

# 2025 State Legislative Agenda

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# Direction

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and consider adoption of a State Legislative Agenda in advance of the 2025 legislative session.



# Agenda

- 2025 Session Preview
- Draft Legislative Agenda
  - Key Legislative Priorities
  - State Policy Statement
- AWC Priority Issues
- Next Steps



# 2025 Legislative Session Preview

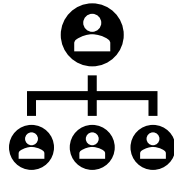
- Begins January 13, 2025
- 105-day (“long”) session
- Budget Adoption
  - Operating
  - Capital
  - Transportation



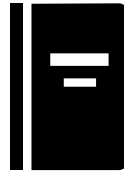
# Leading up to Session



**Election Day**  
Nov. 5



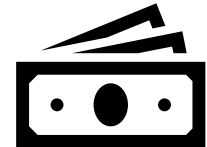
**Legislative  
Reorganization**  
Post-election



**Pre-filing of  
Legislation**  
Early-Dec.

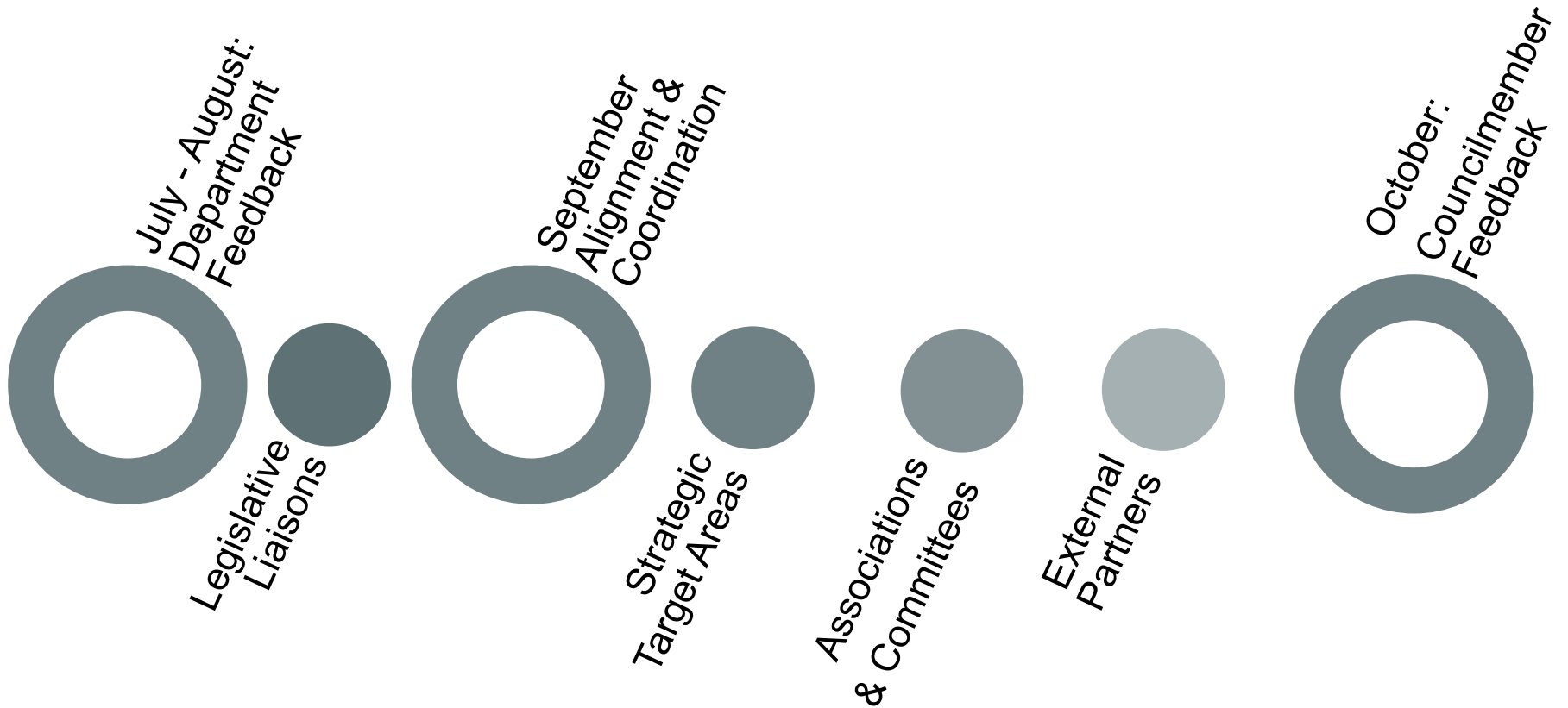


**Legislative  
Committee Days**  
Week of Dec. 9



**Governor's  
Budget**  
No later than  
Dec. 20

# Legislative Agenda Development



# Elements of the State Agenda

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- Key Legislative Priorities
- State Policy Statement



# Key Priorities: Downtown Integration

## Bellevue Grand Connection: Downtown Integration Project

Capital Budget request to improve safety and accessibility of City Hall Plaza





# Key Priorities: Transportation

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## **Bellevue Grand Connection - I-405 Crossing: Downtown to Eastrail**

Request for partnership if a transportation funding package is developed in 2025

## **SR 520/124th Avenue NE Interchange (WSDOT)**

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

## **I-405/SR 167 Corridor (WSDOT)**

Support improvements that maximize the effectiveness of the 50-mile Express Toll Lane system, including the Renton to Bellevue Contract 3 project



# Key Priorities: Permitting, Housing

## Digital Permitting

Support the eCityGov Alliance request to modernize  
*MyBuildingPermit.com*



## Affordable Housing

Support flexible funding options for local jurisdictions that address affordable housing.

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



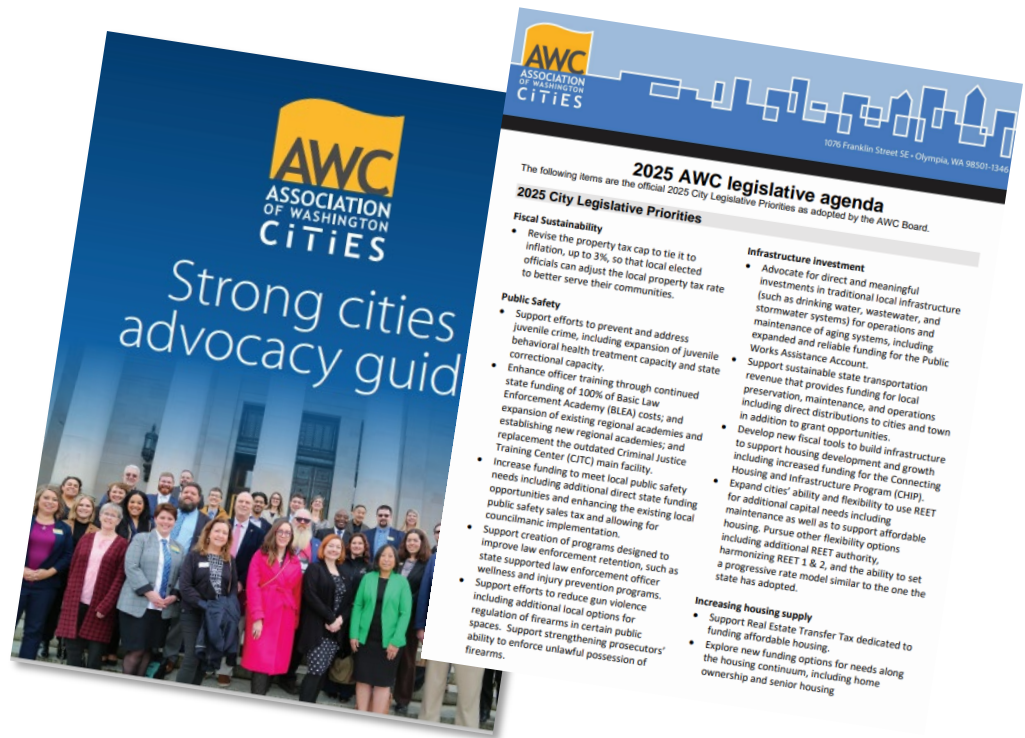
# 2025 State Policy Statement

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- **High Performance Government**, including fiscal sustainability
- **Vibrant Economy**, including economic and workforce development
- **Safe & Efficient Transportation**
- **High Quality Built & Natural Environment**, including utilities, land use and stewardship
- **Community Safety & Health**, including first responders, law enforcement, justice
- **Thriving People & Communities**, including behavioral health and access to housing

# AWC 2025 Legislative Agenda

- Fiscal Sustainability
- Public Safety
- Infrastructure Investment
- Increasing Housing Supply
- Increase Behavioral Health Treatment Capacity



# Next Steps

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- **November & December:**
  - Advance Key Legislative Priorities, including partner discussion and developing budget requests
  - Identify 2025 session dates when Bellevue will be in Olympia
- **December 2: 41<sup>st</sup> & 48<sup>th</sup> Legislator Briefing (Bellevue)**
- **January 13, 2025: Legislative Session Begins**
- **February 19-20, 2025: AWC's City Action Days**





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