Hot topics

AWC responds to I-976
AWC is joining a broad coalition in filing a suit to seek an injunction and determine the legality of I-976. The initiative overturns local decisions of communities throughout the state that have chosen to invest in their own transportation needs, and it casts into doubt state-financing for numerous critical local transportation priorities.

Sign up for AWC's Initiative 976 webinar
With the passage of Initiative 976, AWC will hold a webinar to explain the impacts and requirements of the new law. Sign up now!

Register now - 2020 Census
December 13 | Webinar
In March 2020, communities across the nation will take part in the 2020 Census. With over $600 billion in federal funding and grant money on the line, cities across Washington have already begun preparing to ensure their community will be accurately counted. Join AWC for a webinar to learn about new resources and insights on how the 2020 Census can benefit your city.

Save the date for City Action Days!
January 28-29 | Olympia
The event begins on the afternoon of January 28 with optional early start sessions.

At just 60 days, the short 2020 legislative session won’t last long. Don’t miss this critical opportunity to engage legislators at City Action Days! You’ll interact with 350 of your colleagues and educate statewide decision-makers about city legislative priorities. Enjoy informative sessions, networking opportunities, and a day of focused Capitol Campus meetings. Start planning now to meet with your legislators while you are in Olympia. Save the date! Registration opens December 4.

View from the Hill

2019 election results will have far-reaching impacts
This month’s election will have far-reaching impacts on cities for several reasons. Find out about each of the impacts, including I-976 and why we’ve joined a broad coalition seeking to clarify the constitutionality of the initiative. The 2020 legislative session less than two months away, have you shared your city’s legislative agenda with AWC?

Things you can do

Help set AWC’s long-term vision – Apply to the State and Federal Policy Committee
The State and Federal Policy Committee reviews and updates the AWC Statement of Policy, AWC’s long-term and forward-looking policy document, to reflect the changing and evolving needs of Washington’s 281 cities and towns. Find more information about specific qualifications and how to apply.

Tell newly elected officials to attend Elected Officials Essentials
December 7 | 11 locations
With Election Day behind us, now is the time to invite your newly elected (and experienced) mayors and councilmembers to attend Elected Officials Essentials. This AWC workshop covers the most critical legal and functional responsibilities of local elected office including basic legal obligations and liabilities, and statutory roles and responsibilities. Register now!

Guidance on registration and payment options for incoming elected officials
Cities should confirm with their legal counsel that the city can cover the cost of this training for an incoming elected official prior to their taking office. Reach out to incoming elected officials in your jurisdiction to explain registration and payment options, including:
• The city registers and pays for incoming elected official; or
• The incoming elected official registers, and may be allowed to request reimbursement (in accordance with the city’s policy).

If you have questions, please confirm with your city’s legal counsel.

Media time

Open Data Portal – Exploring the election
Visit our new city election dashboard to see who won in local elections across the state, along with data on voter turnout and demographics.
What you need to know

**Affordable housing:** Grants under HB 1923 awarded to 52 cities. See what cities are doing to increase urban residential building capacity and streamline regulations.

Housing Trust Fund is accepting applications for multifamily housing preservation. Ten million dollars is available for preservation projects at existing Housing Trust Fund rental properties.

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Takeaways from the November Public Works Board meeting, including broadband and SYNC updates.

The Dig Law workgroup released their final report to the Legislature.

**Transportation:** WSDOT City Safety Program call for projects is now open. Approximately $25 million of federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds are now available.
View from the hill

2019 election results will have far-reaching impacts
Contact: Candice Bock

This month’s election will have far-reaching impacts on cities for several reasons. Firstly, this was an important election because of the number of city council positions up for election. We want to thank all those who ran to serve their local communities. AWC congratulates those of you who were elected to city office and we look forward to working with you. If you were not elected, we send our gratitude and thanks for throwing your hat in the ring and stepping up to serve your community.

I-976 impacts everyone
One of the biggest stories coming out of the election was the passage of I-976 and its far-reaching negative impacts on local and state transportation funding. AWC has been sharing information about the potential impacts of I-976 for the last few months. There are direct impacts for the cities that have adopted local Transportation Benefit District car tab fees that will lose that funding authority under I-976. There are also less talked about impacts to many cities that stem from the loss of funding to the state transportation budget, which will likely result in cancelled or delayed projects and reductions in local grant programs.

The significant negative impacts on transportation investments are why AWC opted to join a broad coalition seeking to clarify the constitutionality of the initiative. AWC hears the voters on this initiative, but cities need legal clarity on whether these were constitutional changes given the significant impact on local transportation services. The initiative overturns local decision-making for communities throughout the state that have chosen to invest in their transportation systems and it casts into doubt state funding for numerous local transportation priorities.

While many may look at the vote for I-976 and interpret it as voters being tax averse, it is important to look at the many local taxing and revenue ballot measures that did pass around the state. In several cities, voters passed local sales tax increases to fund transportation. In other cities, voters approved measures to fund bonds for capital projects and parks and recreation facilities. For a full rundown of city election results – check out the AWC data portal.

With the 2020 legislative session less than two months away, the passage of I-976 will very likely impact the focus of their short 60-day session. Instead of minimal changes to the supplemental budgets, the Legislature will have to take a deeper look at the transportation budget given the lost revenue. The Governor has already directed the Department of Transportation to put some projects on hold. All this uncertainty could mean the session stretching longer than anticipated.

Have you shared your city’s legislative agenda with AWC?
AWC encourages cities to adopt your own legislative agenda for the 2020 session. Your city’s legislative agenda should focus on the policy issues and capital requests important to your community. Be specific and keep it short and simple. It is a real benefit if you can also include support for AWC’s priority issues.

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If you have adopted an agenda, have you shared it with AWC? If not, please do. Send them to candiceb@awcnet.org. We will post them on our website.

And, don’t forget to share your agenda with your local legislators.

**Get involved with AWC**

There are lots of ways you can get involved (https://wacities.org/about-us/get-involved) with AWC. Right now, we are recruiting for volunteers to serve on several committees including the State and Federal Policy Committee. The State and Federal Policy Committee is tasked with updating’s AWC's Statement of Policy, our guiding principles for our advocacy efforts.

**Affordable housing**

**Housing Trust Fund accepting applications for multifamily housing preservation**

Contact: Carl Schroeder, Shannon McClelland

The Housing Preservation Program helps ensure the long-term viability of the existing Housing Trust Fund (HTF) rental portfolio. The Washington State Department of Commerce is soliciting applications for $10 million in funding under the HTF Housing Preservation Program. Applications are due by noon on December 31.

This is a capital funding round for preservation at existing HTF multifamily rental properties. Eligible activities are as follows:

- Capital building improvements (including all substantial above ground structures)
- System replacement or major upgrade (e.g., HVAC, boiler, elevator, electrical, and plumbing)
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Accessibility retrofits to bring the property into compliance with ADA/FFHA and Washington State Building Code
- Fire sprinklers and fire safety to bring buildings into compliance with fire code
- Other activities that add to the depreciable basis of a building. No more than twenty percent (20%) of the total requested cost of a project shall include materials with a useful life of less than ten (10) years (e.g., appliances, carpet, floor coverings, cabinetry, interior painting, etc.).
- All work related to the proposed preservation project, reimbursable by the Housing Preservation Program, shall be completed by licensed third-party providers
- If funds are used to leverage a refinance or loan restructure, the outcome of those preservation activities must result in substantial capital improvements to the property

Find the Notice of Funding Availability, FAQs, and application materials here (https://deptofcommerce.box.com/s/l0gll2q20evm7w6w6uyht6i9ww93dty7).

If you have any questions or need assistance with applying, please review the frequently asked questions or contact the HTF Housing Preservation Program Manager, Angela Snow, at 360-725-2957 or at htfportfoliomgmt@commerce.wa.gov. Technical assistance is available until November 20.
Grants under HB 1923 awarded to 52 cities
Contact: Carl Schroeder, Shannon McClelland

The Washington State Department of Commerce announced that 52 cities will receive a total of $4 million to address housing affordability. Funds will help cities create housing action plans and change city codes to increase urban residential building capacity and streamline development regulations.

Earlier this year, the Legislature passed HB 1923 authorizing this new grant program to help address the housing affordability crisis throughout the state.

The grants fund the development of housing action plans, municipal code changes, subarea planning, and environmental reviews—actions which are intended to encourage production of more housing and a greater variety of housing types.

Grant recipients
See the list of grant recipients and projects (http://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/gms-ah-grantees-2019.pdf). The cities pursuing code changes will address at least two of the following:

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Next steps
We believe there may be opportunities to expand grant opportunities in the upcoming year and beyond. If additional funding were available or additional activities became eligible: Do you have projects that your city would apply for under HB 1923? Please let Carl and Shannon know.
Budget & finance

Year-end deadline for 46 B&O tax cities to make mandatory tax ordinance updates
Contact: Candice Bock, Maggie Douglas, Sheila Gall

The deadline is quickly approaching for the 46 B&O tax cities to make mandatory updates to their B&O tax ordinances to comply with laws passed during the 2019 legislative session. The mandatory updates must be approved and effective by January 1, 2020.

The changes include new rules to apportion service income when a business is operating in multiple jurisdictions. The changes implement the recommendations from a task force of city tax managers and business representatives created by HB 2005 in 2017.

AWC held a webinar last month to provide an overview on the changes to the B&O tax model ordinance and explain how the new service income apportionment rules will work.


New guidance in accounting for and reporting leases
Contact: Candice Bock, Maggie Douglas

In June 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, a new accounting and reporting standard regarding leases.

Under the new approach, GASB assumes all leases (with a few stated exceptions) are just leases, eliminating “operating” leases. The primary goal of the new standard is to increase comparability across governments and provide financial statement users with better, more complete information by establishing a single model for lease accounting. The new standard will take effect for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 and apply retroactively as if the standard was in place at the beginning of the implementation period. The State Auditor’s Office strongly encourages early implementation.

The largest hurdle to anticipate with implementation will likely include gathering the required documents. This will require communication and support from all departments participating in leases with the finance and accounting departments. An additional hurdle will be the initial measurement calculations required by the standard.

For more information about what your local government can do to prepare, please visit the State Auditor’s Office website (https://www.sao.wa.gov/lease-accounting-changes-are-coming-soon/).
Where does cannabis revenue go?
Contact: Candice Bock, Maggie Douglas

Cities receive a small share of the state’s cannabis revenue. Passed by the voters in 2012, the original initiative legalized recreational cannabis, but the initiative did not direct any of the new revenue to cities and counties. In 2015, the Legislature adopted legislation that provided some revenue sharing with cities and counties.

• $198.9 million in cannabis revenue went towards the state’s general fund;
• $117.4 million towards basic health programs;
• $36.2 million for education and prevention;
• $21.9 million towards research and programs; and only
• $15 million for cities and counties.

Under the provisions adopted in 2015, the Legislature intended to increase revenue distributions to cities and counties in the coming biennium. However, in the 2019-2021 biennium, cities and towns were only allocated a total of $30 million per biennium instead of the $40 million agreed to in 2015.

Cities should remind legislators of this promise and the need for the additional revenue.

Source: @watreasurer
Economic development

CERB funding available
Contact: Logan Bahr, Maggie Douglas

The Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) is now accepting applications (https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/cp4u8dpqgbgq6z51pwd3hezn5oms9ap) for funding for all programs, including rural broadband programs. CERB has the following funding programs:

- Planning Program (http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/community-economic-revitalization-board/)
- Committed Private Partner Program (https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/community-economic-revitalization-board/cerb-committed-private-partner-program/)
- Prospective Development Program (https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/community-economic-revitalization-board/prospective-development-program/)
- Rural Broadband Program (https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/community-economic-revitalization-board/rural-broadband/)

The deadline for Tier 1 projects (including projects concerning Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development, and Rural Broadband programs) is November 18, 2019.

For Tier 2 projects (including projects concerning Planning, Committed Private Partner, and Prospective Development programs), the deadline is November 25, 2019.

For more information, contact Janea Delk at Janea.Delk@commerce.wa.gov or at (360) 725-3151.

Energy

Clean Energy Transformation Act proposed rules
Contact: Logan Bahr, Maggie Douglas

The Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) commits Washington to an electricity supply that's free of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. Clean electricity will allow the state to replace fossil fuels in other end uses, especially transportation, and achieve its long-term climate goals.

The Department of Commerce has begun the process of establishing rules to implement CETA and make changes to the Energy Independence Act. CETA is preparing to move phase one (http://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/CETA-EIA-Phase-1-Proposed-Rules-CR-102-WSR-19-22-074.pdf) of the rulemaking process into its final steps with a public hearing and formal comment opportunity on December 16 in Olympia. These rules will establish social cost of greenhouse gas emissions and incorporate federal incremental hydro eligibility.

Visit the Department of Commerce’s CETA webpage (https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/ceta/) for more details about previous stakeholder workshops, including:

- The low income and equity workgroup;
- The potential rules concerning planning workshop; and
- The compliance requirements workshop.
General government

Make it count! 2020 Census webinar on December 13
Contact: Sharon Swanson, Brandon Anderson

In March 2020, communities across the nation will take part in the 2020 Census. With over $600 billion in federal funding and grant money on the line, cities across Washington have already begun preparing to ensure their community will be accurately counted.

Census 2020: Ready, set, count!
December 13 | Online
Join AWC for a webinar to learn about new resources and insights on how the 2020 Census can benefit your city. Register now at https://wacities.org/events-education/Upcoming-AWC-events/events-details?ID=1998!
For more tools and resources, visit AWC’s 2020 Census website (https://wacities.org/data-resources/2020-census).

Order your city materials for the 2020 Census
Contact: Sharon Swanson, Brandon Anderson

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) has recently finished design work on its promotional products for the 2020 Census. The state is offering cities the opportunity to order posters, flyers, mailing inserts, pens, and (removable) car decals at the state’s expense.
If your city is interested in the free materials, please fill out this order form (https://wacities.org/docs/default-source/resources/censusmaterialsorderform.pdf?sfvrsn=0) and email it to Lisa McLean (lisa.mclean@ofm.wa.gov), OFM’s 2020 Census Coordinator by Monday, November 25, 2019.
For additional information and materials, visit the AWC 2020 Census resource page (https://wacities.org/data-resources/2020-census).

Homelessness & human services

New changes to recently updated Homelessness & housing toolkit
Contact: Carl Schroeder, Shannon McClelland

We recently made corrections to the newly revised Homelessness & housing toolkit for cities to reflect the Departments of Revenue’s (DOR) guidance on HB 1406. DOR released its guidance after publication of the toolkit.
If you picked up a hard copy of the toolkit at one of AWC’s Cities on Tap events, be sure to look at the corrected timeline and other information in the article on HB 1406 implementation on pages 16-17.
The publication provides real-world examples of tools and actions Washington cities have used in responding to the issues of homelessness and affordable housing. The toolkit also includes articles on housing levies, tenant protections, tax exemptions, regional coalitions, emergency rental assistance, and more.
HR & labor relations

**Last chance to register for Wednesday’s PFML webinar**
Contact: Candice Bock, Brandon Anderson

Register for AWC’s webinar to learn about the new law and requirements for employers.

**Paid Family and Medical Leave**

**November 20 | Webinar**

This year, Washington employers began paying premiums for the new paid family and medical leave law. Beginning in 2020, benefits will be available to employees. With the new law comes new and complex requirements for employers.

- Explore the details of the new law
- Dive deep into new requirements for employers
- Discuss practical considerations and options for modifying existing policies

*Attendance is limited to individuals that represent the interests of management.* Register now! (https://wacities.org/events-education/Upcoming-AWC-events/events-details?ID=1990)

**State affirmative action measure R-88 narrowly defeated**
Contact: Candice Bock, Brandon Anderson

Referendum 88 (R-88), the statewide affirmative action measure, was recently narrowly defeated in the general election. R-88 sought to restore affirmative action in Washington state.

If approved, R-88 would have implemented the affirmative action measure known as Initiative 1000 (https://wacities.org/news/2019/08/16/measure-to-repeal-affirmative-action-initiative-makes-november-ballot). This measure would have given state and local governments the ability to institute affirmative action laws, regulations, policies, or procedures in public employment, higher education, and contracting.


**Open government**

**Sunshine Committee releases 2019 annual report**
Contact: Candice Bock, Brandon Anderson

The Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee (Sunshine Committee) has released their 2019 annual report.

In the report, the committee made new recommendations to the Legislature related to religious affiliation exemptions and exemptions related to juvenile records under the Washington State Public Records Act (PRA).

The Sunshine Committee was established by the Legislature in 2007 to review public disclosure exemptions under the PRA and make recommendations to the Legislature as to the continuation, modification, or elimination of each exemption.

The committee is made up of various appointees from the Legislature, local government, the state Attorney General’s Office, the media, the state Auditor’s Office, and the Office of the Governor.

Public works

Final report of Dig Law workgroup released
Contact: Logan Bahr, Maggie Douglas

During the 2019 legislative session, the Legislature directed the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to convene a workgroup on preventing underground utility damage. Stakeholders included the state’s 811 service provider, cities, counties, public and private utility companies, public utility districts, construction and excavator companies, water/sewer districts, and UTC personnel. Stakeholder participants identified the following recommendations:

• Change the makeup of the safety committee by dropping the insurance seat and adding a seat to be occupied by a water/sewer district representative, leaving the total membership of the safety committee at thirteen;
• Change the makeup of complaint review panels, which will continue to have three to five members, by requiring each panel to have at least one excavator representative and one facility owner/operator representative, and no mandate to have a pipeline representative or an insurance representative on each panel;
• Add language to the definition of “marking” providing that “locate marks do not require the depth of facilities to be indicated;” and
• Add language requiring excavators to notify 911 if they damage an underground facility in addition to notifying 811 and making a reasonable attempt to notify the owner of the buried facility.

The workgroup agreed to take advantage of the momentum gained during the facilitated workshops and will continue the stakeholder discussions on their own. The group has identified and prioritized specific issues for further discussion for future workgroup sessions. View the workgroup’s final report (https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WAUTC/2019/11/14/file_attachments/1324859/Dig Law Final Report to Legislature.pdf).

Public Works Board November meeting review
Contact: Logan Bahr, Maggie Douglas

The Public Works Board (PWB) November meeting included updates to the new broadband program, a legislative review, loan applications, and an update from the SYNC group.

The PWB’s broadband program has received over seven applications for the first broadband planning-feasibility grants. In the coming months, the PWB will be traveling across Washington to hold public meetings (https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/pwb-broadband/) to solicit input on the new program.

The PWB also approved project extensions to the Skyway Water and Sewer District for sewer pump consolidation, and the Lake Forest Park Water District’s source and supply improvements. In addition, the Board approved an emergency loan to the Valley View Sewer District to repair a sewer force main in Tukwila.

Read more details (https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/fceqhboxvy06lhexdd7reyd6rjly4qtb/file/546343895595) about the most recent meeting.

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Public Works Board schedules public workshops on new broadband service access law  
Contact: Logan Bahr, Maggie Douglas

The Washington State Public Works Board (PWB) will hold three public stakeholder workshops in December to discuss the implementation of Washington’s new Broadband Internet Service Access law.

**PWB stakeholder outreach events**
December 4 | Olympia  
December 16 | Wenatchee  
December 18 | Spokane

The stakeholder workshops will help set priorities for rulemaking work. Potential topics may include defining public private partnerships, defining and documenting underserved areas, determining the threshold for affordability for low-income residents, and defining an effective objections process.

Visit the PWB’s Broadband Program website (https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/pwb-broadband/) to learn more, or contact the Broadband Program Director, Shelley Westall at shelley.westall@commerce.wa.gov or at (360) 725-3162.

Grant funding offered for fish passage projects  
Contact: Carl Schroeder, Shannon McClelland

The Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) is soliciting proposals for grant funding for fish passage projects statewide and in designated priority watersheds. AWC strongly supported creation of the board and has been an active member developing this grant program. It is a key component of our effort to provide funding for cities to address fish blocking culverts.

Please consider whether you have projects that could fit this program, as showing the level of need out there is a critical element to convincing the state to broaden their approach to addressing their own culvert issues and recognize that other barrier owners will need assistance with corrections in order to see successful salmon recovery accomplished.

Funding is intended to leverage fish passage investments that have been made by the Washington Department of Transportation, forest industry, local governments, and other entities by funding barrier corrections near or in coordination with other fish passage investments. Proposals for either planning/design projects or for restoration/construction will be considered.

Visit FBRB (https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/fbrb) for more information about this grant program. Deadline for submittal is January 15, 2020.

Your city may want to review the 2019-2021 work plan from the Washington Department of Transportation to determine whether you have culverts in the same stream systems that WSDOT will be working in to enhance your chances for successful funding and to maximize fish recovery investments.


- Project delivery plan list of projects (https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2019/07/29/Env-FishPassage-2019-2021-ProjectList.pdf)
Transportation

WSDOT City Safety Program call for projects
Contact: Logan Bahr, Shannon McClelland

The Washington State Department of Transportation’s (WSDOT) City Safety Program call for projects is now open. Approximately $25 million of federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds are now available. The purpose of this program is to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes on city and town streets using engineering improvements and countermeasures.

Eligibility
• Only cities and towns in Washington are eligible to apply. Other organizations may work with a city/town to propose and develop a project.
• Preliminary engineering/design, right-of-way, and construction phases of projects are eligible for funding.
• Cities must submit a local road safety plan that addresses fatal and serious injury crashes and systemic safety needs in the city to be eligible to apply. Learn more and get resources about local road safety plans (https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2014/02/27/LP_Local-Road-Safety-Plans.pdf).
• Spot Location Projects: Projects must address one or more specific fatal and/or serious injury crashes from 2014-2018 (the most recent, complete years available). Spot locations must also be identified in the applying agency’s local road safety plan. Spot location projects must be at a specific intersection(s), mid-block location(s), or corridor(s) on:
  • City street(s) in a city or town of any population.
  • State highway(s) that a city with a population above 27,500.
  • State highway(s) in a city or town with population 27,500 or less when there is interest from the WSDOT region in partnering to co-fund the project.
• Systemic Safety Projects address the highest priority locations based on crash data and safety planning.
• A city or town may only submit one application per city.
• Cities applying for funds should include all requested Spot Location and Systemic Safety Projects in priority order.

Other requirements
• Projects require a ten percent local match per phase (preliminary engineering/design, right-of-way, and construction) for all eligible federal expenditures. If the construction phase is authorized by April 30, 2023, then the construction phase is eligible for 100% funding (no local match required). Federal funds cannot be used as match for any phase.
• Projects must be fully funded between this funding and other funding sources, as applicable.
• There is no maximum funding that can be requested in each application.

WSDOT staff will be contacting eligible agencies with data and additional information about application requirements. For more information about the 2020 City Safety Call for Projects, please visit WSDOT program website (https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Traffic/CitySafetyProgram). Applications are due on March 6, 2020.

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**AWC Legislative Contacts**

During the legislative session, AWC's lobbyists often are unable to return your phone calls immediately. If you have a legislative or specific issue question, please request AWC’s analyst staff, or send them an email.

Call AWC at (360) 753-4137 or 1-800-562-8981

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