City of Burien
2014 Federal & State
Legislative Priorities

Promote Services and Economic Development through Transportation Funding

- Advocate for a state transportation revenue package to provide adequate funding for vital Metro bus service, construction funding for the SR 518/Des Moines Memorial Drive interchange improvement project to support commercial development in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA), and ongoing funding for street project needs. Work with the federal delegation to ensure that FAA grant money is forthcoming for the NERA Pilot Project infrastructure. (State and Federal)

- Advocate for the reauthorization of MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) and for more permanent funding for the federal Highway Trust Fund (Federal)

Maintain and Strengthen City Services and Facilities

- Work to achieve these State funding issues:
    1. Eliminate the $10 million ongoing diversion of liquor taxes and reinstate the local share of excess liquor profits.
    2. Eliminate the 6-year diversion of Public Works Trust Fund monies that occurred in the 2013-15 state operating budget.
    3. Ensure continued appropriation of committed state share funds such as liquor profits and taxes, streamlined sales tax (SST) mitigation funding, municipal criminal justice account funding, the annexation sales tax credit, and public health funding. (State)

- Marijuana Legalization Revenues. Share a portion of the anticipated marijuana revenue collected with cities to help offset local impacts. Harmonize medical marijuana regulations to reflect legalization and state regulation of recreational marijuana. Oppose any preemption of local authority over traditional land use, licensing, local taxes and fees, and other regulatory functions regarding marijuana production or distribution. (State)

- Work to retain local control over City Business and Occupation (B&O) taxes, while encouraging the simplification of collection. (State)

- Work with other local jurisdictions to pursue further funding for mediation of the public records cost recovery issue. (State)

- Maintain partnership efforts to improve the health of Puget Sound, including: Create a pharmaceutical return program to prevent toxic prescription drugs from entering the Sound through inappropriate disposal practices. (State)

- Monitor fish consumption rulemaking and legislation with an emphasis on costs to comply with new standards. (State)