



2023 State Legislative Session Priorities

Acting on behalf of the residents and businesses of the City of Wilsonville and SMART, the City Council adopts this list of 2023 State Legislative Session Priorities, which accompanies the 2023-24 State Legislative Agenda, to promote municipal policy positions on specific issues of concern, as well as to reflect ad-hoc issues of the day for which long-term City policies may or may not address adequately but for which the City Council considers important in the 2023 session of the 82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly.

Wilsonville City Council, January 19, 2023

Top 2023 Legislative Session Priorities

The City has worked during 2022 with the Office of Representative Neron, Senator-elect Woods and Legislative Counsel to advance four City Council priority legislative concepts for 2023:

1. Aurora State Airport Coordinated Intergovernmental Planning Between Relevant State Agencies and Affected Local Governments with Land-Use Planning Sideboards

HB 2668 – Relating to transportation; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 197.732, 836.608 and 836.642. Establishes Aurora State Airport Advisory Council for purpose of developing intergovernmental planning agreement among its members. Requires land use decisions to be compatible with agreement. Sunsets January 2, 2037. Amends regulations regarding through the fence airports and use of transportation facilities as basis for land use goal exceptions.

2. SMART Service Territory Alignment with City Boundaries; Adjustment of TriMet District Boundary

HB 2666 – Relating to TriMet Requires the mass transit district known as TriMet to adopt ordinance to modify district boundaries to exclude specified territory. Provides that ordinance may not be referred to or by electors. Requires persons in specified territory to assess whether boundary change results in new tax liability.

3. ODOT Public Transportation Division Study of WES North Willamette Valley Extension to Salem from Wilsonville, with Stops in Donald, Woodburn and Keizer

HB 2662 – Relating to a study on extending the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem; and declaring an emergency. Requires Department of Transportation, in collaboration with Tri-Met and Portland & Western Railroad to study extending Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to transportation not later than September 15, 2024.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for study. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

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4. Reauthorize and Fund the Business Oregon Regionally Significant Industrial Sites (RSIS) Program

HB 2663 – Relating to industrial site readiness; creating new provisions; amending ORS 285B.627; and declaring an emergency. Extends sunset of Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program. Appropriates moneys for deposit in Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Additional 2023 Legislative Session Priorities

The City of Wilsonville City Council also supports an additional set of four 2023 Legislative Session Priorities, including:

- 5. Increase High-Speed Broadband Access and Distribution:** The COVID pandemic demonstrated the importance of access to high-speed Internet broadband for communications, education and other purposes. State support that leverages federal funds is key to increasing access to broadband Internet, especially for lower-income households.
- 6. Develop New Funding Programs to Subsidize Childcare Resources that Improve Workforce Availability:** The COVID pandemic demonstrated the key role that access to childcare provides for parents to participate in the workforce. A City survey of businesses and workers found a lack of childcare options that is severely limiting workforce participation, which is detrimental to our economy.
- 7. Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) Taskforce on Homelessness proposal** to humanely and timely address the homelessness crisis in Oregon as a partnership between the State of Oregon and its 241 cities. This partnership will allow for the establishment and expansion of local, community-based responses that provide immediate shelter, needed services, and secure safety for unhoused Oregonians.

During the 2023 legislative session, OMA proposes two separate, yet parallel, budget proposals for 1) a budget package that provides direct allocation to cities for homelessness response and prevention services; and 2) a budget package that provides capital improvement funding for cities.

- 8. League of Oregon Cities (LOC) 2023 legislative session priorities:**
 - Infrastructure Financing and Resilience and Funding for Critical Infrastructure for Needed Housing
 - Local Funding to Address Homelessness
 - Address Measure 110 Shortcomings
 - Economic Development Incentives
 - Community Resiliency and Wildfire Planning
 - Transportation Safety Enhancement
 - Full Funding and Alignment for State Land Use Initiatives
 - Lodging Tax Flexibility