



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6769
September 16, 2025
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6769: 2025-2026 Work Plan Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	No action necessary. Receive report.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. 2025-2026 Work Plan Matrix
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	4. Focus efforts and actions to be an environmentally and fiscally sustainable, connected, and diverse community.

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the City Council with an update of the 2025-2026 Work Plan.

- As part of a year-long process leading up to the adoption of each biennial budget, staff work with the City Council to develop priorities that guide the budget process and the City's biennial work plan.
- The City's work plan is developed to meet legal (federal, state, and local) requirements as well as to achieve the City Council's priorities.
- The Work Plan matrix now includes all work items from the adopted 2025-2026 Budget, along with recent additions from the City Council and City Manager (see Exhibit 1).
- The Work Plan is organized by department to provide a clear picture of each department's responsibilities, with some items appearing in multiple departments due to shared responsibilities and the collaborative nature of the work.
- Staff are anticipating significant changes to the City's 2026 Work Plan to address the scope of work related to the August 2025 Final Decision and Order issued by the Growth Management Hearings Board. The City Council will hold a Planning Session in early January 2026 to review the proposed work plan changes.
- Next year the City Council will also begin developing the 2027-2028 Biennial Work Plan as part of the budget development process.

BACKGROUND

The City's work plan is developed both to ensure compliance with all applicable legal requirements - including federal, state, and local laws - and to implement and advance the strategic priorities established by the City Council. This dual focus ensures that the City operates lawfully and efficiently while also addressing the needs and expectations of the community through thoughtful policy direction and service delivery.

As part of a year-long process leading up to the adoption of each biennial budget, staff work with the City Council to develop priorities that guide the budget process and the City's biennial work plan. The 2025-2026 City Council Priorities are as follows:

Priority 1: Engage the qualified expertise necessary to provide the guidance to enable the development of a comprehensive long-range plan for Town Center which recognizes, addresses, and balances business, housing, and parking uses.

Priority 2: Sustain and enhance our natural environment, especially parks and open spaces, to benefit this generation and others that follow.

Priority 3: Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.

Priority 4: Focus efforts and actions to be an environmentally and fiscally sustainable, connected, and diverse community.

During the May 20, 2025 City Council meeting, staff provided an update and reviewed the 2025-2026 Work Plan ([AB 6688](#)).

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The 2025-2026 Work Plan (Exhibit 1) has been updated to reflect City Council directed changes to the work plan. The document also includes revisions made by the City Manager due to changing work priorities and impacts from the 2025 State Legislative Session.

NEXT STEPS

Staff are anticipating significant changes to the 2026 Work Plan to address the scope of work related to the August 2025 Final Decision and Order issued by the Growth Management Hearings Board. The City Council will hold a Planning Session in early January 2026 to review the proposed work plan changes. Next year the City Council will also begin developing the 2027-2028 Biennial Work Plan as part of the budget development process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report. No action necessary.