



CITY OF SEATAC 2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Defend Local Control

The best governmental decisions are those that are made closest to the people represented. Cities possess strong local authority to provide for the safety and welfare of their residents, and the Legislature must abstain from restricting, mandating, or otherwise interfering with local decisions. For example, the Legislature has recently considered legislation that would have mandated specific siting of accessory dwelling units. The City of SeaTac will oppose legislative actions such as this that are inconsistent with local decision making.

Defend Transportation Projects: SR 509 and SR 518

The City of SeaTac is significantly impacted by regional traffic associated with these two state routes, including those accessing the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Improving SR 509 and SR 518 through the Puget Sound Gateway has been and remains the City's top transportation priority. As the Legislature scrutinizes its transportation budget, the City requests that all components of the project remain funded including noise mitigation strategies and the construction of sound barrier walls.

Indoor Air Quality

For several years, the City of SeaTac has supported the work of studying and improving indoor air quality in airport communities around the state. The City supports expanding air quality mitigation efforts beyond schools to residential properties to further protect the health of City residents, especially those with asthma and other pulmonary issues.

Behavioral Health

The behavioral health system in south King County, like much of Washington State, is under considerable strain. The City of SeaTac supports enhancements to the behavioral health system for the benefit of our residents including support for additional 9-8-8 crisis response teams and crisis triage and detox facilities.