

**CITY OF BURIEN
AGENDA BILL**

Agenda Subject: Discussion on and Possible Motion to Approve Draft Updated Revised 2011 Legislative Priorities		Meeting Date: December 13, 2010
Department: City Manager	Attachments: Draft Updated Revised 2011 Legislative Priorities	Fund Source: N/A Activity Cost: N/A Amount Budgeted: N/A Unencumbered Budget Authority: N/A
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Adopted Initiative: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Initiative Description: Develop and advance state and federal legislative agendas	
PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION:		
The purpose of this agenda item is for the City Council to discuss the draft updated revised “2011 Federal & State Legislative Priorities” and possibly take action.		
BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion):		
For its meeting on December 6 the City Council was provided a set of proposed revised legislative priorities that incorporated changes primarily related to legislators’ feedback on the original priorities. The Council placed the revised priorities on the Consent Agenda for the December 13 meeting.		
Since the December 6 th Council meeting, staff has identified another change to propose. The City’s Public Works Director, Larry Blanchard has been active in the development of legislation to authorize local jurisdictions the opportunity to create a street maintenance utility (SMU). Councilmember Gordon Shaw has also advocated for this legislation before the South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd), and he and Larry Blanchard have been asked to discuss the proposal at other sub-area transportation board meeting in East and North King County.		
Due to their direct involvement in this issue, staff recommends updating the City’s proposed revised legislative priorities that Council reviewed on December 6 to include a new proposed priority related to the Street Maintenance Utility issue (please see attachment).		
OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts):		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the updated revised draft legislative priorities. 2. Do not approve the updated revised priorities. 3. Request additional changes to the priorities and delay action. 		
Administrative Recommendation: Discuss the draft updated revised “2011 Federal & State Legislative Priorities” and consider taking action.		
Committee Recommendation: N/A		
Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A		
Suggested Motion: Motion to Approve the 2011 Federal and State Legislative Priorities.		
Submitted by: Lisa Clausen		
Administration _____		City Manager _____
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DRAFT UPDATED REVISED
City of Burien
2011 Federal & State
Legislative Priorities

Promote Economic Development with Infrastructure

- Seek federal and state support for the SR 518/Des Moines Memorial Drive interchange improvement project to improve access to the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA), with funding through reauthorization of the federal SAFETEA-LU transportation program and a state transportation revenue package. (Federal and State)
- Pursue \$5 million through a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Pilot Program, to partner with the Port of Seattle on a pilot project to conduct joint planning and pre-construction activities needed to develop the NERA. (Federal)
- Work with other stakeholders in support of legislation that will enable the state to make an investment in Burien and provide local flexibility to develop infrastructure and secure economic development in the NERA. (State)
- Maintain efforts with other jurisdictions to retain successful financing tools, such as the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF), and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), and advocate for increased flexibility for local revenues, in order to maintain and enhance infrastructure and services and generate economic development. (State)

Strengthen City Services and Facilities

- Pursue legislation to allow local jurisdictions to create a Public Safety Authority, in order to enhance the police presence in the community through stronger local control and to save local tax dollars. (State)
- [Advocate for legislation authorizing local jurisdictions to create a Street Maintenance Utility \(SMU\), in order to provide communities a financing method to address ongoing local street infrastructure maintenance needs. \(State\)](#)
- Defend against legislation that would damage cities' ability to finance vital city facilities and operations, including threats to impact fees, the annexation sales tax credit, and state-shared revenues. (State)
- Support efforts to improve the health of Puget Sound, including:
 - the \$55 million Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration request of the Puget Sound Partnership, to fund shoreline protection plans;
 - creation of a pharmaceutical return program to prevent toxic prescription drugs from entering the Sound through inappropriate disposal practices. (State)

- Work with other affected jurisdictions to explore options to ensure that all customers of a municipal electric utility receive equal treatment (e.g. for rate-setting, appeals process and service). (State)