

## FINAL DRAFT

# CITY OF EDMONDS 2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## EDMONDS PRIORITIES

### Move Forward Highway 99 Capital Funding

The Legislature provided \$10 million in the Connecting Washington Transportation Funding Package for overall improvements to the Edmonds stretch of Highway 99. The funds are provided to enhance vehicle and pedestrian safety, transit efficiency, pedestrian movement, bicycle circulation and provide aesthetic enhancements, but they are not available until 2021-2023. This year the City of Edmonds will complete a Subarea Plan, including environmental work, for the Highway 99 Corridor that will include both land use and development regulations and incentives, as well as key identified transportation enhancements. Accelerating \$500,000 of the designated \$10 million in Connecting Washington Funding to the 2018-2020 biennium (available July, 2017) would enable us to start detailed design work on the identified transportation improvements in this corridor.

### Capital Request for Frances Anderson Center

The Frances Anderson Center roof is leaking to the point where serious structural damage and impairment of the electrical systems has started to occur. Funding of \$350,000 would enable us to repair the leaking roof of the Frances Anderson Center and continue to provide the recreational and cultural benefits for which this community center is known.

### Funding for Waterfront Crossings Alternative

Upon completion in 2016 of a thorough At-Grade Crossings Alternatives Analysis and consequent identification of a preferred alternative by the Mayor and City Council, we need to move the preferred project to initial 30% design, plus environmental and permitting work in 2017. This will ready the project for major funding from federal programs. This request builds on the \$500,000 provided by the Legislature in 2015. The City of Edmonds and local/regional partners intend to provide up to \$300,000 in seed money to leverage a State match for 2017 of \$600,000.

In addition, we seek to have SR 104 added as a designated "Urban Connector" on WSDOT's Freight Project List, which will qualify that corridor for greater federal/state funding sources.

### Public Records Cost Recovery and Privacy

Continue to support legislation to strengthen the Public Records Act in response to changing technology and burdensome, increasingly costly requests. Support legislation that helps to provide cost recovery for local agencies in the growing area of electronic records requests, and for public records clearly for commercial purposes. Additionally, clarify retention and disclosure requirements for audio and visual records. Support legislative efforts to reduce costs of

retaining these records, as well as efforts to clarify retention requirements and to provide sufficient privacy protection for members of the public who appear in audio/video records.

### Invest in Funding to Support Services that Address Homelessness and Affordable Housing

Support efforts to:

- Retain and Increase the Document Recording Fee. The Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act funds services through a document recording fee. \$30 of the \$58 fee will sunset in 2019. Therefore, make the \$30 document recording fee permanent, increase the fee, and change the funding distribution formula to be targeted more toward serving those struggling with mental health issues and chemical dependency.
- Support the 1115 Medicaid Waiver for Permanent Supportive Housing. This program gives states flexibility to tailor Medicaid programs that include funding of housing services. Encourage the Legislature to allow the Health Care Authority to accept federal Medicaid 1115 funds without caps or limitations.
- Fully Fund Housing Trust Fund. With up to \$200 million investment into this program, up to 5,600 additional affordable housing units would be provided in Snohomish County.

## *SUPPORT ITEMS*

### Support Edmonds Senior Center Funding

The City of Edmonds will support efforts by the Edmonds Senior Center to secure funding for the redevelopment of their important community facility on the Edmonds Waterfront, to be renamed the Edmonds Waterfront Center.

### Bolster Resources for Infrastructure Investment

Support efforts to establish dedicated funding mechanisms for critical infrastructure programs that help cities grow and prosper, including reinvestment of Public Works Trust Fund loan repayment funds. All creative, statewide approaches and/or incentives for local infrastructure funding should also be considered.

In addition, join Snohomish County officials in advocating for additional funding for projects in the Multimodal Transportation 30-year Plan that remain unfunded.

### Criminal Justice Training

Support legislation to restore full funding for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy to include dedicating all revenue from the Public Safety Education Account to criminal justice training.

### Public Defense Costs

Continue to support efforts to provide a state revenue stream for additional city public defense costs as a result of the State Supreme Court's mandated caseload rule for public defenders.

### Gun Safety

Support efforts for legislation addressing greater gun safety regulations.

### Fiscal Impacts of Legislation and Rulemaking

Follow the lead of AWC and other municipalities in sending a clear message to the Legislature to consider the fiscal impacts of legislation and rulemaking on local municipalities, including a check on "unfunded mandates" and "do no harm" analysis of proposed new rules or legislation. Likewise, fiscal notes accompanying legislation should include both the financial costs **and** benefits (currently only costs are analyzed).

### Property Tax Growth

Support provisions that would give municipalities a local-option to permit property tax revenue to exceed the 1% limit and grow with indicators of cost growth/inflation.

### EMS Levy

Support efforts to amend the current EMS levy limit of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (AV) to a local option of \$0.75 per \$1,000. Also work to clarify that "permanent" locally approved levies remain at the voter-approved level, not reduced as Assessed Valuation rises.

### Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)

Support steps to update and improved the 25-year-old WWRP program, with particular attention to local parks funding and maintenance of existing facilities.

### Growth Management Act Review

Some legislative discussion arose last year—and will probably come up again--about doing a "big look" at the Growth Management Act and perhaps assembling some kind of commission or study to evaluate it and suggest reforms. Depending on the nature of any study, this could affect cities' interest in the environment, infrastructure, or reducing sprawl. We need to closely follow or participate in the discussion.

### Fiscal Sustainability for Local Governments

Continue to support efforts to ensure sufficient, stable and flexible revenue for essential city services, including equitable distribution from shared revenue sources, such as liquor and marijuana taxes.

### Environmental Issues

Monitor and potential support potential environmental-protection measures, including those that would enhance the Puget Sound ecosystem, address the impacts of oil trains, drought management, toxics control and clean-up, as well as measures associated with climate change, crumb rubber athletic field infill, etc.

### Puget Sound and Salmon Recovery

Support WRIA 8, other organizations and municipalities in pursuing the following measures at the Legislature:

- ***Salmon Recovery Funding Board** - \$55.3 million in general obligation bonds in the Recreation and Conservation Office budget, which funds habitat protection and restoration projects statewide.*
- ***Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration** capital budget request in the Recreation and Conservation Office budget*
- ***Floodplains by Design** capital budget request*
- *Support the **Lead Entity program** and funding from the state general fund provided in the Recreation and Conservation Office budget.*
- ***New watershed-based funding mechanisms** that recognize the link between salmon recovery, water quality, and stormwater and floodplain management.*

### Expand Access to Opiate Overdose Prevention and Medication-Assisted Treatment

Join Snohomish County, other Counties and Cities, to support efforts that:

- Expand access to overdose prevention drugs (such as Naloxone)
- Increase medication-assisted treatment through increased access to Suboxone and Methadone.
- Support statewide drug take-back programs that honor local control.

### Follow/Support Other Cities', Agencies', Partners' Agendas

Monitor and provide support to our partner cities, agencies and other entities in their top agenda items, where they align with our interests.