

2025 Legislative Agenda

BLACK DIAMOND'S KEY PRIORITIES AT A GLANCE

TRANSPORTATION

- SR 169—Segment-base widening of 169 and reduction of slide risk
Long Term: Comprehensive widening of SR 169 and remediation of slide risk
- Protect and expand investments in local infrastructure for expansion, operations and maintenance of aging transportation systems.
- Hwy 18—The City is grateful for the state's investment of \$640 million for widening and safety improvements along SR18. The City will be closely monitoring the development of the project and urges the Legislature to phase the funds in a manner that allows for the most expeditious delivery schedule. Ensuring this project gets funded expeditiously is going to take continued effort.

OTHER SUPPORT

- Revise the arbitrary property tax cap with a new cap not to exceed 3%.
- Keep the Public Works Trust Fund fully funded.
- Support Association of Washington Cities, Sound Cities Association, SCATBd, and SEAL-TC Legislative Priorities.
- Support Culturally Responsive Mental Health Funding for Schools and Community Centers.
- Harmonize housing growth targets throughout the region, with PSRC, Commerce, and King County.
- BESS insurance for cities, emergency training for fire departments for BESS fires, cities rather than utilities or companies receive the economic benefits of BESS.
- More funding to Department of Commerce for GMA support for fastest growing cities.
- Increase funding for social worker/crisis response teams in public safety funding.
- Transit-oriented development (TOD) with affordability component and a funded GMA mandate that cities in urban growth boundaries receive transit services.
- Addressing the funding gap for smaller cities and access to grant opportunities.
- 100% funding of police and fire academies.
- Affordable housing credit clarification.

