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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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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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