



City of Olympia 2013 State Legislative Agenda

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Our Top Priorities *Investing in the Capital City*

Isthmus Land Acquisition of the “Tri Way” parcels

- Acquisition and demolition of the “Tri Way” parcels to continue the visual and physical connection of the Capitol Campus and Heritage Park with Budd Inlet and lower Puget Sound:
 - \$2 million State funding.
 - \$1.7 million local match from City of Olympia.
 - \$600,000 Conservation Future funding from Thurston County.
 - \$400,000 from private fundraising.
 - \$1 million grant from Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) – pending Legislative approval of \$90 million funding for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

Washington Center for the Performing Arts – Exterior Renovation

- \$4.5 million project to repair and renovate the exterior of the only 1,000+ seat performance and presentation Center in the Capital City and South Sound region:
 - State Capital Budget support.
 - \$816,000 Building for the Arts grant (already awarded).
 - Balance from City of Olympia and private donations.

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Other Issues of Interest:

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Grants to Monitor

Housing Trust Fund

- \$750,000 grant for the Family Support Center housing project at the Smith Building

Public Works Trust Fund

- \$6.3 million loan for a drinking water reservoir in SE Olympia (on the proposed PWTF funding list).

Revenue Options

Olympia supports efforts to:

- Expand from \$20 to \$40 the vehicle license fee (VLF) that cities and counties can enact for a local Transportation Benefit District, while retaining the option for voter approval of up to \$100.
- Revise the Transportation Impact Fee (TIF) legislation to allow capacity needs to be addressed by providing sidewalk and bicycle facilities, improved connections to transit, and operational improvements like traffic signal priority.
- Retain the local option to invest local Lodging Tax money in the operation of events / festivals and in the acquisition and operation of tourism facilities owned by public entities and 501C3 and 501C6 non-profit agencies.
- Restore Diverted Liquor Revenue.
- Retain existing State-shared City revenues.
- Extend Public Facilities District revenue by 5 years.
- Allow funding eligibility through the Public Works Trust Fund for municipal public facilities and building improvement projects.

Olympia Projects

Olympia requests:

- Legislative support for efforts to resolve future use of the Department of Fish & Wildlife building in downtown Olympia.
- \$850,000 State funding to complete an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) on the Hybrid Alternative as identified in the U.S. 101-West Olympia Access Study.

Legislative Issues

Olympia supports:

- State investment in regional transit and infrastructure on I-5 in the Joint Base Lewis-McChord area to address congestion and improve mobility.
- Legislation requiring businesses that sell pharmaceuticals to establish a method for taking back and safely disposing of unused drugs, at no cost to the consumer.
- Tougher penalties for assault of code enforcement officers to make assault of a code enforcement officer while performing their duties a third degree offense.
- A sustainable funding source to assist local governments meet stormwater regulations.
- Continuation of the Main Street business tax credit program.

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2013 State Legislative Priorities

The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.