



# CITY OF TUALATIN

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Megan George, Deputy City Manager

**DATE:** January 13, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**  
Resolution No. 5858-25 Adopting the City of Tualatin's 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 5858-25 Adopting the City of Tualatin's 2025 Legislative Agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On May 13, 2024, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Thorn Run Partners, LLC ("Thorn Run") to provide government affairs and lobbying services for the City. Their scope of work includes activities at the State and Federal level including building relationships with legislators, facilitating development of project funding asks, and communicating progress with City staff and the City Council.

On July 29, 2024, and August 26, 2024, the City Council met with Thorn Run to learn more about their team, receive an overview of the legislative process at the State and Federal levels, discuss policy themes and priorities, and adopt a *2025 State Legislative Agenda*. In August, the City Council directed staff to return following the November 5, 2024, election with items to consider for a *2025 Federal Legislative Agenda*.

On December 9, 2024, the City Council met with Thorn Run to discuss a draft *2025 Federal Legislative Agenda*. The council's consensus was to include the following items in the agenda.

- Funding for 65<sup>th</sup>/Borland/Sagert Transportation Improvements Project.
- Increase Funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- Continue Funding for Community Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program.
- Continue Funding for Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program.
- Protect Local Government's Ability to Offer Tax Exempt Municipal Bonds.

**OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

Thorn Run's team will share the Legislative Agenda with Tualatin's congressional delegation. They will provide regular communication on policy discussions and funding opportunities and identify opportunities for the City Council to engage on the agenda and other relevant discussions.

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council may direct staff to make changes to the Legislative Agenda prior to adoption on January 13, 2025, or at a future date.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution 5858-25
- Exhibit A: City of Tualatin 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda