The 2020 Legislature addressed AWC’s priorities, resulting in both pros and cons for cities. Cities achieved many positive outcomes, but work remains to prepare for next session.

**Adopt a comprehensive set of transportation policies that provide robust new resources and local options**

**PRO:** Passed a supplemental transportation budget that provides funding for projects previously paused by the Governor. The Legislature balanced the budget largely through one-time measures, including reductions based on historical underspending. Although the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) appropriations were reduced by $9 million, this was a more modest reduction than what could have occurred.

**CON:** Failed to pass HB 2362 and SB 6652 creating additional local government transportation revenue options.

**Preserve city fiscal health with secure funding sources**


**CON:** Adopted a new unfunded cost-of-living increase for PERS 1 retirees that will increase city pension costs.

**CON:** Did not consider revising the 1% property tax cap for cities.

**Continue to pursue new resources and policies to increase affordable housing at both the state and local level**

**PRO:** Passed HB 1590 to provide councilmanic authority for cities to raise a 1/10th of a cent sales tax to address housing affordability.

**PRO:** Passed HB 2343 to expand incentives for cities to adopt voluntary housing and development streamlining policies through grants and legal support.

**PRO:** Passed amendments to clarify HB 1406 from the 2019 session and extended the timeline to adopt a qualifying local tax.

**PRO:** Preserved local land use authority around housing.

**PRO:** Invested $160 million in affordable housing and homelessness.

**CON:** Failed to pass a comprehensive expansion of the Multifamily Tax Exemption program.

**Fully fund the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF)**

**PRO:** Passed supplemental budgets that did not sweep any additional funds out of the PWTF.

**CON:** Continued diversions and sweeps from the PWTF that were adopted in the 2019 session.

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Advance a watershed-based strategic plan to address local fish-blocking culverts along with state culverts

**PRO:** All three state supplemental budgets have elements that support a more expansive vision by the state to address fish passage, including strategic investment support for cities. This will inform the larger funding conversation by the state next session.

**CON:**

Create a tax increment financing (TIF) option for cities

**CON:** Failed to pass HB 2804 reopening the Local Revitalization Financing program for new project funding.

**CON:** Failed to pass HB 2778 and HJR 4212 allowing for property tax-based TIF.

Support statewide medication assisted treatment (MAT) services in city and regional jails by providing local flexibility

**PRO:** Received funding for a study to develop a scalable model to implement MAT in city and regional jail facilities. Report due in November 2020.

**PRO:** Passed HB 2642 prohibiting insurers from requiring prior authorization for residential substance use disorder treatment services or withdrawal management services.

**PRO:** Passed SB 6086 allowing a pharmacy’s license of location to be extended to a registered remote dispensing site to dispense medications for opioid use disorder.

**CON:** Failed to pass HB 2438 imposing an impact fee on opioid manufacturers to fund treatment and prevention of opioid misuse and abuse.

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