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State of Play

- 60 Day Session (Short)
 - Supplemental Budget
- Election year -
 - 122 seats are up for election/re-election
 - 98 Representatives
 - 24 Senators
- Last Session -
 - Raised \$9 Billion (over 4 years) in new revenue
 - Delayed programs



Budgets

- Gov's Budget – Releasing in Late December
- Operating:
 - \$16B budget shortfall (last session)
 - Projected Revenue significantly less than expected ~ \$1–1.5B less
 - No new operating asks (Senate Budget Lead)
- Capital Budget
 - Better than operating - Still going to be challenging
- Transportation
 - Will still need to look for some way to increase revenue slightly



Reality

- Urgent backfill needs:
 - Federal cuts
 - Medicaid – Billions in reductions
 - Early Learning – Head start funding
- Maintain critical services
- Where is the money?
 - Public Works Board
 - Further Delays to Programs
- New Revenue?
 - Election Year Impact
 - Progressive Options?



What We Heard – Council & Exec. Team

Deschutes Estuary Project

- Continued Advocacy – Support the Department of Ecology in their management of the project, work with partners to advocate for additional funding and long-term coalition building for the project

Revenue

- Allow for additional revenue options for cities
 - Provide Cities more councilmanic authority on revenues
 - Allow cities authority to put a Fire Benefit Charge to a vote of the people
 - Allow cities to pursue more progressive revenues, such as an Income Tax or tax on internet as a utility

What We Heard – Council & Exec. Team

Housing, Homelessness, & Infrastructure

- Tiny Home Villages
 - Protect Operational Funding
 - Find alternatives to the eviction process to avoid long term impacts to people's records
- Protect funding for key state initiatives
 - Encampment Resolution Program funding (Right-of-Way)
 - Main Streets Program
 - Public Works Board Funding
- Provide infrastructure funding assistance to support affordable housing
- Allow ADUs where HOAs prohibit them – retroactive implementation
- Fund sidewalk infrastructure
- Support for commuter rail adjacent to I5
 - Rebuild the Nisqually Bridge with rail capacity

What We Heard – Council & Exec. Team

Technical Policy Extensions

- Extend the ability to form a second public facilities district (2 years minimum)
- Extend the annexation sales tax diversion program, expires in 2028

Additional Items

- Continue to advocate for climate change and climate justice initiatives
- Tracking HB 1380 (Disallowing local *Sit and Lie* Ordinances)
- Impacts to HR rules for cities
- Protect Transportation Funding for local projects
- Allow for the creation of Animal Services Districts
- Tracking any additional fiscal impacts to cities and loss of operating dollars for programs

Draft Legislative Priorities

Deschutes Estuary Project

Continued Advocacy – Support the Department of Ecology in their management of the project, work with partners to advocate for additional funding and long-term coalition building for the project

Revenue

- Provide cities greater councilmanic authority on revenues
 - Allow cities authority to put a Fire Benefit Charge to a vote of the people
 - Allow cities to pursue more progressive revenues, including local income tax authority
- Raise the 1% cap on property tax growth

Housing & Homelessness

- Support and protect Tiny Home Villages
 - Protect operational funding
 - Find alternatives to eviction processes to avoid long-term impacts on residents' records
- Protect funding for key state initiatives
 - State Encampment Resolution Program (Right-of-Way)
- Provide infrastructure funding assistance to support affordable housing – CHIP Funding
- Allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) where HOAs currently prohibit them – retroactive implementation



Draft Legislative Priorities

Infrastructure

- Provide dedicated funding for sidewalk infrastructure improvements
- Support for commuter rail adjacent to I5 – Ensure the Nisqually Bridge is rebuilt with rail capacity'
- Protect State Funds and Programs
 - Public Works Board Funding
 - Main Streets Program

Technical Policy Extensions

- Extend the ability to form a second Public Facilities District (minimum 2 years)
- Extend the Annexation Sales Tax Diversion Program (beyond 2028 expiration)

Next Steps & Engagement Plan

Initial Next Steps

- Meet LD 22 delegation and socialize draft legislative agenda (late Nov – early Dec)
- Deschutes Estuary
 - Jay Burney will be meeting with Ecology in the next weeks
 - CPC will meet with Gov's office – More info in Gov's budget

Long Term

- Plan Olympia Day on the Hill, council and staff meet with legislators, 22nd LD, and other lead legislators on key issue areas – Housing, Municipal Revenue, Capital Budget, etc.
- Build out council and staff specific engagement as bills are introduced, starting Dec 1, and hearings are beginning in January
- CPC to create post session (interim) engagement plan with agencies, Governor's office and legislators

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