

# 2023 State Legislative Agenda

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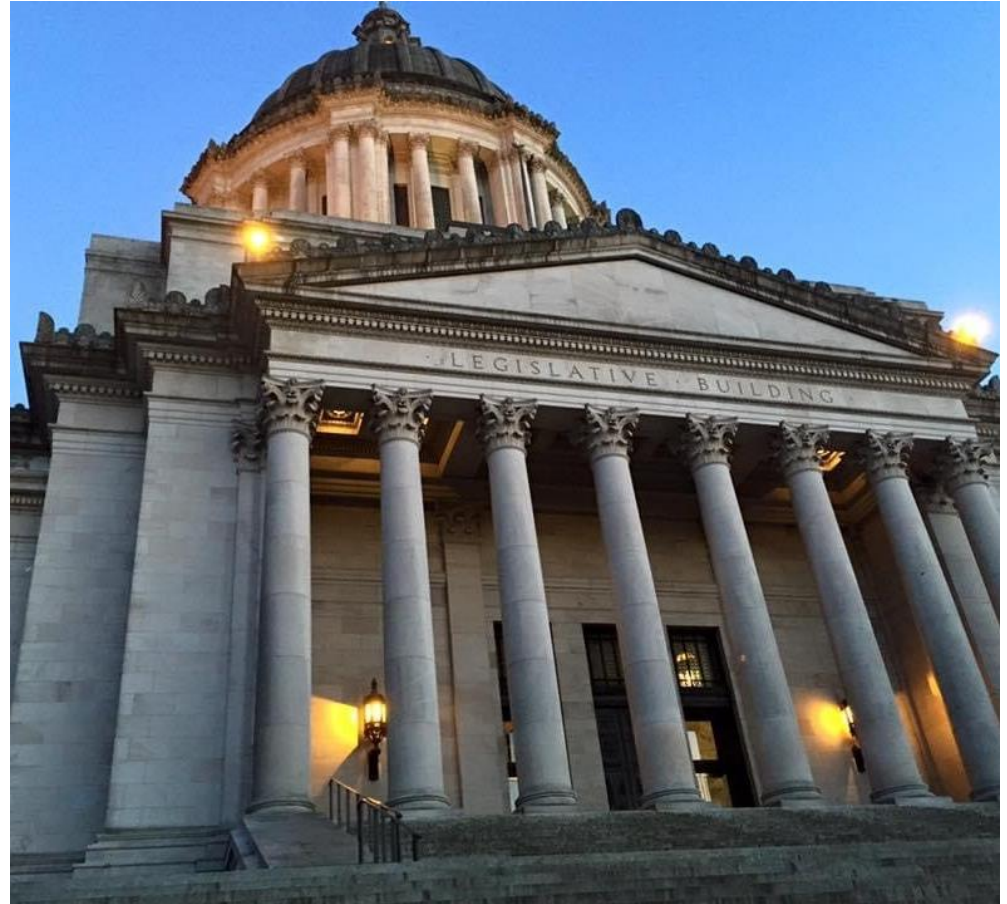
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# Agenda

- Upcoming Session
- Draft 2023 State Legislative Agenda
  - Priorities
  - Statement of Policy



# 2023 Legislative Session

- Begins January 9
- 105-day “long” session
- Majorities will remain unchanged
- Will craft three budgets
  - Operating
  - Capital
  - Transportation
- Revenue Review
  - November 18



# Draft State Legislative Agenda – Priorities

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## Affordable Housing and Land Use

- Legislators will again introduce bills with “missing middle” zoning mandates.
- AWC convened a workgroup, including Bellevue, to identify a compromise package.
- Cities agree that zoning alone will not solve the affordable housing crisis, and cities want to offer constructive approaches to density issues.
- State investments, as well as local option incentives and tools are important to successfully build affordable housing.



# Draft State Legislative Agenda – Priorities

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## Transportation

- We do not expect a new transportation revenue package in 2023.
- Bellevue was one of the few cities that had several transportation priorities funded in 2022.
  - \$450 million for I-405
  - About \$25 million for MTSG, Wilburton Trestle and I-90 Steel Bridge via Move Ahead Washington (MAW)
- In 2023, there will be stiff competition for phasing the MAW projects.



# Draft State Legislative Agenda – Priorities

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- Affordable Housing and Land Use
- Transportation
- Services and Infrastructure for a Growing Community



# Draft State Legislative Agenda – Statement of Policy

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- Homelessness and Human Services
- Climate and the Environment
- Fiscal Sustainability, Financing Tools, and General Government
- Equity and Social Justice
- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Public Works and Infrastructure
- Economic Development and Workforce
- AWC Legislative Priorities
- Implementing Bellevue's Vision and Priorities





# Association of Washington Cities Legislative Priorities

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Adopted at the end of October:

- [wacities.org/advocacy/City-Legislative-Priorities](https://wacities.org/advocacy/City-Legislative-Priorities)
- Respond to the Blake decision
- Address vehicle pursuits for public safety
- Ensure basic infrastructure funding
- Increase housing availability & affordability
- Provide behavioral health resources

City Action Days: February 15-16, 2023



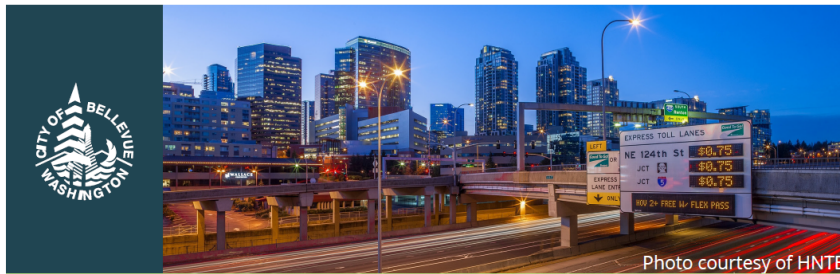


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## 2022 State Legislative Agenda

### Growth, Economic Vitality and Recovering from COVID-19:

Bellevue has experienced exponential growth over the last several years which is expected to continue with another 30,000 jobs expected by 2025. The economic vitality of Bellevue and the Eastside of Lake Washington provides an excellent return on investment for the regional and the state economy. Continued infrastructure investments by the state are urgently needed and are critical to sustain this growth and economic vitality. Bellevue supports state incentives for partnerships that advance transportation and other critical infrastructure projects and urges the Legislature to eliminate barriers to partnerships, including restrictions on the use of state land.

Small businesses and micro-businesses throughout the state, including Bellevue, are struggling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City urges the Legislature to adopt a statewide economic recovery strategy that includes additional financial support for businesses and continues to invest in workforce development. The City requests that the state preserve and increase city state-shared revenues and provide greater flexibility to cities through the pandemic and the recovery from the pandemic.

**Social and Criminal Justice:** Implicit bias and racism exist throughout our society. Bellevue recognizes the need to address racism and implicit bias and supports systemic reforms that are timely, reasonable and effective. Specifically, the City supports proposals that address reforms in the criminal justice system that bring equity to our institutional practices and provide greater safety for communities that have been historically harmed by racism and implicit bias. The City also supports proposals that build upon reform proposals enacted in 2021 to provide greater clarification and

implementation direction, due to the complexities and nuances of police practices and to provide for consistent implementation across the state. The City supports efforts to fill gaps in existing local public safety response, including enhanced professional mental health services and other social support services. Bellevue supports the expansion of mobile integrated healthcare and services for those experiencing mental and emotional crisis on an emergency basis. Bellevue supports state funding to augment locally funded programs that build community capacity to address racial equity and inclusion initiatives such as the City of Bellevue's Diversity Advantage Plan, Communities of Color Program and the Cross-Cultural Center Project.

**Transportation Investments:** The strength of our region's economy depends on a multimodal, well integrated, and well-performing transportation network to reliably move people and goods within and between job centers.

### Timely Completion of Projects Along the I-405/SR 167 Corridor:

In 2019, the Legislature authorized tolling and the bonding of toll revenue on the entire I-405/SR 167 corridor to generate funds to continue implementation of the I-405 Master Plan and fund much-needed improvements on this critical transportation route. Bellevue urges the state to honor its commitment to make these improvements in a timely manner to ensure that the planned bus rapid transit service can be constructed on this vital corridor.

Bellevue encourages the state to adopt a transportation revenue package to fund new projects and maintenance and preservation of the state and local system, including enhanced funding for programs such as the

## Invest in Bellevue

A GREAT RETURN FOR ALL OF WASHINGTON

**\$1.2 Billion Tax Revenue**

Returned to the state government in 2021 by Bellevue businesses and residents

**\$624 Million Sales Tax**

second largest producer sales tax in the state

**\$233 Million B&O Tax**

**220 Million State School Property Tax**

**\$162 Million REET Tax**

### ESTMENT

**\$2.3 Billion**

in private investment in Bellevue along light rail

**126,000**

workers used the region's multi-modal transportation network to commute into Bellevue in 2019

**5 Percent**

Washington's exports originate the Eastside

**Million**

in 2019, creating \$1.79 billion in regional economic impact



# Action

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