



CITY OF LYNDEN
2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BRIAHNA MURRAY
STATE LOBBYIST
GORDON THOMAS HONEYWELL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

PURPOSE

- Background on 2021 Legislative Session
- Legislative Agenda Review

BACKGROUND ON 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- Regular session scheduled to begin January 11, 2021
- Format of session will be mostly virtual
- Democrats maintain majorities in House and Senate
- Emerging policy issues (e.g. police reform, housing/rental assistance, racial equity)
- Focus on revenue shortfall in state budgets: operating, capital, and transportation

BACKGROUND ON 2021 LEGISLATIVE BUDGETS

Operating

- Funds all state agency operations
- Revenue shortfall of just under \$4 billion in 2021-23.
- Waiting on federal assistance.
- 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 reduced gas tax and toll revenues from COVID-19 pandemic
- I-976 (\$30 car tabs) overturned by the Washington Supreme Court
- Discussions around a revenue package began in 2019
- Linked to climate policy: low carbon fuel standard, cap and trade, and carbon tax

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Jim Kaemingk Trail
- West Front Street
- Line & Bradley
- Local Culvert Replacement
- Policy Statements

THANK YOU & QUESTIONS?

Briahna Murray, State Lobbyist
(253) 310-5477, bmurray@gth-gov.com