

CITY OF WOODINVILLE



2025 Legislative Agenda



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EASTRAIL TRESTLE REPLACEMENT FUNDING

Ensure \$5 million in previously appropriated Eastrail (Move Ahead WA) funds are obligated in the 2025-2027 biennium to support construction in 2026.

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Woodinville is growing rapidly and seeks partnerships to deliver top-tier services. Woodinville's 2025 agenda focuses on supporting our communities, especially youth, transportation, and quality of life.

Woodinville supports the legislative agendas of Northshore School District, Association of Washington Cities (AWC), Sound Cities Association (SCA), and A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH).

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COMMUNITY & AQUATIC CENTER PROPERTY ACQUISITION

In partnership with the Northshore Parks and Recreation Service Area, the City is seeking funding to acquire property for a future community and aquatic facility.

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FULLY FUNDED EDUCATION SYSTEM

The City supports Northshore School District's priority of creating a sustainable funding system that matches student needs.

2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Funding Request(s)

- Ensure the previously programmed \$5 million of Move Ahead Washington funding for the Trestle project is included in the 2025-2027 Budget to support construction expected in 2026.
- In partnership with the Northshore Parks and Recreation Service Area (Bothell, Kenmore, Woodinville, King and Snohomish Counties), the City is actively seeking funding opportunities to acquire property to host a future community and aquatic center.

Growth Management Act & Local Decision Making

- Ensure Woodinville retains its ability to implement the City's Housing Action Plan to allow for increased density and affordable housing in the downtown region with localized vision and emphasis for walkability and parking policies that work for the community and tourism.

Public Safety

- Support efforts to prevent and address juvenile crime, including expansion of juvenile behavioral health treatment capacity and state correctional capacity.
- Support additional prosecutorial and law enforcement resources to address organized retail theft.
- Woodinville supports enhanced state funding for indigent defense and workforce development for public defenders to help our criminal justice system function more effectively.

Human Services

- Woodinville supports diversion strategies like community courts, crisis-response teams, and other programs that help keep individuals out of the criminal justice system.
- Woodinville supports legislation that addresses the behavioral health treatment crisis by increasing the capacity of the crisis response system, including an ample workforce, and supporting local programs that connect individuals with needed care
- Support increased state investment in emergency and transitional housing.

Support for Affordable Housing

- Woodinville supports efforts by the legislature to pass statewide tenant protections.
- Transit-oriented development and the continued investment in regional transportation improvements including efforts to address depleting transit service in suburban communities due to staffing shortages. State recognition that bus service has not been restored to pre-pandemic levels and development standards cannot be tied to variable and easily repealed levels of service.
- Increased ownership opportunities through the development of condominiums and finding solutions to address the barriers to construction of new condominiums.

Environmental Stewardship

- The City encourages legislation, partnerships, and funding that incentivizes and supports the City's recently adopted Climate Action Plan.
- The City encourages funding mechanisms that allow for court-mandated removal of fish passages (culverts).

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Woodinville supports the preservation and expansion of policy and funding tools beyond the fuel tax to support a safe and reliable transportation system for all users.
- The City encourages the restoration of transit service to and from Woodinville in order to connect a growing population with job centers across the region.