



Advocacy on Transportation Funding Requests

Infrastructure, Planning & Sustainability
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Federal Grant Funding



Federal Grant Programs	Administering Agency
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	(PSRC / PCRC)
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Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)	(PSRC / PCRC)
Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)	(PSRC / PCRC)
Local Bridge Program	(WSDOT)
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	(WSDOT)
National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management Program	(WSDOT)
National Highway Freight Program	(WSDOT)
Section 130 Railroad-related Funding Program	(WSDOT)
BUILD grant (TIGER)	(USDOT)
INFRA	(USDOT)

Legislative Agenda Review



Transportation

- Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge: \$180 million
- Puyallup Avenue Corridor: \$9 million
- Phase II Access Revision Report for I-5 Tacoma Mall Access Ramp: \$595,000
- On-time delivery of Puget Sound Gateway Project
- Multi-modal trail investments such as Tacoma-to-Puyallup Connector Trail, Schuster Parkway, Prairie Line Trail
- Revenue-generating options for local governments

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State Transportation Packages



- House proposal under development by Rep. Fey
 - \$26B over 16 years; no bonding
 - Project list not yet available
- Senate *Forward Washington* package
 - \$18B over 16 years; plans for bonding
 - Developed for 2019-2020 legislative cycle
 - Project list available, includes \$110M for Fishing Wars Bridge
- Neither proposal has been formally introduced

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State Advocacy



- Government Relations team secured sponsorship support from Rep. Fey to champion our projects in 2021 session
- Legislative delegation briefed on the City's priorities in December of 2020
- Potential opportunities for Council Members to provide committee testimony as House and Senate proposals are further developed

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Federal Advocacy



- Engagement with Transportation Secretary Buttigieg and other senior Administration officials on City's priorities
- Submission of shovel-ready projects to Congressional delegation for consideration for inclusion in potential infrastructure package
 - Congress will focus on this legislation after COVID relief passes
- Advocacy meetings with Members during NLC Virtual Hill Day on March 10
- Continued work with Members and Committees regarding policies and new programs for surface transportation reauthorization
- Identification and pursuit of any FY 2021 discretionary grants of interest to City for eligible projects, like BUILD or INFRA Program

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