

## 2017 Legislative Agenda

### SSMCP Steering Committee:

City of DuPont  
 City of Lacey  
 City of Lakewood  
 City of Tacoma  
 City of University Place  
 City of Yelm  
 Pierce County  
 Thurston County  
 Thurston Regional Planning Council  
 Nisqually Tribe  
 Joint Base Lewis-McChord  
 Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
 Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce  
 United Way-Pierce County  
 Washington State Department of Transportation  
 Washington State Military Department

### Demonstrate Progress Towards Resolving Encroachment in the McChord North Clear Zone

*Encroachment within the North Clear Zone (NCZ) contributed to JBLM receiving point deductions in the 2005 Base Realignment & Closure (BRAC) evaluation process. JBLM contributes hundreds of millions of dollars to the state economy annually. JBLM is the largest employer in Pierce County and second largest in the state. Civilian activity within NCZ property presents a public safety issue for military operations and civilians alike.*

- Resolving encroachment is a shared responsibility between Federal, State, and local authorities.
- The strategy requires a team of partners working together to align their authorities and resources.
- The strategy must continue to accept risk while employing incremental funding over time.
- The plan recommends interested agencies act strategically and make efficient use of financial resources in minimizing risk.
- **SSMCP seeks \$5M in State funding** to begin acquiring and relocating businesses in the McChord NCZ.



### Fund a Transportation “Corridor Plan” for Sound Puget Sound

*The expanding population in the South Sound has increased the transportation demand on I-5 south of Mounts Road, extending throughout Thurston County. Traffic congestion inhibits regional mobility, encumbers economic prosperity in the region, and is the number one quality of life concern of South Sound residents.*

- In the next 7 years, the state will invest hundreds of millions of dollars in congestion relief projects through the JBLM section of the I-5 Corridor.
- To maximize this investment, SSMCP **requests \$5M in State funding** to study the long term mobility needs immediately south of these projects, between Mounts Road (exit 116) to 93rd Avenue in Tumwater (exit 99).
- The corridor plan will assess the potential capacity shortfall and identify solutions to address long term mobility needs to ensure the region and State can meet their transportation priorities.



*An innovative and flexible partnership uniquely positioned to provide regional leadership to bridge military and civilian communities.*



## SSMCP Policy Positions

### Maintain Active State support for Military Affairs in Washington

SSMCP believes in a strong commitment from the State in support of military affairs.

- Continuing to support the Washington Military Alliance (WMA); recognizing and protecting the economic benefit realized in the State by government and the private sector due to our military's presence;
- Strengthening financial, legislative and political support for military presence in anticipation of future force restructuring or defense contract reductions due to sequestration, Department of Defense budget reductions, and/or base realignment and closure (BRAC) rounds
- Support agencies and programs that make WA an attractive home for transitioning soldiers

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### Direct Compliance with the REAL ID Act

SSMCP encourages Washington State to pass necessary legislation to comply with the Department of Homeland Security REAL ID requirements.

- The Act establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting, for official purposes, licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards.
- WA is one of three states in the nation that did not receive an extension for compliance, meaning WA driver's licenses are not acceptable forms of identification for Federal agencies.
- JBLM is forced to deny entry to approximately 300 persons per week because these individuals do not have REAL ID Act compliant credentials.
- JBLM's Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs are suffering from decreased revenue jeopardizing support services to Service Members and the small business community struggles to reach on post customers.

*A Partnership of over 40 member cities, counties, the Nisqually Tribe of Indians, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, State, regional, corporate, and non-profit organizations dedicated to fostering outcomes that are mutually beneficial to the South Sound region.*

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