

# 2025 Draft State Legislative Agenda

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# Agenda Today



- Overview of upcoming 2025 Legislative Session
- Review of draft 2025 State Legislative Agenda
- Feedback and discussion

# Overview of Upcoming 2025 Legislative Session

- First year of the two-year biennium
- 105-day “regular” session
- Tasks:
  - Develop mid-biennial budgets
    - Three budgets: Operating, Capital, and Transportation
    - Revenue discussion
  - Consider thousands of policy bills
- Political context evolving:
  - November elections impact size of Democrat majority
  - Four initiatives; if any approved will impact budget



# State Legislative Agenda Purpose

1. Communicates the City's top priorities and funding requests to the legislature
2. Tells a story about Redmond and why our issues deserve support
3. Provides policy guidance for bill positions and helps inform Mayor's allocation of staff resources during session.

# 2025 Legislative Agenda Format

**Goal:** Present a concise list of top priorities, while also providing direction on the myriad of issues impacting the City that are discussed by the Legislature.

- Funding requests highlighted
- Regional policy requests highlighted
- Additional policy positions for engagement with stakeholders, in public hearings, etc.

# City of Redmond Funding Requests

- Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement
- Intercultural City Services Center
- Overlake Multimodal Connectivity (*tentative*)
- Support for State Grant Funding Programs
- Electric Fire Engine (*tentative*)

# Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement

- \$1,024,475 to replace brittle, aging asbestos cement pipes.
  - 53 miles of pipe nearing end of life.
  - 28 water main pipe breaks in the last five years.
  - Broken and aging pipes impact:
    - water access
    - water quality
    - fire protection
    - salmon-bearing streams.
- Request specifically replacing pipes on Avondale Avenue.



# Intercultural City Services Center in Transit-Oriented Development

- \$618,000 to build city space in Bellwether's transit-oriented affordable housing project.
  - Increase access to city services.
  - Co-located with small business hub and affordable housing.
  - Across the street from the Overlake Village light rail station.





# Overlake Multimodal Connectivity

## *Tentative*

- \$8 million appropriated to 148<sup>th</sup>/SR 520 Bike-Ped Crossing in Move Ahead Washington
  - \$750,000 allocated in the 2025-27 biennium utilizing Climate Commitment Act Funds
- If Climate Commitment Act is upheld, request to re-scope project to focus on safety and access improvements in the Overlake Area.
  - Aligns with other projects in the area
  - Aligns with available funding



# Support for State Grant Application Funding Sources

- Legislative approval of grant programs that fund city projects:
  - **WSDOT Regional Mobility Grant**
    - On-demand shuttle service to support light-rail service.
  - **WA State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP) Grant**
    - Southeast Redmond Park improvements.



# Electric Fire Engine

## *Tentative*

- Redmond received \$200,000 through the Climate Commitment Act to invest in the first electric fire engine in the state.
- If Climate Commitment Act is repealed, request continued state investment.





# Regional Priorities

- Washington Recycling and Packaging (WRAP) Act
- Affordable Housing Funding Tools
- Fostering Housing Stability
- World Cup 2026 Economic Development
- Asylum Seekers

# Support Issues

Issues the city engages on in addition to the top priorities:

- **Housing**
  - Housing Action Plan
- **Environmental Sustainability**
  - Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
- **Planning and Infrastructure**
  - Multimodal and recreational resources
- **General Government**
  - Local revenue options and financial sustainability
- **Community Vitality**
  - Regional affordability and flexible funding mechanisms
- **Public Safety**
  - Alternative crisis response and drug education awareness

# State Legislative Agenda Timeline

Date	Action
September 10	Study Session – Council reviews draft agenda
October 8	Study Session – Second review
November 19	Council adopts 2025 legislative agenda
January 13, 2025	Session begins (105-day regular session)
April 27, 2025	Scheduled end of session

# Feedback & Discussion

**Thank you!**



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