



Preparing for the 2026 Legislative Session

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••• Presentation Overview



Agenda

- Introductions
- 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda
 - General Government
 - Tacoma Public Utilities
- 2026 State Legislative Agenda
 - General Government
 - Tacoma Public Utilities
- Questions and Discussion

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2026 Federal Legislative Priorities & Positions

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••• 2026 DRAFT GG FEDERAL PRIORITIES

• **Preserving Critical Funding for Residents**

- Affordable Care Act & Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance & Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

• **Infrastructure**

- Surface Transportation Reauthorization Requests - Safety
- Safe Streets and Roads for All

• **Affordable Housing and Homeownership**

- HOME Investment Partnerships Program & Community Development Block Grants

• **Community Safety**

- Expanding Grant Eligibility for Alternative Response
- Funding for Violence Prevention
- Support for Frontline Workers

• **Supporting Human Dignity**

- Comprehensive Immigration Reform

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••• Draft GG Policy Positions

- Safety
- Housing and Homelessness
- Jobs
- Access
- Health
- Additional Policy Positions

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••• Proposed 2026 TPU Federal Priorities

TPU-Wide

- Infrastructure Financing Tools
- Low-Income Assistance
- Supply Chain Issues

Tacoma Power

- BPA's Competitiveness
- Carbon Reduction
- Zero Emission Transportation Infrastructure
- Maintain Pole Attachment Authority
- Reform Hydropower Relicensing Policies
- Improve Disaster Relief

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••• Proposed 2026 TPU Federal Priorities

Tacoma Water

- Howard Hanson Dam
- Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Drinking Water State Fund
- PFAS Liability

Tacoma Rail

- Explore Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

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2026 State Legislative Priorities and Positions

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A photograph of the Washington State Capitol building, featuring its iconic neoclassical dome and columns. The sky is clear and blue. In the top right corner of the slide, there is a circular seal for the City of Tacoma, which includes a mountain and a river scene with the text "SEAL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA".

2026 Draft GG State Priorities

Draft Legislative Priorities

- Preservation of Services Amid Federal Cuts
- Fiscal Sustainability
- (Capital Request) North End Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Project

• Other Issues of Importance

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Nutrient Regulation
- Transfer of State Obligations
- Sidewalk Utility
- Continued Advocacy for Transportation Projects (Transportation Request)

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••• GG State Policy Positions



Follow-up from the previous study session

- Support for withdrawal or detoxification services
- Support for Immigrants

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••• Proposed 2026 TPU State Priorities

TPU-Wide

- Support policies/funding for statewide low-income assistance

Tacoma Power

- Enhance the state's carbon reduction policies
- Support building decarbonization
- Advocate for clean energy development

Tacoma Water

- Drinking water infrastructure funding/financing

Tacoma Rail

- Support rail infrastructure investments

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