

Mountlake Terrace Legislative Agenda 2018 Legislative Biennium

Capital Funding Request – Ballinger Park

Mountlake Terrace is committed to converting a 55-acre former golf course into Ballinger Park. The park will be connected by existing community assets – the playfields, fishing pier, beach, Interurban Trail, community senior center, and Lakeview Trail. The City has completed a master plan for the park that would include an active side with play areas, picnic shelters, and a contemplative side with natural vegetation, creek restoration, and walking paths. Total design and construction costs for the entire park are \$12.5-15 million. The City is working and has made progress to secure future federal funding through the Army Corps of Engineers to complete the creek restoration which offers benefits to the entire watershed. The City requests a total investment of \$1 million in grants and state funding to reach completion of the boat launch, floating boat dock and active element improvements for the park.

Capital Funding Request – Main Street Revitalization Project

The City of Mountlake Terrace is grateful for the over \$3 million in state funds invested into the Main Street project. These funds, combined with federal funds through PSRC, will complete design of the entire project, and construction of Phase 1 (improvements to 236th from the Transit Center to 56th). The construction on Phase 1 began in 2017 and will be completed in 2018. As this project advances, the City requests \$2 million to fund Phase 2 of the project, estimated to cost \$11.6 million and make improvements to 56th Avenue.

Other Legislative Priorities

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

- **Indigent Defense Funding** – The City requests additional resources to fund indigent defense costs which have effectively doubled from \$75,000 in 2012 to \$180,000 in 2015.
- **Infrastructure Funding** – The City supports PWAA reform and/or the development of a new infrastructure funding program to meet the growing need to fund utility, sidewalk, wastewater, parks, recreational and other local infrastructure projects. The City supports full funding of programs such as PWAA, YAF, TIB, and FMSIB.
- **State-Shared Revenues** – The City requests that the Legislature continue to fully fund local-state shared revenues, and further asks that the legislature restore full funding to the liquor revolving account. The City supports legislation that restores liquor profit revenues to pre-2012 levels by removing the 2011 cap, and restoring the 50/50 revenue sharing relationship over multiple biennia and dedicating the revenue to public safety.
- **Telecommunications** – The City opposes legislation that removes local control in the siting and regulation of small cell network facilities. Furthermore, the City supports legislation that makes statutory changes to clarify and improve the deployment of small cell network facilities.
- **Transportation** – The City supports policies that maintain local authority and financial stability throughout the completion of major transportation projects.



City of Mountlake Terrace Main Street Revitalization Project

- ❑ **Project will** catalyze Mountlake Terrace’s Town Center revitalization.
- ❑ **Transit-oriented:** Main Street project links Town Center with transportation hub– Transit Center, Freeway Station (3 transit agencies), and future Light Rail Station (2023).
- ❑ **Complete Streets project** that enhances pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicular efficiencies while providing much better connectivity to the Transit Center.
- ❑ **Benefit/cost ratio:** Project offers an **9:1** Benefits to Costs ratio—funds that go back to the state and city for services and projects.
- ❑ **Aging infrastructure:** City downtown is badly in need of development.
- ❑ **Private developer interest** is strong—the downtown revitalization infrastructure investment would be major incentive, stimulate investments.
- ❑ **Gateway development underway:** The Gateway Development is located adjacent to I-5 and connects to the Main Street Project. It is now underway.

Project Improvements Include:

- ❑ New pavement (reconstruction since street is old roadway, inherited when City incorporated in 1954).
- ❑ Wide sidewalks, bike lanes, street trees, energy-efficient lighting/signals, improved connectivity.
- ❑ Undergrounding of power lines and upgrades to utilities and stormwater.

Grants Awarded to Date			
	Agency	Grant	Grant Amount
	PSRC	SnoCo/STP	\$ 643,461
	WA State Capital Budget	Appropriation	\$ 1,950,000
	PSRC	SnoCo/STP	\$ 1,001,033
	WA State Capital Budget	Appropriation	\$ 1,261,000
	PSRC	SnoCo/STP	\$ 4,059,840
	TIB	UAP	\$ 2,489,847
	WA State Capital Budget	Appropriation	\$ 500,000
	WA State Transportation Budget	Appropriation	\$ 360,000
	Total		\$ 12,265,181

Total Project Budget			
	Funds Received or Committed	Main Street Project Total	Outstanding Balance
Design	\$ 1,482,979	\$ 1,482,979	\$ -
ROW	\$ 2,271,887	\$ 3,286,455	\$ 1,014,568
Construction	\$ 9,990,314	\$ 22,190,314	\$ 12,200,000
Totals	\$ 13,745,180	\$ 26,959,748	\$ 13,214,568

BALLINGER PARK:

The City of Mountlake Terrace requests \$1 million for Ballinger Park.

Regional Asset: Recreation Alongside Light Rail

- Ballinger Park is **55 acres of undeveloped land in an urban neighborhood**, located adjacent to I-5, in the rapidly growing **transit-oriented** community of Mountlake Terrace.
- Ballinger Park is **adjacent to the Lynnwood Link Extension Project**, expected to be completed in 2024, making it a regional asset offering recreational opportunities to those living throughout the Central Puget Sound.
- Ballinger Park integrates recreational opportunities with transit-oriented living, **increasing the quality of life for urban families**.
- The **Interurban Trail** connected Ballinger Park to other regional trails, making it easily accessible by bicyclists and pedestrians.

Watershed Restoration & Recreation Intertwined

- Mountlake Terrace has **completed a master plan** for the park that includes an *active side* with play areas and picnic shelters, integrated with a *passive side* focused on **watershed restoration** to reduce flooding throughout the region.

Multiple Funding Partners: Local, State, Federal

- **Total design and construction costs for the entire park are \$12.5-15 million.** This project will not be possible without a multi-year funding effort, with many funding partners and a phased-in approach.
- The City has **made progress towards securing federal funding** by working with the Army Corps of Engineers to complete the creek restoration components of the project.

Funding Needed in 2018: \$1 Million

- \$1 million is needed in 2017 to begin work on the park. These first elements would include **construction of a new two lane boat launch and floating boat dock.** Future improvements throughout the east side of the park will include **asphalt pathways, active play elements such as stone bands, discovery pads, swings, and seating boulders.** Environmental improvements will be included as well such as **shoreline plantings and removing the tire rip rap along the shoreline.**



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