



# 2021 Legislative Session Report

PRESENTED TO: City of Marysville

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# 2021 Legislative Session Overview

- Session began on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – running for 105-days, concluding April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Biennial Budgets: Operating, Capital and Transportation approved.
  - Separately, New revenue Transportation Package did not pass in 2021, conversation will continue in 2022.
- Provided \$1 billion for rental and utility assistance.
- Provided more than \$400 million for broadband enhancement programs.
- State added \$10 million to cannabis revenue sharing. This brings the total up to \$40 million, matching what was promised to cities and counties in 2015.
- Funded remaining state-shared revenues at expected levels.
- Created a new \$20 million city assistance fund for one-time costs associated with policing and criminal justice reforms.
- Funded the Public Works Trust Fund with \$129 million for competitive loans and provided other needed infrastructure funding. This is the largest investment since the 2009-11 biennium.
- Addressed homelessness through \$175 million for the Housing Trust Fund. Nearly \$120 million in capital investments for rapid rehousing grants and housing and homelessness projects. \$42 million for utility improvement or connection grants to local entities to support affordable housing
- Significant investments made in behavioral health funding, including \$13 million to assist in the redevelopment of Compass Health's Broadway campus.



# Priority Issues

- **Cascade Industrial Center, HB 1386** – Local property tax exemption re-authorized.
- **Centennial Trail Connector** – Marysville / Lake Steven's trail connector, funded at \$515,000.
- **156th Street NE Overcrossing** – \$1M design funding request, not funded.
- **Grove Street Overcrossing** – \$24M Transportation Package advocacy / funding request, construction funding included in Sen. Hobbs' proposed package, Forward WA.



# House Bill 1386, MIC Re-Auth

HB 1386, Rep. Wicks: “Modifying the property tax exemption for the value of new construction of industrial/manufacturing facilities in targeted urban areas.”

- Expands eligibility for the targeted urban area property tax exemption (TUA Exemption) to allow any city or town to utilize the program.
- Expands eligible facilities for purposes of the TUA Exemption to include those facilities categorized with a transportation use.
- Specifies certain labor specifications that must be given priority by a city when evaluating applications for a TUA Exemption.
- Increases the average wage required for a family living wage job to \$23 and requires that health care benefits be provided for purposes of the TUA Exemption.

## Timeline:

- Public hearing in House Finance Committee: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Vote in the House: passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1
- Public hearing in Senate Ways & Means Committee: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Vote in the Senate: passed; yeas, 47; nays, 2 absent, 0; excused, 0
- Governor signed: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – effective date; 7/25/21



# Future Transportation Package

## Senator Hobbs' Proposed Transportation Package Details:

- **\$17.8 Billion** – plan partially funded through a statewide cap and invest program, and relies on a 9.8 cent gas tax, a statewide transportation benefit assessment, a shift of the car sales and use tax on EVs/Hybrids (starting in 2026), and other vehicle and licensing fees.
- Contains:
  - Funding for the replacement of the I-5 Columbia River Bridge.
  - Funding for a rebuild of the US 2 Trestle in Snohomish County.
  - Increased investments for special needs transit, rural mobility grants, commute trip reduction, transit fare reduction, as well as increased bike and pedestrian accessibility.
  - Billions in needed maintenance and preservation work including numerous investments for repairs to roads, highways and bridges throughout the state.
- SB 5481, SB 5481, and SB 5483 were heard in Senate Transportation Committee on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Executive action taken, passed out of committee on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- No further action taken.



# Legislator Relationships

## ➤ Sponsors:

- Capital Budget Request: **Rep. Mike Sells, Senator Robinson**
- Transportation Budget Request: **Rep. Emily Wicks, Senator Robinson**

## ➤ Representation:

- **38<sup>th</sup> LD** – Rep. Emily Wicks, Rep. Mike Sells, Senator June Robinson
- **39<sup>th</sup> LD** – Rep. Carolyn Eslick, Rep. Robert Sutherland, Senator Keith Wagoner
- **44<sup>th</sup> LD** – Rep. April Berg, John Lovick, Senator Steve Hobbs



# Process Observations & Recommendations

- Developed a plan for interim activities leading up to 2021 session, including identifying bill sponsorship / bill drafting.
- Continued established process between S360 & Marysville.
- Regular/as needed communication occurred with the Mayor and City Administrator.
- Leadership trips to Olympia have worked very well and made a positive impression in the past. During the 2021 session, advocacy occurred entirely virtually due to the Capitol Campus closure.



# Looking Back

- Strategies 360 has worked for Marysville for 14 years (2007)
- Passed Three Policy Bills:
  1. PUD water system consolidation
  2. Optional local tax exemption for jobs in MIC (re-authorized in 2021)
  3. Housing of sex offenders
- Secured numerous Capital Budget Grants & Transportation Budget Grants:
  - 2017 Transportation Budget - \$500,000 for the Centennial Trail Connector – Phase 3
  - 2018 Supplemental Transportation budget - \$500,000 for design work on Grove Street Overcrossing.
  - 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget - \$500,000 funding for Olympic View Park.
  - 2019 Capital Budget - \$1 million for development and historical preservation of the Ebey Slough waterfront.
  - 2019 Capital Budget - \$305,000 for Cedar Field improvements.
  - 2019 Capital Budget - \$642,000 for Centennial Trail extension.
  - 2020 Supplemental Capital Budget - \$300,000 for Ebey Waterfront Trail.





# 2015 Transportation Package

## 2015 Connecting Washington Wins:

- \$50 million for the full interchange at SR 529 and I-5
- \$50 million for 116<sup>th</sup> St and 88<sup>th</sup> St interchanges at I-5
- \$42 million for a full interchange at 156<sup>th</sup> St and I-5
- \$34 million to improve I-5 from Marine View Drive to SR 528



Questions?

