



Citywide State and Federal Priority Agendas

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Agenda



- General Government state legislative priorities
- TPU state legislative priorities
- General Government federal priorities
- TPU federal priorities
- Schedule



●●● 2022 General Government State Priorities

Systems Transformation

- Following up on the establishment of the Office of Independent Investigations, establish a mechanism for independent prosecution for incidents involving fatal use-of-force and deaths occurring in police custody.
- Build upon legislation enacted in 2021 to ensure community safety is maintained and statewide implementation consistency.



●●● 2022 General Government State Priorities

Transportation Improvements and Preservation

- On-time delivery of current investments
- Local funding /enhanced local option tools
- Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge
- Puyallup Avenue Complete Streets Project
- HOV lanes on I-5 from 38th to JBLM
- I-5 Access Ramp to Tacoma Mall
- Trail Investments



●●● 2022 General Government State Priorities

Automated Speed Enforcement

- Expanded authorization beyond just the Bay Street Camera and official school zones
 - Unbiased, consistent enforcement
 - Supports the City's Vision Zero Initiative and Road Safety Plan



●●● 2022 General Government State Priorities

Northwest ICE Processing Center

- Support legislation to limit transfers into the Northwest ICE Processing Center

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

- Support grant programs and funding tools for projects that support all income levels
- Rental and utility assistance
- Additional funding for rapid acquisition of hotels or other buildings that can be used to provide sheltering and housing
- Increase resources to DSHS to address homelessness in the WSDOT right-of-way



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Support/Oppose/Monitor List

- Increase funding for Basic Law Enforcement Academy to boost class capacity, address catalytic converter theft, support funding for Guaranteed Income pilot programs including additional funds to Tacoma, continued funding for Asarco clean-up efforts

Community Partner Priorities

- Pierce Transit: New, sustainable funding solution to support essential level of service
- Tacoma Public Schools: Maintain school district funding based on 2019 enrollment, fully fund the Whole Child and true transportation costs



2022 TPU State Priorities



TPU-Wide

- Support infrastructure financing tools
- Support for programs & policies to assist limited-income residents

Power

- Actively engage and seek to support proposals that decarbonize the economy at reasonable costs to customers and appropriately value carbon-free hydropower
- Support reasonable policies to decarbonize buildings
- Support investment in zero-emission transportation infrastructure, clean fuels
- Support equal incentives for hydropower

●●● 2022 TPU State Priorities



Water

- Support funding for the Public Works Trust Fund to provide low-interest financing for water system infrastructure

Rail

- Explore infrastructure funding opportunities for rolling stock, track, and other infrastructure



● ● ● 2022 General Government Federal Priorities

Responding to the COVID-19 Crisis

- Support legislation that allows local governments continued flexibility in deploying federal recovery dollars
- Create Anchor Institutions funding stream

Criminal Justice System Transformation

- Support comprehensive police reform legislation
 - Sentencing reform
 - Independent investigations
 - Body Cameras



● ● ● 2022 General Government Federal Priorities

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

- Expand Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
- Expand housing and rental assistance funding streams
- Assessment of prevalence of discrimination in federal housing programs

Economic Security

- Support passage of the Build Back Better Act
- Support a Commission to study and develop reparation proposals for African-Americans



2022 General Government Federal Priorities



Human Dignity and Safety

- Immigration
 - Pass comprehensive immigration reform
 - End the use of privately-operated detention facilities and prisons
 - End mandatory detention and holding federal detainees in local jails
 - Ensure health and safety of detained immigrants
 - Anti-hate crimes bills
- Gun Violence
 - Support reduction of gun violence
 - Expand background checks



●●● 2022 General Government Federal Priorities

Infrastructure

- Pursue funding opportunities for priority projects
 - Grants



2022 TPU Federal Priorities



TPU-Wide

- Support infrastructure financing tools
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Water

- Support Howard Hanson Dam Additional Water Storage Project Implementation
- Support Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
- Support funding for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Rail

- Explore infrastructure funding opportunities



2022 TPU Federal Priorities



Power

- Support proposals to maintain and improve BPA's cost competitiveness
- Actively engage, seek to support carbon reduction policies
- Support investment in zero-emission transportation infrastructure, clean fuels
- Support funding for the Hydropower Incentive Program
- Maintain municipal control of pole attachments



Schedule

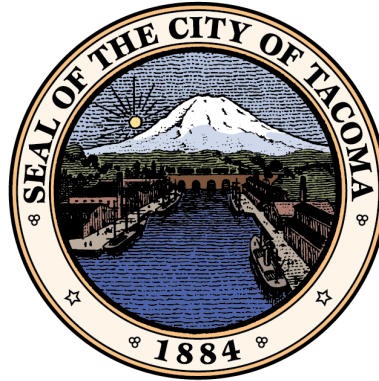


- **November 17, 2021:** Public Utility Board considers approval of TPU agenda
- **November 23, 2021:** City Council consideration of Resolution to adopt the 2022 citywide state and federal priorities
- **Late November or Early December, 2021:** Legislative delegation briefing
- **January 10, 2022:** Washington State Legislative Session begins, 60-day session



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