



## 2021 Legislative Agenda

1. **Transportation Funding** - Increase cities transportation resources.
2. **Capital project funding** - \$2 million for construction and repair projects involving Library HVAC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Trailhead and Historic Leadbetter House.
3. **SR-14 Improvements** - \$45 million for the SR-14 West Slough Bridge Project. Joint request from Camas, Washougal, and the Port of Camas-Washougal. Building parallel bridge structure for westbound traffic and added capacity from two lanes to four lanes.
4. **SR-500 Improvements** - Widening and multi-modal improvements to the SR-500 Corridor north of Lake Road, including replacement of the Everett Street Bridge.
5. **Prioritize the Lacamas Creek Watershed for Source Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Analysis work by the Department of Ecology.** Support regional efforts led by the City of Camas and Clark County to improve water quality within Lacamas Lake, Round Lake and Fallen Leaf Lake. Lakes are a significant resource to the region for recreational purposes, quality of life, and attracting business and new development.
6. **Clean Energy** - Ensure funding to upgrade fleet to energy efficient vehicles.
7. **Support Parks Maintenance** - Support the bill to allow local agencies to place a proposition on the ballot for a 1/10th of 1% sales tax option to support parks acquisition, construction, improvement and maintenance.
8. **Address behavioral health system** - Community-based facilities are needed to address individuals severely disabled by their mental health or chemical dependency. This includes the subject of homelessness and addressing poverty.
9. **Fund a systems approach to correct fish-blocking culverts** – Ensure funding for all the local agency culverts in the state-wide system.
10. **Local Government Funding** - Ensure cities fiscal health with reliable sources that can be tailored to meet local needs and support essential community services.

### **Support Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Priorities:**

**State-shared revenues** – Maintain revenue sharing with cities. Cities support increased shared revenue distributions to cities (if the state sees increased shared revenues) and ask the state to look for other opportunities to expand revenue sharing.

**Transportation revenue package** – Adopt a new transportation revenue package that emphasizes maintenance/preservation funding and provides an equitable level of local funding as well as additional local revenue options for cities.

**Fiscal flexibility** – Provide cities greater flexibility to use funds from existing revenue sources to help cities manage the impacts of the current economic downturn. This will allow cities to direct scarce resources where they are most needed when responding to pressing community conditions.

**Housing instability assistance** – Work in a coalition to develop additional resources to address housing instability created by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including rent assistance and foreclosure/eviction prevention assistance.

**Statewide policing reforms** – Support local control over city law enforcement policy decisions to meet the needs of each community and appropriately contain costs. Cities understand our obligation to address racial equity in policing – both state requirements and local policies.

**Broadband Internet** - Support policies and funding that provide greater access and equity for broadband services, including the potential expansion of authority to cities and other public entities.

**Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF)** – Fully fund the PWTF