

City of Mountlake Terrace 2021-2022 State Legislative Agenda Modified for the 2022 Session

In the 2021 Legislative Session, the City of Mountlake Terrace was awarded \$800,000 toward Hall Creek Restoration at Ballinger Park and \$1.2 million for Phase 2 of Main Street Revitalization – THANK YOU! Both projects reflect the values of the Mountlake Terrace community and would not be possible without support from the 1st and 32nd District Legislators.

Main Street Revitalization Phase 2

The City's investment of utility improvements, widening sidewalks, creating bike lanes, improving ADA access and more will allow for denser transit-oriented development, in preparation for the Sound Transit Light Rail station that is scheduled to open in 2024. In total, Phase 2 is estimated to cost \$14.36 million; \$5.15 million has been secured. The city is continuing to pursue funding at all levels of government. As the Legislature develops a new transportation revenue package, the city requests inclusion of additional funding for Main Street Phase 2 and/or increased allocations for city led infrastructure projects that support transit-oriented development.

Additional Legislative Priorities

Mountlake Terrace joins other cities in asking for support to ensure local governments have the tools necessary to fulfill their responsibilities. The City supports the Association of Washington Cities' legislative priorities. Additionally:

- **Affordable Housing:** The City supports proposals that provide greater housing affordability throughout the Puget Sound, increased funding for the Housing Trust Fund, and other funding mechanisms.
- **Alternative Public Works Contracting:** The City supports enhancements to the state's public works bidding and award procedures to promote greater efficiency, expediency, and cost effectiveness in completing public works projects.
- **Economic Development Tools & Infrastructure Funding:** The City supports full funding of programs such as PWAA and TIB. Additionally, the City encourages the state to partner with communities in furthering economic development throughout the state, and supports proposals providing more economic development tools for cities of all sizes.
- **Indigent Defense Funding:** The City requests additional resources to fund indigent defense, a responsibility of the state that has been passed down to local governments without the corresponding funding.
- **Mental Health Funding:** The City supports directing funds to mental health, chemical dependency and social safety net programs.
- **Parks Funding:** The City supports a local option funding tool for parks maintenance and operations as well as capital improvements.
- **State-Shared Revenues:** The City requests that the Legislature continue to fully fund local-state shared revenues, including liquor profit revenues, marijuana excise tax revenues, criminal justice assistance account funding, and others.
- **Transportation:** The City supports policies that maintain local authority and financial stability throughout the completion of major transportation projects. Additionally, the City supports proposals that increase funding to cities to meet street maintenance obligations.
- **Utility Assistance:** The City offers payment plans and support programs to assist residents with utility arrearages as a result of financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. The City supports direct grants to utility providers to address customer arrearages.

