



As we continue to respond to the global pandemic of the Coronavirus and its severe impacts on all aspects of our lives, the City of Lynnwood is dedicated to continuing efforts to support our local community. We accomplish this through the delivery of critical city services, partnerships and collaborations with other governmental agencies and non-profit partners, and advocacy for increased relief efforts from State and Federal lawmakers.

Looking forward into 2021, Lynnwood's Legislative Priorities are aligned to our community vision and our strategic priorities to support our current services and to build the future that the Lynnwood community seeks. We will accomplish this through realizing new efficiencies, forging partnerships, rooting out injustices and increasing equity, and remaining committed to fiscal sustainability and strategic priorities for a positive future. We ask for your continued support as leaders of Washington State, and thank you for your public service.

— **PANDEMIC RELIEF** —

- » Provide cities with pandemic relief funds to offset lost revenues. Provide additional funding for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act Sick Leave.
- » Increase funding to support struggling households and landlords, and prevent eviction/foreclosure/homelessness by offering assistance with rent/mortgage, essential utilities, and pending fees for late/non-payment.
- » Increase funding to support local small businesses impacted by COVID restrictions.
- » Increase funding and support to local food banks.

— **FEDERAL & REGIONAL PRIORITIES** —

- » The City of Lynnwood echoes the Association of Washington Cities 2021 Legislative Priorities that call for maintaining shared revenues with cities, adopting a new transportation revenue package, providing cities with greater fiscal flexibility, and addressing housing stability.
- » We support the legislative priorities of our regional partners the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County, Snohomish County Cities, Community Transit and Sound Transit.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

MAJOR PROJECTS



POPLAR WAY BRIDGE: New bridge connection over I-5 to improve access and circulation for Lynnwood's future regional growth. (Rendering shown above)

42ND AVENUE WEST: Brand new street in the City Center core to improve connectivity and pedestrian access.

48th AVENUE WEST: Wider sidewalks with buffered bicycle lanes to improve multi-modal connectivity to SR 524, Lynnwood City Center and future light rail station.

- » Maintain and create new transportation-specific revenue options for cities.
- » Improve and expand state transportation funding programs.
- » Work on a statewide transportation package to include City of Lynnwood Poplar Way Bridge project.
- » Preserve local jurisdictions' authority to collect revenue through car tab fees for transportation infrastructure.
- » Support Community Transit in implementing the Bus Rapid Transit Orange Line; and the expansion of local transit service to provide connectivity with Sound Transit Light Rail.
- » Support additional funding options for the completion of Sound Transit 3 extension to Everett.

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY & STATEWIDE ACTS

- » Protect and maintain the level of state-shared revenues provided to local governments.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & SAFETY

COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER



The City of Lynnwood is moving forward on a project, in partnership with Community Health Center of Snohomish County, to design and build a purpose-built police department, re-imagined misdemeanor jail, and a remodeled court, which will allow us the necessary space and function to bring the best justice services to our community.

- » Work on efforts that provide appropriate funding and authority to improve community health and safety efforts to respond to the mental health, opioid and homelessness epidemics.
- » Support sustainable public health funding.
- » Support local jails with statewide medication assisted treatment services to save lives and reduce recidivism.
- » Support local courts in safety standards to effectively manage caseloads and provide adequate security.
- » Increase capacity for forensic DNA testing at the Washington State Patrol Criminal Laboratory System.
- » Support a collaborative approach to statewide police reform at the local level.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CITY CENTER

Northline Village Rendering



This 9.1 million sq ft community plan, anchored around Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Light Rail, is envisioned to be a vibrant commercial center and welcoming place to live, work and play. There are a wide range of business, retail, residential, and cultural development projects already completed or underway in the City Center area.

- » Provide local government with financing tools such as the Tax Increment Financing to fund public infrastructure needed for economic development and community revitalization such as the Lynnwood City Center.
- » Retain full funding for Associated Development Organizations for economic vitality and building strong partnerships with local communities.
- » Fund the state sales tax incentive for annexations and support annexation assistance programs consistent with the Growth Management Act.
- » Support funding for a statewide tourism program.

PARKS & RECREATION

SCRIBER CREEK TRAIL PROJECT



This 1-mile trail's redevelopment is essential to providing multimodal access to the Lynnwood Transit Center and future light rail station. The trail will be improved using pending Bike/Ped and transportation grants.

- » Provide local parks and recreation agencies new local funding options to address vital maintenance and operations, and preservation needs such as creating Parks Benefit Districts (PBD). PBDs would allow local agencies to include a sales tax percentage increase and access those proceeds with voter approval.
- » Provide \$140 million to fund Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Youth Athletic Facilities, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the 2021-2023 Capital Budget.
- » Support adequate funding of grant programs such as the Healthiest Next Generation, Bicycle and Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School that help youth and adults to live healthy lifestyles and enjoy walking, bicycling and other forms of active recreation.
- » Continue to support and ensure temporary licensing authority and subsidies are available to assist parks and recreation agencies, and non-profit providers to serve as state-authorized school-age child care providers.
- » As the Legislature considers the 2021-23 Capital Budget, we again urge lawmakers to refrain from diverting funding from dedicated accounts that are focused on funding outdoor recreation activities. We also urges legislators to use these dedicated funds for their intended purposes and, to the maximum extent practicable, to avoid "bond backfills" that could put such funding in jeopardy. Dedicated accounts key to us include the WWRP, YAF, and ALEA, as well as others including the Boating Facilities Program (BFP), and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

COMMUNITY VISION

- » The City of Lynnwood will be a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2018-2022

1. Fulfill the Community Vision for the City Center and Lynnwood Link Light Rail
2. Ensure financial stability and economic success
3. Nurture operational and organizational excellence
4. Be a safe, welcoming, and livable city
5. Pursue and maintain collaborative relationships

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