



City of Bellevue

2026 - 2027 City of Bellevue Federal Agenda

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Direction

Discuss and consider potential adoption of a 2026-2027 Federal Agenda for federal level policy and funding advocacy

Bellevue's Federal Agenda

- Drafted annually in Q2
- Bellevue's federal compass
 - Communicate priorities to Congress and federal agencies
 - Compete for federal funding
 - Strengthen relationships with delegation members and staff
 - Alignment with long-term city goals and Council's Strategic Target Areas




City of Bellevue 2025-2026
Federal Agenda

Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength.
We embrace the future while respecting our past.

Key Federal Priorities

Transportation and Mobility
Bellevue's growing residential and business community requires a transportation system that is sustainable, reliable and predictable. We appreciate the opportunity created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for cities to apply directly for competitive grants. Bellevue's mobility, land use, equity, and climate goals depend on a robust and integrated transportation network.




■ **Grand Connection Crossing:** Bellevue will improve access and economic activity to the second-largest regional jobs center in Puget Sound by constructing a multimodal bridge over I-405. The east-west crossing will connect more than half a million people via a regional trail network, including the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail and Easttrail. Bellevue supports King County's award for \$25 million in BUILD funding for Easttrail.

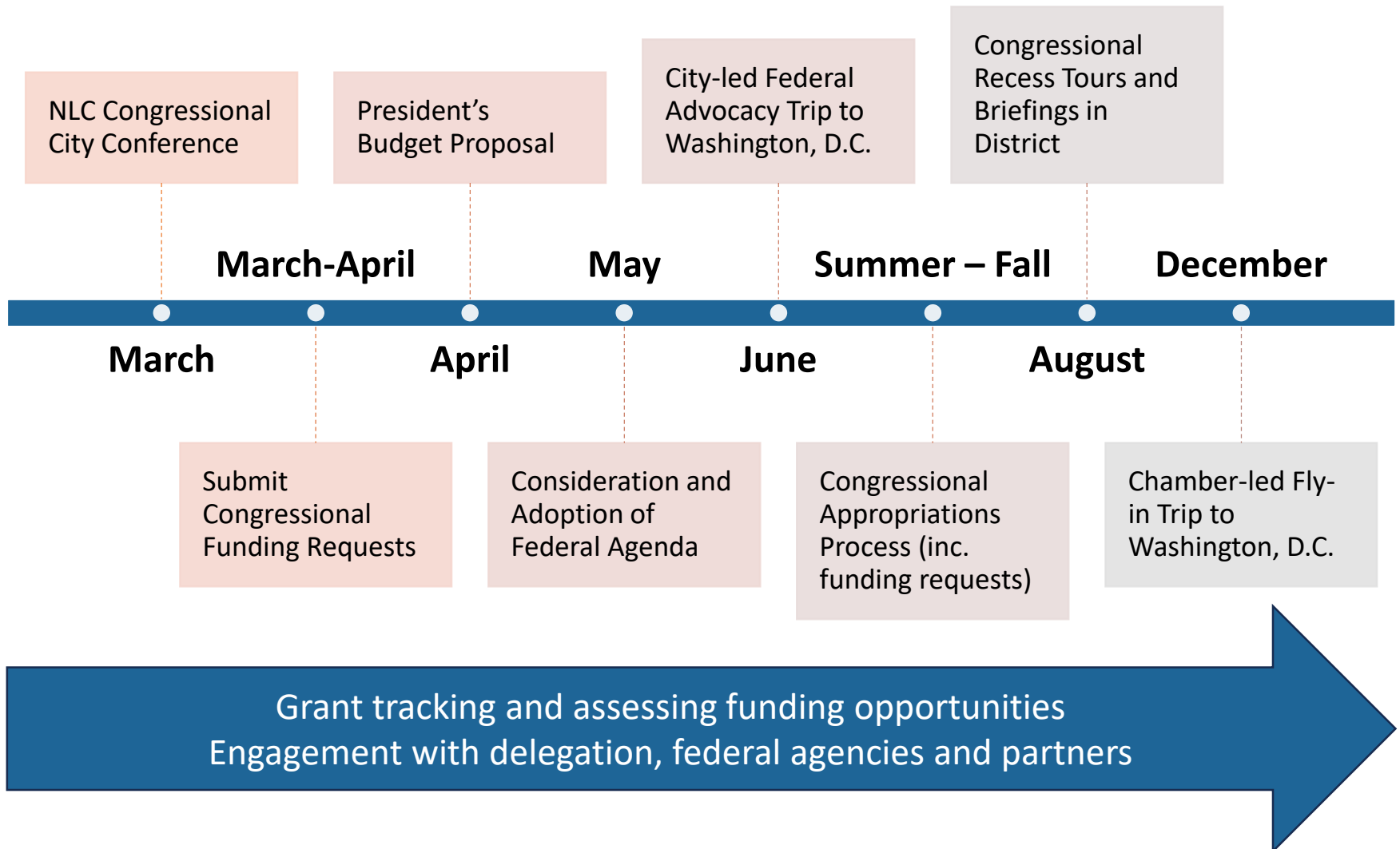
Planned vision of the Grand Connection pedestrian corridor

The Grand Connection Crossing project reached the 30 percent design milestone in 2025. Alongside private partners and community supporters, the city is seeking support for congressionally directed spending in FY26 and will seek federal competitive grants support for construction in coming years.

■ **Smart City technology:** Bellevue's Smart Mobility Plan will manage growth and improve safety by leveraging technology to optimize transportation systems across the city. Investments will help the city plan for shared-use mobility, autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, and data management. In 2024, Bellevue was awarded a USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program Stage 1 grant award to help deploy pedestrian-focused technology treatments. Bellevue plans to apply for Stage 2 funding in 2025, which would enable the city to expand this program more broadly.

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Federal Timeline (typical)



Outcomes from 2025-2026

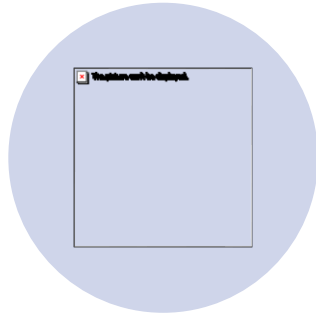
FY2026 Congressional Funding Awards

Lake Washington Sanitary Sewer Lake Lines Program	Funds will help to complete the Management Plan focused on policy development, financial analysis, and capital program development.	\$500,000	Awarded - Rep. DelBene - Sen. Cantwell
Bellevue Grand Connection: I-405 Crossing	Funds will support the completion of the 30%-100% design.	\$2M	Awarded - Rep. Smith - Sen. Cantwell

Policy and Projects:

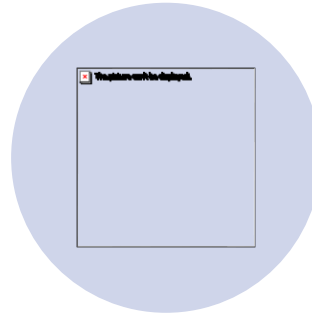
- Core funding programs were preserved, such as Community Development Block Grants
- Advocated for financing for multi-family affordable housing projects, leading to a LIHTC expansion
- Positioned pedestrian-focused technology projects for future funding

Federal Context



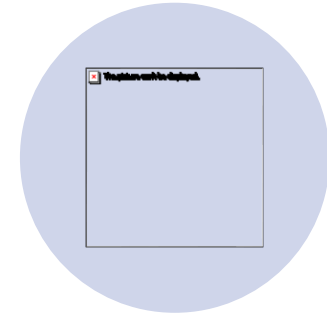
IMPACTS OF FY2026 BUDGET

- Congress retained key local programs
- April 30: Partial shutdown of DHS ended



FY2027 BUDGET PROCESS

- April 3: President's proposal released
- Next: Congress reviews and negotiates final funding levels



KEY FEDERAL POLICY ISSUES

- Reauthorizations: transportation and water infrastructure
- Housing: supply and affordability

2026-2027 Federal Agenda - Draft

Key priorities

- **Transportation & Mobility:**
Safer Signals, Safe Streets for All, RapidRide K Line, Eastrail
- **Essential Water Infrastructure:**
Utility funding, emerging contaminants, culverts
- **Housing & Safety Net:**
Affordable housing, safety net programs

Policy statement

- Immigrant & refugee community support
- Public safety & first responders
- Innovation, emerging technology & cybersecurity
- Fiscal sustainability & governance
- Economic & workforce development
- Resilient infrastructure & energy
- I-405/SR 167 corridor

Congressional Funding (FY2027)

Submitted FY2027 Funding Requests

Safer Signals Program: Real-Time Traffic Signal Safety Interventions

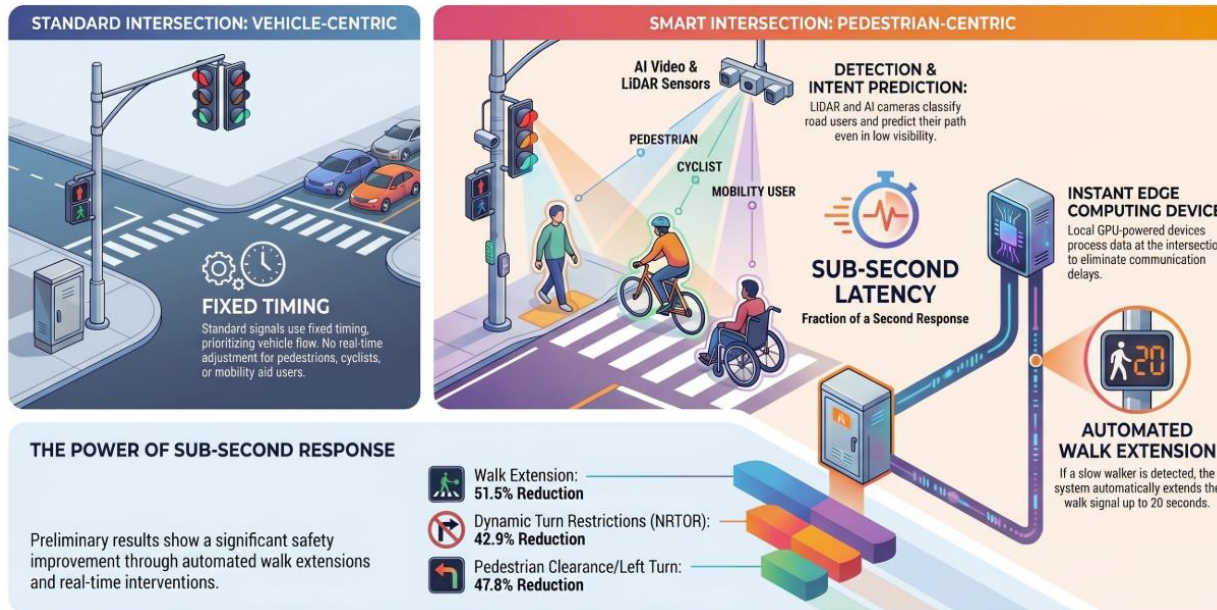
Funds would help implement the Real-Time Traffic Signal Safety Interventions pilot (U.S. Department of Transportation SMART Grant Program award) by deploying technology that enables real-time signal timing adjustments to reduce vehicle–pedestrian conflicts at high-risk intersections.

\$1M Requested

Transportation,
Housing and Urban
Development

Advanced

- Rep. Smith



Next Steps



City-led federal advocacy trip (June)



Congressional appropriations process tracking (summer and fall)



Congressional recess tours and briefings in district (August, year-round)



Engagement with delegation, federal agencies and partners (ongoing)



Represent Bellevue's federal priorities at boards/committees (ongoing)



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