
CITY OF REDMOND

2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - TOP PRIORITIES

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PURPOSE

- Background on 2021 Legislative Session
- Legislative Agenda Development
- Top Legislative Priorities for 2021
- Feedback and Discussion

BACKGROUND ON 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- Special session is uncertain
- Regular session scheduled to begin January 11, 2021
- Format of session (virtual v. in person) undetermined
- Democrats expected to maintain majority in House and Senate
- Focus on significant revenue shortfall in state budgets: operating, capital, and transportation
- Emerging policy issues (e.g. police reform, housing/rental assistance, racial equity)

BACKGROUND ON 2021 LEGISLATIVE BUDGETS

Operating

- Funds all state agency operations
- Revenue shortfall of \$7 billion over the next four years.
- Discussion will focus on budget cuts and new revenue

Capital

- Funds public and nonprofit construction projects (excluding transportation)
- \$2.5-\$3 billion budget
- Focus on stimulating the economy and supporting vulnerable populations

Transportation

- Revenue shortfall caused by:
 - I-976 (\$30 car tabs)
 - Reduced gas tax and toll revenues from COVID-19 pandemic
- Discussions around a revenue package began in 2019
- Linked to climate policy: low carbon fuel standard, cap and trade, and carbon tax

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

- Hyper-focused
 - 4-6 top priorities
 - Support/oppose/monitor list
- Funding requests focus on capital and transportation
- Focus on city-specific issues
- Viable proposals that take advantage of the current political environment
- Consistency with previous legislative agendas

DISCUSSION: POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Senior/Community Center Funding - \$5 million request
- SR 520 and I 48th Avenue NE Transportation Improvements - \$51 million request
- Fiscal Sustainability and Protect Local Control
- Housing and Homelessness: affordability, rental assistance, etc.
- Other areas of policy interest?

TIMELINE

- September – Mayor's Office meets with departments
- September 22, 2020 Study Session – Council provide input on top priorities
- October – Mayor's Office develops draft legislative agenda
- November – Council reviews draft legislative agenda
- December – Council adopts 2021 legislative agenda
- January 2021 – Session begins

THANK YOU & QUESTIONS?

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