



City of Shoreline 2023 State Legislative Priorities

Shoreline-Specific Priorities:

- Seek Local/Community Project funding in the Capital Budget for important improvements in Shoreline parks, including renovation of outdated public restrooms at key park facilities, design of three new neighborhood parks, and improved accessibility to Richmond Beach Community Park.
- Seek funding, as part of a five-city coalition, for capital and start-up costs for the North King County Crisis Receiving Center that will provide comprehensive behavioral health crisis care and support the efforts of first responders and crisis response staff.
- Maintain visibility of the need for a community pool that can serve Shoreline residents and explore opportunities for advancing funding.

Legislative Issues the City Supports:

- Support legislation that better enables the City to comply with the *Blake* decision, including:
 - Funding support for required changes to criminal justice operations, such as conviction vacations, financial repayments, diversion programs and municipal court changes;
 - Funding for behavioral health-oriented community responders, as well as associated facilities that support treatment and crisis response;
 - Clarification of the crime of possession and modification of the current referral requirement system.
- Support legislation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions addresses climate change impacts, across all sectors, and promotes sustainable practices.
- Support efforts to direct state and federal climate action resources, including funding from the state Climate Commitment Act and federal Inflation Reduction Act, toward on-the-ground implementation of local climate action in key sectors, such as building electrification and electric vehicle adoption.

- Continue to advance a watershed-based approach and strategic plan to address local fish-blocking culverts along with state culverts; seek state resources to correct locally owned culverts as a part of the state's overall resolution to the culvert injunction.
- Continue to support legislation that addresses homelessness and increase equitable access to housing through such actions as measures that strengthen and better enforce statewide renter protections, as well as incentives and support for local efforts to accommodate additional housing development, including affordable housing.
- Identify sustainable, ongoing transportation funding options for local jurisdictions, including Road Usage Charge with flexibility to use the funding that meets each community's specific needs.
- Preserve City fiscal health with secure funding sources, including:
 - Efforts to review and revise both state and local tax structures so they rely less on regressive revenue options, without negatively impacting local revenue authority.
 - Removal of the existing 1% property tax limitation, or revision that indexes it to inflation, population growth, or some related indicator.
- Support ongoing state funding for local park maintenance and operations needs.