



**Snohomish County
2021 State Interim Plan**

TO: Snohomish County Council and Executive Somers
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RE: Recommended Interim Activities
DATE: July 2, 2021

Successful lobbying requires year-round effort. As of the date of this memo, we are planning for the possibility that the Legislature will reconvene for a short special session in the fall. This assumption will likely change and we will need to adapt our plans accordingly.

We have completed the following activities this interim:

May/June

1. Began monthly Council briefings
2. Distributed 2021 end of session written report
3. Provided end of session presentation at Council Administration Session
4. Met with Lacey Harper to discuss activities for the 2021 interim and approach to determining 2022 legislative priorities
5. Met with County Public Works staff to discuss outcome of transportation priorities, interim outreach strategy for County transportation projects, and possible 2021 special legislative session
6. Held one-on-one meetings with members of Council to begin 2022 legislative priorities discussion
7. Reported on State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council meeting – June 23
8. Met with Rep. Mike Sells re: Regional Apprenticeship Partnership ongoing funding

To continue to advance the County's legislative priorities, we recommend the following interim action items:

July

1. GTHGA to schedule meetings with members of the delegation, Executive Somers, and members of Council re: legislators' 2022 legislative priorities
2. Continue working with Public Works staff on strategy for a potential special session to address transportation priorities:
 - a. GTHGA to report back on approaches to integrating WSDOT and County project advocacy
 - b. Discuss outreach to target transportation legislators
 - c. Plan interim coordination with our regional partners
3. Outreach to key legislators and partners on legislation securing ongoing funding for RAP
 - a. Rep. Tina Orwall (33rd LD)
 - b. Rep. Jesse Johnson (30th LD)
 - c. Sen. Karen Kieser (33rd LD)

- d. Governor's Office staff
- e. Sno Isle; Association of Career and Technical Education
- 4. Begin drafting summary of desired legislation to secure ongoing RAP funding
- 5. Monitor/attend key task force or commission meetings
 - a. Department of Revenue Tax Structure Work Group
 - b. Legislative GMA reform stakeholder group
 - c. Transportation commission
- 6. GTHGA to convene interim Snohomish County Transportation Advocates Group to discuss possible special session strategy/outreach
- 7. Select date for legislative breakfast and send out hold to legislators

August/September

- 1. Continue calls/meetings with legislative delegation to discuss 2022 priorities
- 2. Continue meetings/calls with GTHGA, Council, and key County staff to refine 2022 legislative priorities
 - a. Identify capital and operating requests
 - a. Funding for early learning
 - b. Identify and draft priority legislation
 - a. RAP ongoing funding
 - c. Refine transportation list, if necessary
- 3. Identify possible legislative champions
- 4. Attend City/County Managers Conference – Aug. 10 - 13
- 5. Attend County Administrators Conference – Sept. 15 – 17
- 6. Attend WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting in September
- 7. Schedule tour of McCollum Park/Food and Farming Center location with legislative sponsors:
 - a. Sen. June Robinson (38th LD)
 - b. Rep. April Berg (44th LD)
 - c. Rep. Carolyn Eslick (39th LD)
 - d. Other interested delegation members
- 8. Schedule tours of priority transportation projects with sponsors (dependent on special session)
 - a. Sen. Marko Lias (21st LD), Sen. June Robinson (38th LD), Sen. Keith Wagoner (39th LD), Sen. Steve Hobbs (44th LD)
 - b. Rep. Shelley Kloba (1st LD), Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self (21st LD), Rep. Cindy Ryu (32nd LD), Rep. Emily Wicks (38th LD), Rep. April Berg (44th LD)

October

- 1. Possible special legislative session
- 2. Refine draft RAP legislation with stakeholders
- 3. Schedule meetings with key legislators for specific legislative priorities
 - a. Tours of transportation projects (if no special session)
 - b. Brief legislators on policy priorities and project requests, if applicable
- 4. GTHGA/County to send out details for pre-session legislative briefing
- 5. Work with staff to develop one-pagers for legislative priorities

November

- 1. Finalize legislative agenda handout and project one-pagers
- 2. Attend WSAC County Leaders Conference in Spokane – Nov. 16 -18

3. Attend House and Senate Committee Assembly Days:
 - a. Senate: Nov. 15 – 16
 - b. House: Nov. 18 – 19
4. Develop letters of support for the County's legislative agenda and funding requests for the Governor's budget, if applicable
5. Coordinate with Governor's Office on County legislation/requests, if applicable
6. Finalize and adopt legislative agenda
7. GTHGA/County to confirm attendance and make final arrangements for legislative briefing

December

1. Monitor and report on pre-filed bills and Governor's budget
2. Legislative briefing
3. Work with staff to complete legislative request forms
4. GTHGA to schedule recurring bi-monthly coordination calls with legislative delegation during session

January 10th – First Day of Session

Possible Legislative Priorities

- Transportation priority project list
- Legislation to secure ongoing funding for Regional Apprenticeship Pathways Program
- Local culvert funding through Fish Barrier Removal Board
- Indigent defense
- Operating budget funding for early learning

Legislative Engagement & Target Legislators

The virtual format of the 2021 legislative session highlighted the importance of close working relationships with our delegation. While many members of the delegation that are close allies for the County, there are still relationships with key members that would benefit from being strengthened. Ideally, almost every member of our delegation would be accessible by call or text.

- Our relationships in the Senate are weakest. We could strengthen relationships with key Senate members through one-on-one or small group outreach, generally by district. We also could foster relationships between new members of Council and members of the delegation. Suggested pairings:
 - Sen. Derek Stanford (1st LD) – Councilmember Mead (District 4), Councilmember Dunn (District 2), Executive Somers
 - Sen. Ron Muzzall (10th LD) – Councilmember Nehring (District 1), Councilmember Low (District 5)
 - Sen. Marko Liias (21st LD) – Councilmember Dunn (District 2)
 - Sen. Jesse Salomon (32nd LD) – Councilmember Wright (District 3), Councilmember Mead (District 4), Councilmember Dunn (District 2), Executive Somers
 - Sen. June Robinson (38th LD) – Councilmember Dunn (District 2), Councilmember Mead (District 4)
 - Sen. Keith Wagoner (39th LD) – Councilmember Low (District 5), Councilmember Nehring (District 1)

- Sen. Steve Hobbs (44th LD) – Councilmember Mead (District 4), Councilmember Low (District 5), Executive Somers
- We should continue to maintain relationships with our members in the House, many of whom are strong allies. Below are suggested meeting pairings, though we realize that schedules may necessitate different arrangements:
 - 1st LD:
 - Rep. Shelley Kloba – Councilmember Mead (District 4), Councilmember Dunn (District 2), Executive Somers
 - Rep. Davina Duerr– Councilmember Mead (District 4), Councilmember Dunn (District 2), Executive Somers
 - 10th LD:
 - Rep. Greg Gilday – Councilmember Nehring (District 1), Councilmember Low (District 5)
 - Rep. Dave Paul – Councilmember Nehring (District 1), Executive Somers
 - 21st LD:
 - Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self – Councilmember Wright (District 3), Councilmember Dunn (District 2), Executive Somers
 - Rep. Strom Peterson – Councilmember Wright (District 3), Councilmember Dunn (District 2), Executive Somers
 - 32nd LD:
 - Rep. Lauren Davis – Councilmember Wright (District 3), Councilmember Dunn (District 2)
 - Rep. Cindy Ryu – Councilmember Wright (District 3)
 - 38th LD:
 - Rep. Emily Wicks – Councilmember Dunn (District 2), Executive Somers
 - Rep. Mike Sells– Councilmember Nehring (District 1) and Councilmember Dunn (District 2) to discuss RAP
 - 39th LD:
 - Rep. Carolyn Eslick – Councilmember Low (District 5), Councilmember Nehring (District 1), Executive Somers
 - 44th LD:
 - Rep. April Berg – Councilmember Mead (District 4), Councilmember Low (District 5), Executive Somers
 - Rep. John Lovick – Councilmember Mead (District 4), Councilmember Low (District 5)
- Schedule bi-monthly County/delegation coordination meetings during legislative session

Fostering Partnerships

- WSAC
- SCCIT
- EASC
- SWISS
- Others?