

City of Shoreline 2024 State Legislative Priorities

- Work with legislative delegation to identify and seek Local Community Project funding for park-related planning resources that would allow the City to develop additional parks and open space for its growing community. Maintain visibility of the need for a community pool that can serve Shoreline residents and explore opportunities for advancing funding.
- Support legislation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, addresses climate change impacts across all sectors, and promotes sustainable practices, including direction of state and federal resources toward on-the-ground implementation of local climate action in key sectors, such as building electrification and electric vehicle adoption. Support direct distributions to cities from the Climate Commitment Act for city priorities that support carbon reduction and climate resiliency.
- Support legislation relating to transit-oriented development (TOD) that fosters effective residential and commercial development around major transportation nodes, captures value for high-priority public benefits, such as affordable housing, and remains supportive of the values and priorities that the City has already incorporated into its transit-oriented planning.
- Continue to support legislation that addresses homelessness and increases equitable access to housing through such actions and measures that strengthen and better enforce statewide renter protections, as well as incentives and support for local efforts to accommodate additional housing development, including affordable housing.
- Support statewide funding that allows greater access to the entire continuum of behavioral health services and substance use disorder treatment, for both adults and juveniles, including:
 - Enhancement of 911/first response system to better provide access to immediate, high-quality behavioral health services at the moment of high acuity behavioral health emergency;
 - Improved treatment resources—both capital and operating— for behavioral health needs, including inpatient and outpatient treatment; and

- Investments that support growing and retaining the workforce needed to support these system enhancements.
- Preserve City fiscal health with secure funding sources, including:
 - Efforts to review and revise both state and local tax structures so they rely less on regressive revenue options, without negatively impacting local revenue authority; and
 - Removal of the existing 1% property tax limitation, or revision that indexes it to inflation, population growth, or some related indicator.
- Continue to advance a watershed-based approach and strategic plan to correct local fishblocking culverts along with state culverts.
- Identify sustainable, ongoing transportation funding options for local jurisdictions, including Road Usage Charge, with flexibility to tailor funding to a community's needs.
- Support a producer responsibility program that requires consumer product stewardship and extended producer responsibility for consumer packaging that will help reduce the amount of waste entering the ocean by improving and expanding access to recycling infrastructure.