

2025 State Legislative Session Update

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Agenda

1. Review Bellevue's State Legislative Agenda
 - Key Priorities
2. 2025 Legislative Session Budget Deliberations
 - Evaluating Revenue Proposals
3. Timeline



2025 Legislative Session

- First year of the two-year biennium, 105-day session
- Develop 2025-27 budgets
 - Operating
 - Transportation
 - Capital
- Over 2,000 bills
- House of Origin cutoff



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2025 State Legislative Agenda



- Adopted in October 2024
- Serves as our compass
 - Legislative Reception (Dec. 10)
 - Bellevue Day (Feb. 7)
- Primary lens used to assess funding opportunities, as well as develop strategies on priorities
 - Everyday bill analysis
 - Testimony
 - Sign-ins
 - Coalition building
 - Ongoing delegation work



Key Priority: Bellevue Grand Connection

Downtown Integration Project

Capital Budget request to improve safety and accessibility of City Hall Plaza (\$900,000)

- ✓ Submitted budget request

I-405 Crossing: Downtown to Eastrail

Request for partnership of \$50 million

- ✓ Working with delegation, committee leadership and stakeholders
- ☐ Potential transportation funding package



Key Priority: Transportation

I-405/SR 167 Corridor

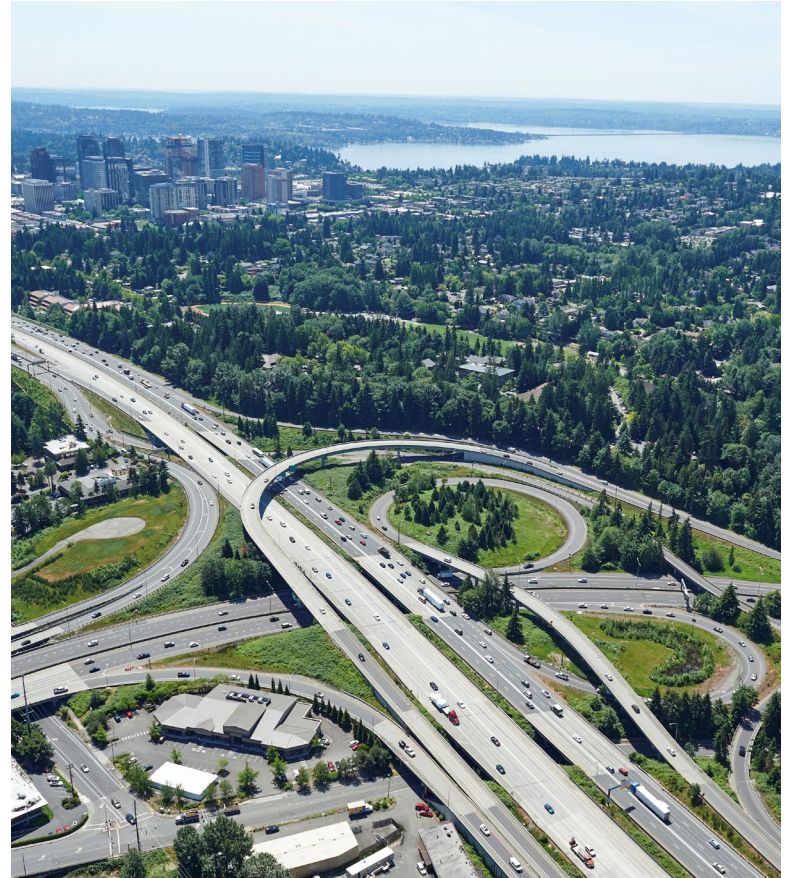
\$94.1 million funding gap for four projects currently in construction

- ✓ Included in Governor's proposed budget
- ✓ Coordinated & submitted coalition letter

SR 520/124th Avenue NE Interchange

Support construction funding for interchange, fish passage, and multimodal realignment

- ✓ Submitted budget request



Key Priority: Digital Permitting

Support eCityGov Alliance budget request

Funding to modernize
MyBuildingPermit.com to remain an
industry-leading, digital permitting
technology solution (\$2.7 million)

- ✓ Coalition funding request
submitted



201912 Polaris at Eastgate

Welcome to MyBuildingPermit

One-stop portal for development service applications,
inspection scheduling, permit status information,
and tip sheets for government agencies.



Key Priority: Affordable Housing

Implementation support

Provide adequate funding, resources, and time necessary to implement recent state land use and housing legislation

- Transit-oriented development (HB 1491)
- Lot-splitting (HB 1096, SB 5559)
- Parking minimums (SB 5184)
- Housing Accountability Act (SB 5148)

Flexible funding options

- REET Legislation (HB 1791)



2025 Session Budget Deliberations



- Budget shortfall
 - Operating
 - Transportation
- Governor's reductions
- Revenue proposals

Ensure that state-shared revenues currently distributed to local jurisdictions remain at existing levels.

Consider whether the effect of budget proposals devolves State responsibilities to local jurisdictions.



Evaluating Revenue Proposals

Sustainable strategies that:

- ☐ Demonstrate fiscal responsibility to support economic prosperity
- ☐ Maintain long-term competitiveness, foster innovation, growth
- ☐ Attract talent to state and local communities
- ☐ Are derived from less volatile or economically-sensitive sources
- ☐ Promote fair competition among businesses without disproportionate impact on size or industry
- ☐ Ensure jurisdictions and taxpayers can plan for their futures

Timeline

Budget Steps:

- ❑ **March 18:** Revenue and economic forecast released
- ❑ **March 24:** Budget proposals begin to roll out
- ❑ **March 24 – 29** (anticipated): Committee hearings

Key Legislative Dates:

- ❑ **April 2:** Opposite chamber policy committee cutoff
- ❑ **April 9:** Opposite chamber fiscal committee cutoff
- ❑ **April 16:** Opposite chamber cutoff
- ❑ **April 27:** On-time adjournment



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