NOTICE

LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

Notice is hereby given that the Lakewood City Council will be meeting with State legislators on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., at Lakewood City Hall, City Council Chambers, 6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, Washington.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2015-2017 Biennial Legislative Agenda.

Alice M. Bush, MMC
City Clerk
2015-2017 Biennial Legislative Agenda

Transportation Funding: I-5 JBLM Corridor Improvements
Lakewood requests that the state adopt a transportation revenue package that includes full funding for improvements to the Joint Base Lewis McChord I-5 Corridor (I-5/Mounts Rd Interchange on the south to the I-5/Bridgeport Interchange on the north) to relieve congestion and allow for the future economic development of the City of Lakewood and the surrounding communities. The City also requests that a transportation revenue package include a direct distribution of funding to cities for local street maintenance and operations.

Capital Funding Request: Springbrook Park Phase III, Neighborhood Connection
Springbrook is one of the most economically disadvantaged areas in Lakewood. It is located in the southeast corner of Lakewood just outside the Joint Base Lewis McChord Field gate and is isolated from the remainder of Lakewood by I-5 and Clover Creek. Aside from this project, there are no open spaces, or community centers in this area. Lakewood requests $300,000 for Springbrook Park Phase III. This phase will include a small open space coupled with a 175-foot pedestrian bridge over Clover Creek near Springbrook Park to allow this geographically isolated area to easily access Springbrook Park.

Point Defiance Bypass Rail Safety
The Point Defiance Bypass Project will re-route passenger trains through south Tacoma, Lakewood, and DuPont at the cost of $89 million. Once completed, the project will bring a total of seven daily round trip passenger trains through Lakewood intersections, with an average crossing time of 7 seconds per intersection, 45 seconds total with guard rails, and a maximum speed of 79 mph. This routing bifurcates the community and negatively affects residents and businesses by generating additional traffic congestion, increasing noise and vibrations, and impacting economic development. Lakewood requests $4.6 million be appropriated to WSDOT-Rail to fund rail safety improvements in Lakewood.

Maintain Funding for the Western State Hospital Community Policing Program
The 2013-15 State Operating Budget contains $462,000 for a highly effective neighborhood policing team to respond to hundreds of calls for police service at Western State Hospital. The City of Lakewood requests that this funding remain included in the budget, and that it be re-appropriated in the 2015-17 Operating Budget. The City also requests that the funding amount appropriated to the community policing program be re-assessed if Western State Hospital expands.

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