



## 2017-2019 Biennial Legislative Agenda

The City of Lakewood adopts a biennial legislative agenda. Thanks to the efforts of the City's legislative delegation, the City has accomplished a great deal over the past several legislative sessions. At the same time, there is more to do to keep Lakewood moving into the future.

### **Fort Steilacoom Park: Transfer Ownership**

Fort Steilacoom Park is currently owned by the state (DSHS), and leased to the City of Lakewood. As the primary caretaker of the park, the city has invested \$10.9 million in improvements to the park. Pierce College leases DSHS-owned land adjacent to the park. Both the City and Pierce College request that the Legislature authorize the transfer of ownership from the State to the City and College.

### **Increased & Permanent Funding for the Western State Hospital Community Policing Program**

Since 2007 the City of Lakewood has operated a highly effective neighborhood policing team to respond to hundreds of calls for police service at Western State Hospital. The City requests full and permanent funding for this program: roughly \$621,000 per biennium. Current funding level is \$462,000 per biennium, causing the City to subsidize the program with \$159,000. Lakewood also receives \$90,000 per biennium to provide basic police services to Western State Hospital.

### **Capital Funding Request: Fort Steilacoom Park improvements**

Fort Steilacoom Park accommodates over 1 million visitors each year. The combination of aging infrastructure and high volumes of use require that the city improve the park's utilities and roads. Lakewood requests \$1.45 million to extend water, sewer and electric utilities to building structures in the park and to improve the main road into the park.

### **Capital Funding Request: Motor Avenue Complete Streets Project**

The City of Lakewood has started designing a Complete Streets Project in the Central Business District on Motor Avenue. The Motor Avenue project will create a destination gathering place for its residents and visitors by creating an attractive, pedestrian-friendly place in the city, that fosters mixed use development. Lakewood requests \$2.2 million to make road improvements, underground utilities, and improve pedestrian access.

### **Support for WSDOT Funding Request: Relocation of WSDOT Maintenance Facility in Lakewood**

Lakewood supports funding of \$19.6 million to relocate the WSDOT Maintenance Facility currently located in Lakewood on Pacific Highway South. The relocation of this facility is critical in supporting the City's economic development goals. Lakewood has identified a comparable location that would allow for easy access to I-5, creating a win-win for both the City and for Washington State.



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