

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD

## FEDERAL PRIORITIES 2021



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### City Council Vision

Our vision for Lakewood is a thriving, urban, South Puget Sound City, possessing the core values of family, community, education, and economic prosperity.



We will advance these values by recognizing our past, taking action in the present, and pursuing a dynamic future.

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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### 1. COVID-19 Relief

Like many cities around the United States, the City was adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the begin of the pandemic, the City experienced significant declines in operating revenue due to diminishing tax revenue, postponed property tax collection, and increased demand for municipal services. Congress must include funding for local governments in its COVID-19 relief efforts.

#### 2. Restoration of Congressional Directed Spending

Congress should restore its earmarking authority and limit recipients of congressionally directed spending to public entities in a fully transparent process.

### DEFENSE / MILITARY

#### 3. Defense Community Infrastructure Program

The City supports amendments to the Defense Community Infrastructure Program that would emphasize road, transportation and utility infrastructure needs for military communities and a reduction in required matching funds. The City supports the full authorized amount of \$100 million for this critical defense infrastructure program.

#### 4. Defense Policy and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)

The City supports a BRAC round to focus limited federal funding on critical military and defense infrastructure needs. Additionally, the City urges Congress to add funding for encroachment fixes for installations that are prioritized following a BRAC round.

#### 5. JBLM - McChord Field North Clear Zone

The Army owns and operates Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM), including the facilities associated with the former McChord Air Force Base now under joint base structure. The Air Force and Army both acknowledge the need to acquire private property inside the North Clear Zone, but lack the funding to do so.

The City, South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP), Pierce County, state of Washington, and the JBLM Base Commander signed a memorandum of agreement in 2018 that outlined an action plan to solve the encroachment problem, at JBLM.

The City asks Congress and military leadership to work to fulfill the plan.

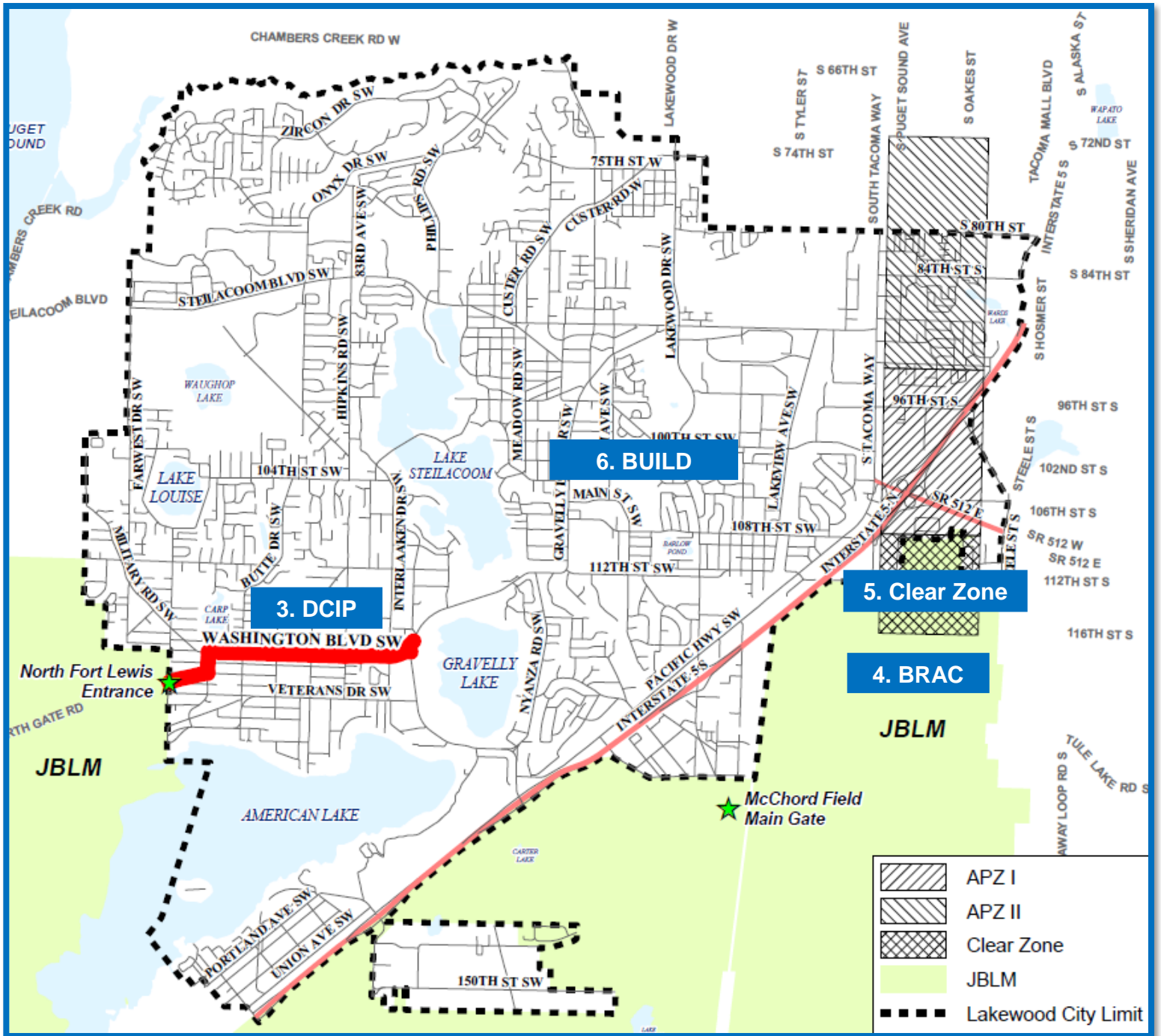
### TRANSPORTATION

#### 6. Federal Transportation Reauthorization

The City urges Congress to prioritize federal transportation reauthorization legislation with the following priorities:

- Permanent authorization of the BUILD Grant Program.
- Designation of 30% of BUILD Grant Program funding to medium sized cities between 10,000 and 75,000 in population size akin to the rural community set aside; medium sized cities have been historically neglected by transportation funding programs.
- Increased funding allocations to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) like the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).
- Prioritizing transit and active transportation funding.

# 1. COVID-19 Relief



### 3. DCIP - JBLM-North Access Road Improvement Project



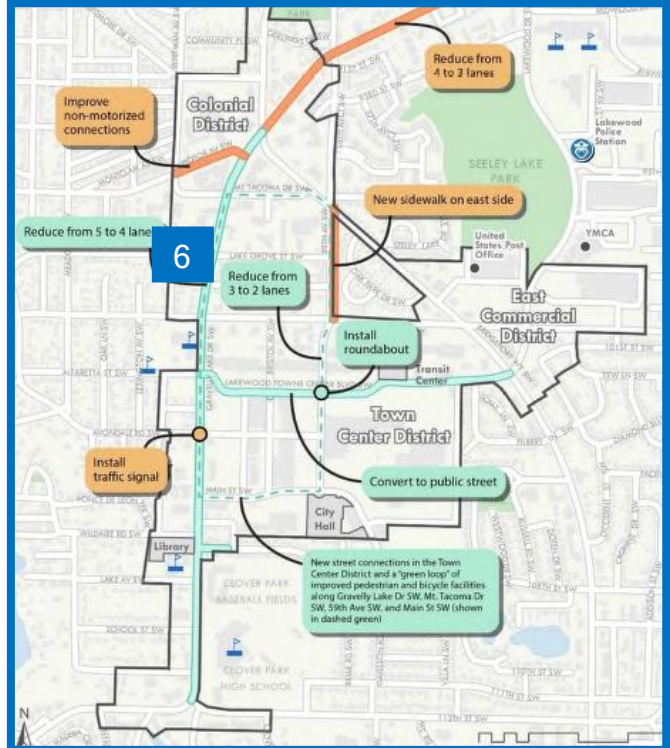
### 4. BRAC



### 5. Clear Zone



### 6. BUILD





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