



City of Tacoma Legislative Agenda

City Council & Utility Board Study Session
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Item #1



Government Relations Team



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2020 General Government Federal Agenda



Affordable Housing and Homelessness

- Ensure sufficient federal funding streams are in place, federal funds are appropriated directly to the local level and programs reliable for decades such as HOME, CDBG and McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance grants are preserved.

Infrastructure

- Find adequate, reliable, and sustainable long-term funding for a vibrant web of connected transportation options that reflect local needs and priorities
- Preserve local government authority to manage their rights-of-way to ensure the siting of cell towers and small cells is safe and appropriate



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2020 General Government Federal Agenda



Environment

- Continue to honor and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement

Human Dignity and Safety

- End the use of privately-operated prisons and instead utilize available alternatives to immigration detention
- Provide and ensure funding is accessible to cities to respond to the national opioid epidemic
- Advance critical legislation to reduce gun violence and promote public safety



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2020 TPU Federal Agenda



TPU-Wide

- Protecting/amending tax exempt financing

Water

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

Rail

- Support permanent extension of the '45G' tax credit
- Establish capital grant program for short line railroads



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2020 TPU Federal Agenda



Power

- Increase funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Provide funding for the Hydropower Incentive Program
- Support improvements to hydroelectric relicensing statutes
- Actively engage and seek to support proposals that decarbonize the economy at reasonable costs to customers and appropriately acknowledge the value of carbon-free hydropower
- Support proposals to improve BPA's cost competitiveness
- Support legislation to maintain control over pole attachments
- Support programs to improve broadband access for lower-income residents



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2020 General Government State Priorities



The Northwest ICE Processing Center

- Request legislation clarifying that detention centers are not “essential public facilities” under the Growth Management Act.
- The City supports efforts to bring transparency, accountability, and oversight to the operations of the Northwest ICE Processing Center.

Affordable Housing & Homelessness

- Request that the Legislature provide the City with enhanced tools for achieving the goals of the Affordable Housing Action Strategy including local funding options.
- The City supports expansion of the Multi-family Property Tax Exemption for the purpose of retaining affordable housing units.

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●●● 2020 General Government State Priorities



Transportation

- Request that the Legislature provide tools for cities to meet street maintenance needs, including councilmanic local options, in the wake of I-976 passage.
- Request city authority for passenger-only ferry service.
- Projects:
 - \$650,000 for Access Revision Report for I-5 off-ramp to Tacoma Mall Regional Center.
 - \$110M for Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge
 - Schuster Parkway Promenade

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●●● 2020 General Government State Priorities



Forthcoming Capital Funding Requests

- Request that the Legislature allocate \$2M in capital funding to renovate the men's and women's restrooms and kitchen at the Tacoma Dome



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2020 General Government State Support/Oppose/Monitor List



Support/Oppose/Monitor List Highlights

- Changes to HB 1406
- Economic Development Tools (such as Tax Increment Financing)
- WSDOT I-5 corridor study to include ped/bike connectivity between the east and west sides of the corridor
- Criminal justice reform
- Driver's license suspension reform
- Statewide clean fuel standard
- Joining Metro Parks Tacoma, Tacoma Public Schools, and Tacoma Housing Authority in advocacy on issues of importance to Tacoma

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2020 TPU State Agenda



Power

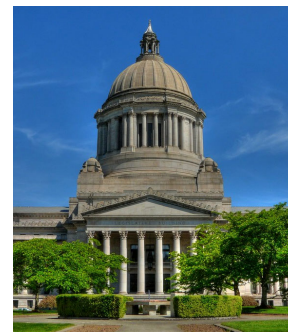
- Actively engage and seek to support proposals that decarbonize the economy at reasonable costs to customers and appropriately acknowledge the value of carbon-free hydropower
- Support efforts to treat all carbon-free resources in an equal manor

Water

- Support the Public Works Trust Fund
- Support Improvements to the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act

Rail

- Support Tacoma Rail's application for funding through the State Rail Grant Program



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Calendar



- **December 10, 2019—Joint Public Utility Board and City Council Study Session briefing; City Council considers Resolution adopting citywide legislative agendas**
- **January 13, 2020—Washington State Legislative Session begins**
- **January 28 and 29, 2020—Association of Washington Cities “City Action Days”**
- **March 12, 2020—Scheduled end of the 2020 Legislative Session**

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Government Relations Resolution



Resolution containing recommendations from the Government Performance and Finance Committee to be considered by City Council on December 10, 2019

- Formalizing government relations harmonization efforts
- Adding government relations coordination metrics to the performance evaluation criteria for the City Manager and Director of Public Utilities
- Adding an ex-officio, non-voting membership position to the Government Performance and Finance Committee for the Chair of the Public Utility Board
- Public Utility Board adopted companion Resolution on December 4, 2019

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