

RESOLUTION NO. 1058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, an adopted list of priorities will assist in developing effective communication between the City Council and other elected officials, provide policy guidance to the City Manager, and inform residents of issues of importance to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to formally adopt a list of 2025 City legislative priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approval of 2025 Legislative Priorities. The City of University Place's 2025 legislative priorities are as follows:

1. Enhance Public Safety
 - Support the Association of Washington Cities ("AWC") request for legislative help to address police officer recruitment and retention, including additional funding for the municipal criminal justice assistance account and local funding.
 - Support the AWC's request for programs to reduce juvenile crimes and to enhance juvenile mental health and behavioral health treatment.
 - Request support and expanded access to State grant funds for local governments following emergency events, including enhanced access for residents affected by emergency events.
 - Request a transparent and public process for state appropriation of opioid settlement funds.
2. Support Local Government Fiscal Sustainability
 - Request legislation making permanent the financial flexibility provided in 2021 by E2SHB 1069, allowing cities to use a portion of their real estate excise tax revenue for maintenance and operations of parks and capital facilities.
 - Support AWC's request for direct and meaningful investments in local infrastructure, including support for preservation, maintenance and operations, and funding for sewer extensions, bridges and stop lights.
3. Support Sustainable Housing
 - Support South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA³P) efforts to expand housing affordability, supply and sustainability.
4. Expand Programs for Youth and Seniors
 - Request expanded accessibility to childcare and after-school care options and removing state-imposed land use barriers that limit the development of childcare centers (including centers that are licensed to receive military subsidy).
 - Support programs, partnerships, and funding to enhance senior transportation options.

With regard to *state capital projects*, the City seeks funding in the following areas and for the following projects:

1. Day Island Bridge – \$800,000 for the design of a replacement for the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete Day Island Bridge.
2. Traffic Signal Upgrade Project – \$500,000 to upgrade all signals to the emergency battery backup, flashing left turn arrows, and ADA audible pedestrian standards.
3. Alameda Drive Street Lighting Improvements – \$1 million to install streetlighting along Alameda Drive.

4. Alameda Avenue Sidewalk Extension – \$2 million to extend sidewalks along Alameda Drive from 40th Street to Cirque Drive.

With regard to *federal capital projects*, the City seeks funding for the following project:

1. Day Island Spit Road – \$1.5 million to enhance the seawall, raise the South Spit Road and improve drainage to help address King Tide/Flooding issues.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 18, 2024.

Javier H. Figueroa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney