

2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Thurston Regional Planning Council

INNOVATIVE, EQUITABLE, AND EFFICIENT SOLUTIONS

The Thurston Region enjoys a long history of collaboration among state and local decision-makers. As we face growing economic, environmental, and infrastructure challenges – as well as federal uncertainty – we must strengthen those partnerships. No one wins when the state raids local programs to meet its obligations. Our residents rely on our ability to work together for innovative, equitable, and efficient solutions.

TRANSPORTATION

Crumbling infrastructure, limited options, environmental concerns, inadequate maintenance funding. TRPC & other regional partners are working with the Washington State Department of Transportation on short-, medium-, & long-term solutions.



I-5. Thanks for 2018 funding. We must continue the momentum on this critical planning, using the findings to identify alternatives, perform analysis, & continue to engage the public through the National & State Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA) processes. This will help hone mid-term (10-year) & long-term (20-year) actions & evaluate their potential beneficial & adverse impacts to prepare the region & state for implementation.

2019-2021 Transportation Budget Proposal: \$4.5 million for NEPA/SEPA Work. This next planning phase will benefit from the substantial work the region will complete by July 2019 through the Legislature's initial investment & the additional funds leveraged by project partners. The NEPA/SEPA analysis would likely be project-specific for identified mid-term actions & more programmatic for long-term actions.

WSDOT's Ongoing I-5 System Partnership focuses on the entire I-5 corridor from Marysville through Tumwater. The Thurston Region is working with the System Partnership effort as the Tumwater to DuPont I-5 stretch is one of two initial pilot areas. Advancing the NEPA/SEPA process for this smaller stretch of I-5 provides an excellent test case for the System Partnership approach in moving from planning toward program & project implementation.

TRPC supports proposals to study passenger ferry service throughout Puget Sound and to provide additional funding to Regional Transportation Planning Organizations to support their critical regional responsibilities.



Maintain & Grow Public Transportation. Provide state funding for interregional services, capital, & operating investments.



Preserve & Maintain the Multimodal System & Complete Current Projects. Includes state highways, local roads, bridges, & bike & pedestrian facilities.

Shared Revenue

We share the responsibility for supporting healthy thriving communities. Restore the state partnership commitment.



Equitably Share Liquor & Marijuana Revenues with the local jurisdictions who provide regulatory guidance & enforcement.



Fully Fund Local Options for Transportation, Environment, Economic Development, Homelessness, & Affordable Housing, such as Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), County Road Administration Board (CRAB), Model Toxics Control Account (MCTA), Associate Development Organizations (ADO).



Fully Fund Planning to maintain compliance with state law.