

CITY OF MARYSVILLE AGENDA BILL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR ACTION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 12/10/12

AGENDA ITEM: Snohomish County Cities Legislative Priorities	
PREPARED BY: Gloria Hirashima, Chief Administrative Officer	DIRECTOR APPROVAL:
DEPARTMENT: Executive	
ATTACHMENTS: 1. Legislative Priorities and Transportation Project list	
BUDGET CODE:	AMOUNT:

SUMMARY:

Cities within Snohomish County have worked collectively with Snohomish County, Economic Alliance of Snohomish County and the Port of Everett to formulate an agreed list of legislative priorities for the 2013 session. Each City, Snohomish County, Snohomish County cities and the Port are asked for their approval and support of the joint legislative agenda. This is a significant achievement for Snohomish County as there has never been agreement amongst the various governmental and business entities to endorse a single agenda.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve proposed legislative priorities.



Regional Priorities for Snohomish County

2013 State Legislative Agenda

Snohomish County Region: The Aerospace Capital of North America

- **45,000 direct jobs**
- **172 aerospace companies**
- **\$3.8 billion in wages**

The Snohomish County Region respectfully requests the state's assistance in **Education & Workforce, Transportation & Infrastructure, and Competitiveness** – all necessary to continuing to make our region the Aerospace Capital of North America, and a region where communities and businesses thrive.

Education & Workforce

- Expanding higher education opportunities in Snohomish County, specifically support for:
 - o **increasing access at community colleges and universities** by restoring funding, especially in high demand programs;
 - o new programs from University Center partners such as **WSU's electrical engineering, hospitality, and communications programs**;
 - o the strategic plan authorizing **the management transition of University Center to Washington State University**.
- Increased investment in **Edmonds and Everett Community Colleges to expand proven STEM training programs** which support our aerospace and advanced manufacturing sectors.
- Strengthening state and local initiatives to **improve STEM educational outcomes in the early learning and K-12 systems** to ensure our children have the skills to engage in the 21st Century economy.

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Pass a **robust, multimodal statewide transportation package** that addresses the highway and transit investments outlined in the *2013 Snohomish County Regional Transportation Priorities* list, and allocates a significant portion of revenue to local jurisdictions to meet system maintenance and operation demands.
- Expand **local revenue options to assist local governments and transportation agencies, including transit**, in addressing the specific needs of their businesses and residents.
- Improve the **Port of Everett's ability to handle a variety of different cargos in support of our aerospace and advanced manufacturing sectors**, specifically roll-on/roll-off capabilities.
- Maintain **sufficient funding in support of county and state Public Works Trust Funds (PWTF), Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), County Road Administration Board (CRAB) and programs** to ensure the county and all cities have access to the funds necessary to make critical infrastructure improvements.
- Address communities impacted by growing freight train traffic by **prioritizing grade separation projects**.

Competitiveness

- Support Snohomish County's efforts to maintain **competitive property tax rates**. Without legislative clarification, the County will need to respond to a Department of Revenue audit by either raising property taxes or cutting the County general fund by \$3.4 million.
- Enable **"value capture financing"** to allow local governments to make the necessary infrastructure investments to reactivate underutilized properties and promote long-term sustainability, as allowed by most other states.
- Provide **additional flexibility to local governments to mitigate the impacts of costly mandates** such as public records abuses, indigent defense, and declining state-shared revenues.
- Maintain **tax incentives and credits that help retain and attract aerospace and advanced manufacturing companies** to our region.

This Legislative Agenda expresses regional priorities from Economic Alliance Snohomish County, Snohomish County, Snohomish County Cities, and Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation.

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Key Transportation Corridors & Projects

October 2012

Economic Alliance Snohomish County continues to collaborate with the Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation (SCCIT), Snohomish County and our private and public sector investors to identify, prioritize and advocate for completion of projects which support regional economic development goals.

The following highway and transit project list assumes a statewide transportation package of \$15 billion dollars with Snohomish County projects receiving approximately \$1.75 billion of funding, as the County represents over 10% of the state's total population. If either a statewide package is not advanced in 2013 or the package is significantly smaller, we would seek a combination of funding for right of way acquisition, engineering or design or of each of these projects.

Project	Cost (millions)	Impacts
<u>Aerospace Sector</u>		
US 2 Trestle (phase 1)	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical E-W corridor connecting aerospace and military clusters with workforce housing • Community Transit "Transit Emphasis Corridor"
SR 531: 43rd Ave NE – SR 9 Widening	\$110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports aerospace/advanced manufacturing incubator at Arlington Airport by completing I-5 to SR 9 corridor • Enhances freight mobility within Aerospace IPZ • Community Transit "Transit Emphasis Corridor"
SR 526: Hardsen Rd Interchange (Interchange Justification Report may be required prior to proceeding with project, est. \$4 million)	\$44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhances freight mobility within Aerospace IPZ • Reduces truck delay 815 hrs/day, general traffic 4,000 hrs/day • Boeing and aerospace suppliers have endorsed the value of this project in improving access to the SW Everett Industrial District
41st Street Freight Corridor/SR 529 Re-designation (phases 1 & 2)	\$37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates "freight-friendly" corridor between Port of Everett and I-5 • Reduces truck delay 502 hrs/day, general traffic 3,700 hrs/day • FMSIB Corridor
I-5 NB Shoulder Lanes (phase 1): Marine View Drive to SR 528	\$35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves throughput between Everett and Marysville • Enhances freight mobility within Aerospace IPZ • Community Transit "Transit Emphasis Corridor"
Everett Mall Way to SB I-5 Access	\$4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relieves stress on Everett Mall Way-SR 526 Intersection by providing additional access or other system improvements
TOTAL Aerospace Sector: \$480 million		
<u>East-West Job Corridors</u>		
SR 522: Paradise Lake Rd to Snohomish River Bridge	\$137	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes corridor linking US 2, I-405 and Seattle • Community Transit "Transit Emphasis Corridor"
SR 524: 24th Ave W to SR 527 Widening	\$100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete E-W corridor connecting I-5 and SR 527 • Community Transit "Transit Emphasis Corridor"
US 2: Monroe Bypass (phase 1)	\$47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces strain on only alternative freight corridor to I-90 • Improves safety and congestion on US 2 through Monroe • Community Transit "Transit Emphasis Corridor"
TOTAL East-West Job Corridors: \$284 million		
<u>SR 9 Corridor</u>		
SR 9: Snohomish River Bridge	\$109	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues expansion of alternative N-S, FMSIB corridor • Engineering work funded in 2012 transportation package • CT "Transit Emphasis Corridor"

SR 9 Corridor (cont.)

SR 9: 176th St SE to SR 96 – Add additional NB lane	\$65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes 4-lanes from Sno-King line to City of Snohomish • Continues expansion of alternative N-S, FMSIB corridor • CT “Transit Emphasis Corridor”
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TOTAL SR 9 Corridor: \$174 million

Transit / BRT

Transit Operating & Maintenance Assistance	\$200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands service Swift BRT on transit emphasis corridors • Increases service connect employment centers • Restores countywide Sunday service
SR 524: 48th Ave W to 37th Ave W Widening	\$14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports BAT lanes on "Transit Emphasis Corridor" • Increases connectivity between I-5 and SR 99
SWIFT II – Federal Feasibility & Environmental Study	\$1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate and determines feasibility for a second BRT line to connect employment centers with cost-effective high capacity transit (alignment TBD)

TOTAL Transit/BRT: \$215 million

Freight / Grade Separation

SR 104: Main St./Dayton St.	\$80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undercrossing removes at-grade crossing at WSF Edmonds Terminal (second most productive WSF route) • Increases access to Port of Edmonds employment center • Creates vital EMS link to Port and W Edmonds
SR 529/SR 528 Half Diamond	\$60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases freight mobility at Riverside Business Park and industrial properties in North Everett and South Marysville • Relieves major congestion SR 528/BNSF at-grade crossing
1-5: 156th St NE Interchange	\$42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes stress at BNSF at-grade crossings which cannot be easily mitigated (88th St NE, 116th St NE) • Improves access to North Marysville, Quil Ceda Village and Smokey Point employment centers

TOTAL Freight/Grade Separation: \$182 million

Local Job Centers

1-5: 116th St NE Interchange	\$42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves access to North Marysville and Quil Ceda Village employment centers • Construction ready
Poplar Way Extension Bridge	\$36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates E-W link reducing congestion on I-5 & SR 524 • Supports PSRC Lynnwood Regional Growth Center • Supports CT’s “Transit Emphasis Corridor” on SR 524
Local Priority Project Fund (\$1-6 million per project)	\$30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports small-scale local economic development infrastructure projects to create jobs, improve mobility, and promote local economic vitality

TOTAL Local Job Centers: \$108 million

Maintenance & Preservation

Countywide Bridge, Highway and Arterial Maintenance and Preservation	\$307	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevents catastrophic failure and necessary maintenance of previous public infrastructure investments • Assumes 25% of total Snohomish County package
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TOTAL Maintenance & Preservation: \$307 million

TOTAL SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE: \$1,750 million