



2021-2022 State Legislative Agenda

Amended for the 2022 Legislative Session

The City looks forward to continuing its partnership with its legislative delegation to improve the overall quality of life for everyone that calls Lakewood home.

Transportation Priorities

As the Legislature negotiates a state transportation revenue package, the City requests the following projects be prioritized:

Main Gate Interchange (Exit 120): As part of the current I-5 JBLM Corridor Improvements, WSDOT identified the 41st Division Main Gate Interchange reconfiguration as a necessary future improvement. This Interchange serves as the primary access to Lewis Main on the east side of I-5 and to Lewis North on the west side. Reconstructing this interchange is key to addressing congestion on I-5 and improving the quality of life for Lakewood residents and business owners. Currently, the proximity of the at grade rail crossing to the Lewis North gate is a safety concern and creates backups on I-5 during peak periods. Many Clover Park School District buses use this at grade crossing to access the installation. The City requests the Legislature allocate \$225 million to reconfigure the existing interchange to improve mobility, increase safety and improve base operations.

Multimodal Transportation Study: The City requests \$250,000 for a multimodal transportation assessment to consider practical solutions to increase multimodal connectivity along the I-5 corridor between DuPont and Lakewood. The study will include options that take advantage of already funded grade separated crossings and increase connectivity between Sound Transit and Amtrak using existing or planned infrastructure. This will support the movement of people through the growing South Sound corridor - including Lakewood, DuPont, Joint Base Lewis McChord, and areas of unincorporated Pierce County, including Parkland and Spanaway. This is supported by Sound Transit, JBLM, Pierce Transit, Lakewood Water District, West Pierce Fire & Rescue and the Clover Park School District.

Geographic Equity in Discharge from State Facilities

The City appreciates the State's recent efforts to move toward a more community-based mental health system. As the home to Western State Hospital, the City of Lakewood has long shouldered an inequitable share of the state's responsibility to treat and care for the mentally ill. Transitioning to a community-based system presents an opportunity to not only provide more accessible services to those who need it most, but also for the communities of our state to share this responsibility supporting the state's community-based health system. To ensure this transition is successful, the State should establish policies that ensure equitable responsibility for those discharged from state institutions, including those with criminal backgrounds.

Protecting Residents of Adult Family Homes

Adult Family Homes (AFHs) serve adults with functional limitations who need personal and special care. The City requests legislation that protects these vulnerable members of our community by preventing Level 2 and 3 registered sex offenders, sexually violent predators and "felony flips" from residing in AFHs.

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