federal delegation, the Port of Seattle, and neighboring cities to identify traffic, environmental, and other appropriate mitigation funding for Burien due to SAMP impacts.

4. **Support Federal Funding for Housing and Homelessness Programs**

- **Maintain or Increase Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):** the King County Consortium (of cities) uses CDBG for housing stability/homelessness prevention, affordable housing development and many other human services. The federal government funded CDBG at 3.365 billion in FY 2019.
- **Maintain or Increase the HOME Program:** HOME funds provide funding for affordable housing. Each HOME dollar invested leverages an additional five dollars for housing. The federal government funded HOME at \$1.25 billion in FY 2019.

- Maintain or Increase McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants: McKinney grants help provide shelter and services to homeless families and individuals. The federal government funded McKinney at 2.636 billion in FY 2019.
- Support Full Funding for Section 8 Vouchers: Support full funding for Section 8 Tenant-Based and Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers.
- Support Funding for VA Supportive Housing Vouchers (VASH): Support funding for the VASH program that has been a vital source of homelessness services for low-income veterans in King County.
- Support Amendments to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program: Support the bipartisan Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (HR 1661/S. 548) sponsored by Senator Cantwell in the Senate (S. 548). S. 548 increases the annual housing credit allocation authority by 50%, phased in over five years, and would provide more predictability and flexibility in housing credit financing by establishing a 4% rate for credits used to finance acquisitions and housing bond-financed developments.
- Seek competitive grant funding or other federal funding for a Housing Trust Fund for the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP). South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) is a coalition formed by an interlocal agreement among the jurisdictions of Auburn, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Normandy Park, Renton, Tukwila, and King County. The agreement allows South King County jurisdictions to work together and share resources in order to effectively address affordable housing and homelessness.

5. Federal Gang Prevention and At-Risk Youth Funding

Support federal funding for gang prevention and at-risk youth programs.

6. Infrastructure

- Support Rep. Larsen's BUILD UP Act – "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development for Underfunded Projects Act" – the successor to the "TIGER CUBS" legislation. BUILD UP is \$100 million annual competitive infrastructure grant program for cities between 10,000 and 75,000 in population. Burien supports a category in BUILD UP to help fund new and reconstructed sidewalks.
- Burien supports *expediting* the already funded Sound Transit study for light rail extension to Burien.
- Burien supports the as-needed federal funding to extend Sound Transit light rail to Burien.

7. Burien Public Works Projects

Work with potential regional partners in applying for federal grant money for two projects:

- The Burien Public Works and Parks Shared Maintenance Facility; Burien has set aside \$7.5M.
- The SR 518 Westbound On-Ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.

8. Gun Violence

Support of federally funded studies treating gun violence as a public health issue.

A 1996 congressional appropriations bill stipulated that “none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control [CDC] may be used to advocate or promote gun control.” The bill effectively removed funding for firearms research. Similar restrictions were subsequently extended to other agencies, including the National Institutes of Health.

9. Immigration

Support of comprehensive immigration reform with an emphasis on ensuring that families stay together and enhancing community and economic stability for the City’s residents and citizens.

10. Opportunity Zones Extension

Support of an extension of the Opportunity Zone program beyond the present end date of December 31, 2026. Currently, funds must be invested by December 31, 2019 in order to be held for the seven (7) year period required to receive the maximum capital gains tax benefits before the program ends. Burien has two opportunity zones, which would benefit from an extension of the program to encourage development in these zones.

11. Salmon Recovery Funding

Support funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to construct a downstream Fish Passage Facility at the Howard Hanson Dam without additional costs to local governments and regional ratepayers. Howard Hanson Dam is on the Green River in King County.

- A downstream fish passage system at Howard Hanson Dam is essential to the recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon, a primary food source for the endangered Puget Sound southern resident killer whales (orcas).

Support an appropriation to implement capital projects authorized by Corps of Engineers Green/Duwamish Ecosystem Restoration Project.

Burien is located in WRIA 9, the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed.

City Of Burien 2020 Legislative Agenda Highlights

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2020 Legislative Session

- 60-day session begins Monday, January 13th
- Entering second year of a biennium
- 2020 elections could have significant impacts on legislative actions
- New Speaker of the House, Rep. Laurie Jinkins

Select 2019 Accomplishments

- Invested \$175 million in the Housing Trust Fund, a significant increase from previous biennium.
- Passed HB 1406, investments in affordable housing, and HB 1923, incentive-based proposals to promote density.
- Funded 19 Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) classes per year.
- Passed SB 5497, Keep Washington Working Act.

Potential City Issues for 2020

- Pursue new resources and policies to increase affordable housing.
- Support increased funding for homelessness, public health, mental health, addiction, and other important services.
- Support gang prevention and intervention policies.
- Support policies that reduce climate polluting emissions and ensure equity for lower income communities and communities of color.

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Next Steps

- State legislative committees meet through the fall
- Mayor/Council/Burien Delegation meetings in December
- Legislators return to Olympia January 13th for a 60-day session

Questions?

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DRAFT FY 2020 Burien Federal Legislative Agenda

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Adopt a comprehensive city transportation package that provides new resources and options

Cities are responsible for a significant share of the statewide transportation system and fund most of that responsibility out of local tax dollars. Cities struggle to meet the \$1 billion gap in transportation maintenance and preservation costs. To meet these ever-expanding needs, the state must maintain existing and create new transportation-specific revenue options for cities. The state must also work on a statewide transportation package that includes increased resources for city transportation needs.



Fully fund the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF)

The Public Works Trust Fund is a crucial funding partner in our efforts to provide the necessary infrastructure for our communities. We seek full funding for the program and ask the state to protect the current stream of loan repayments and uphold the 2% state share of REET dedicated to the account. Additionally, we look to strengthen the program by ending the ongoing revenue diversions as soon as possible.



Create a tax increment financing (TIF) option for cities

Washington's cities need economic development tools that help maintain, expand, and modernize local infrastructure to help spur local private sector investment. By investing in TIF, the Legislature can partner with cities and towns to advance our shared goals of building a robust and diverse economy for communities around the state. For maximum impact, cities need access to both property-tax and sales-tax based TIF programs.



Preserve city fiscal health with secure funding sources

Cities need revenue authority and flexibility to keep up with community growth and increasing service needs. State investment in shared revenue distributions is instrumental to support essential programs and services. Responsive revenue options allow local elected officials to make the best community-based decisions about how to keep up with growth and the increasing costs of providing basic services like public safety and transportation. Arbitrary restrictions on local revenue decisions unnecessarily hurt residents by limiting critical local services.



Support statewide medication assisted treatment (MAT) services in city and regional jails with local flexibility

Cities are experiencing the ramifications of an overwhelmed state behavioral health system. While the state has made investments to address some of the challenges, more help is needed. Local jails have increasingly been called to action to address opioid use disorder and provide treatment. However, the economic costs are overwhelming city criminal justice budgets across the state. City jails need additional state support to access MAT services to save lives and reduce recidivism.



Advance a watershed-based strategic plan to address local fish-blocking culverts along with state culverts

Cities need the state to adopt a broader vision to create a comprehensive response that funds local barrier corrections and provides actual habitat access for fish. Cities recognize that the state is facing a \$4 billion price tag to fix fish-blocking culverts that the U.S. Supreme Court has found to impinge on tribal treaty rights to fish harvests. Cities also own 1,300 barriers in the same streams, and similarly have no identified revenues to pay for needed corrections. A statewide approach is the only way to achieve meaningful salmon and orca recovery.



Continue to pursue new resources and policies to increase affordable housing both at the state and local level

Our communities continue to face a housing crisis and need state support to incentivize housing options. The Legislature can help by proactively supporting cities' voluntary adoption of more effective ADU ordinances and providing additional councilmanic tax authority for housing. Cities need enhanced tools to attract and preserve multifamily development, like changing the multifamily tax exemption program to open it to smaller cities, extending the tax exemption for continued affordability guarantees, and expanding the ability to preserve existing affordable housing.

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