



2023 Legislative Agenda - DRAFT

Transportation

The City of Camas is seeking appropriations for critical transportation infrastructure projects on the State's system, including:

- **West Camas Slough Bridge Widening (\$50M):** develop parallel bridge structure for westbound SR-14 traffic and added capacity
- **SR-500/Everett Street Corridor Improvements Phase 1 (\$15M):** Install new Lacamas Lake Bridge above the floodplain with multimodal capacity

The City of Camas supports robust funding for the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) program and is appreciative of funding the City has received in the past from TIB for key projects.

The City of Camas endorses and supports the **2023 Clark County Transportation Alliance Policy Statement**.

Capital

The City seeks direct 2023-2025 Capital Budget appropriations for the following projects through the Department of Commerce Local Programs Office:

- **Camas-Washougal Fire Station 41 replacement (\$13.9M)**
- **Camas-Washougal Fire Station 43 replacement (\$9.4M)**
- **City Hall Annex Building tenant improvements (\$2.5M)**

Environment, Parks and Open Space

- **Lakes Management:** The City is seeking funding for additional work to address pollution in Lacamas Lake and overall watershed health in the Lacamas Creek Watershed, including funds to support implementation of recommendations from the nearly complete Lake Management Plan. The City appreciates prior funding received for the Lake Management Plan project through budget appropriations administered by the Department of Commerce, a grant through the Department of Ecology, and the numerous partnerships involved in healthy water quality in our lakes.

- **Parks Capital Projects:** The City of Camas supports robust funding for the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant programs. The City applied for three grants in the 2022 grant cycle – Crown Park Improvements, South Lacamas Creek Trailhead Improvements, and acquisition of Green Mountain – and is hopeful that our projects will be funded at the full grant requests.

Policy Issues Important to Washington Cities

The City of Camas supports the ***Association of Washington Cities (AWC) 2023 City Legislative Priorities***. These include robust funding for the Public Works Assistance Account, addressing the shortfall of community-based behavioral and mental health resources, and innovations to address housing availability and affordability. The City of Camas joins AWC's call to address vehicle pursuits for public safety as part of further refinements to earlier law enforcement reform legislation.

Criminal Justice Training Center (CJTC): The City of Camas supports the Governor's efforts to expand law enforcement training opportunities through the establishment of regional training facilities throughout the state, including to serve communities in Southwest Washington. Such an investment will expand and diversify the workforce in this critical profession, opening the opportunity to individuals and households lacking the ability to participate in a lengthy away-from-home training program. An appropriation for this program must include both funding for the capital facilities needed **and** for the operation and staffing of these facilities, ensuring our law enforcement officers receive rigorous training to meet current challenges of the profession.