

**CITY OF BURIEN  
AGENDA BILL**

<b>Agenda Subject:</b> Discussion of Draft 2012 Legislative Priorities		<b>Meeting Date:</b> September 12, 2011
<b>Department:</b> City Manager	<b>Attachments:</b> Draft 2012 Legislative Priorities	<b>Fund Source:</b> N/A
<b>Contact:</b> Lisa Clausen		<b>Activity Cost:</b> N/A
<b>Telephone:</b> (206) 248-5515		<b>Amount Budgeted:</b> N/A <b>Unencumbered Budget Authority:</b> N/A
<b>Adopted Initiative:</b> Yes   X   No	<b>Initiative Description:</b> Develop and advance state and federal legislative agendas	
<b>PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION:</b>		
<p>The purpose of this agenda item is for the City Council to review the proposed “Draft 2012 Legislative Priorities” and to provide input to staff. The final version of the priorities will be brought to Council for possible action at the meeting of September 26, 2011.</p>		
<b>BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action &amp; discussion):</b>		
<p>The two main areas of focus for the proposed 2012 legislative priorities (attached) address promoting economic development with infrastructure, and maintaining and strengthening City services and facilities. The draft 2012 legislative priorities include proposals from the staff leadership and the City’s advocates in Olympia and D.C.</p> <p>The primary priority continues to be the City’s effort to secure state and federal transportation funding for improvements to the SR 518/Des Moines Memorial Drive interchange. The City will also continue to work on securing funding for the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) through the Pilot Program that’s expected to be created following Congressional action on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization. The City and Port of Seattle have worked to create the Pilot Program since the latest FAA reauthorization process began in 2007.</p> <p>Through these proposed priorities the City would also continue to advocate for possible legislation that could allow a state investment in the North East Redevelopment Area, and the City also supports efforts to protect the health of Puget Sound, through shoreline protection and a pharmaceutical return program.</p> <p>New proposed priorities include retaining local control over the City’s Business and Occupation (B&amp;O) taxes; equitable cost-recovery for Public Records requests, and reform of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). SEPA Reform is needed because the Growth Management Act and other State and local laws enacted since the adoption of SEPA in 1971 have strengthened environmental protections and made SEPA review unnecessary and duplicative for most new development.</p> <p>Following the Council’s discussion of the “Draft 2012 Legislative Priorities” staff will bring any requested revisions to the Council for review and potential action at the meeting on September 26</p>		
<b>OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts):</b> N/A		
<b>Administrative Recommendation:</b> Discuss the “Draft 2011 Legislative Priorities” and provide input to staff.		
<b>Committee Recommendation:</b> N/A		
<b>Advisory Board Recommendation:</b> N/A		
<b>Suggested Motion:</b> N/A		
Submitted by:		
<b>Administration</b> _____	<b>City Manager</b> _____	
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**City of Burien  
2012 Federal & State  
Legislative Priorities  
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***Promote Economic Development through Infrastructure***

- Advocate for federal support and a state transportation revenue package to assist with the SR 518/Des Moines Memorial Drive interchange improvement project (\$15M in state funds), improving access and providing incentives for commercial development in the airport-affected Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA). (Federal and State)
- Partner with the Port of Seattle to seek designation of the NERA as a pilot project eligible for \$5 million through a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Pilot Program, to conduct joint pre-construction activities needed to develop the NERA. (Federal)
- Work with other stakeholders in support of tax-increment financing (TIF) legislation, and/or additional Local Revitalization Financing (LRF) in a possible state jobs package, to enable a state investment in Burien and provide local flexibility to develop infrastructure and secure economic development in the NERA. (State)

***Maintain and Strengthen City Services and Facilities***

- Work to retain local control over city Business and Occupation (B&O) taxes. (State)
- Advocate for reform of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), to facilitate efficient City service delivery and encourage high-quality development. (State)
- Work with other local jurisdictions to pursue equitable cost-recovery for responding to Public Records requests. (State)
- Maintain partnership efforts to improve the health of Puget Sound, including:
  - continuing federal and state support for shoreline protection plans through the work of the Puget Sound Partnership and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Federal and State);
  - creation of a pharmaceutical return program to prevent toxic prescription drugs from entering the Sound through inappropriate disposal practices. (State)

