



2023 State Legislative Agenda

HIGHEST PRIORITY ISSUES

Affordable Housing and Land Use

Washington State faces an affordable housing crisis. Bellevue supports legislative action that takes a balanced, collaborative approach. Necessary state tools include regulatory reform, condominium liability reform, and safe harbor for cities increasing development capacity. Incentives and new funding options, such as a new local option Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), are essential for the construction and acquisition of affordable housing. Where possible, such options should be progressively structured to minimize impacts on low- and moderate-income households. Bellevue supports statewide policies to increase housing supply, including expanding middle housing. The state should build upon local actions underway by Bellevue and many other cities.

- Bellevue requests funding for a strategic land acquisition bank to implement or preserve affordable housing and support transit-oriented development. Bellevue seeks state funding to match City investment dollar-for-dollar.

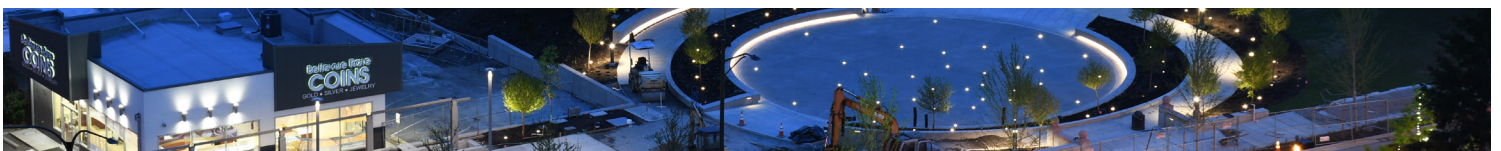
Transportation

Bellevue appreciates the Legislature's bold action to pass Move Ahead Washington, which made crucial multimodal investments and closed the I-405 funding gap. As the Legislature and WSDOT implement Move Ahead Washington projects, Bellevue requests that the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail (142nd Place SE to 150th Avenue SE) funding be phased as follows:

- \$300,000 in the 2023-25 biennium for final design and easement acquisition in advance of construction
- \$6.6 million in the 2025-27 biennium for construction

This sequencing is critical to maximize a \$2.37 million federal match that must be obligated by June 2025. The project supports access to transit and higher education, providing equitable mobility options to emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing under construction.

Additionally, the City supports programming the Move Ahead Washington funds for the Eastrail Wilburton Trestle and I-90 Steel Bridge in Bellevue in the 2023-25 biennium.



Services and Infrastructure for a Growing Community

Bellevue is experiencing exponential growth, absorbing 30,000 new jobs from 2020 to 2025. The economic vitality of Bellevue and the Eastside of Lake Washington provides an excellent return on investment for the state economy. Sustainable growth requires wise investments in both built infrastructure and human infrastructure. The following investments by the state are urgently needed and are critical to accommodate and sustain this growth and vibrancy:

- **Lake Hills Sewer Pump Station 12 Replacement:** An existing sewer pump station and pipe will be replaced to ensure sewer service to 860 residences and to reduce the risk of raw sewage spills into Lake Sammamish due to failure of aging infrastructure. Bellevue seeks \$3.1 million to leverage the City's investment of over \$10 million.
- **Community Service Center:** Bellevue connects Eastside residents to employment, housing, medical, and legal services. To meet growing demand in the Crossroads area, Bellevue seeks \$850,000 to expand the service center.



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**A GREAT RETURN
FOR ALL OF WASHINGTON**

↗ **\$1.3 Billion
Tax Revenue**

Returned to the state
government in 2022 by Bellevue
businesses and residents

**\$707 Million
Sales Tax**

Second largest producer
of sales tax in the state

**\$215 Million
State School
Property Tax**

**\$277 Million
B&O Tax**

**\$80 Million
REET Tax**



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