



City of Maple Valley 2022 Legislative Priorities

SR18

Support the Efforts of the Southeast Area Legislative (SEAL) Transportation Coalition

The City of Maple Valley continues to collaborate with community partners including the South East Area Legislative Transportation Coalition (SEAL-TC) in requesting full funding to widen Highway 18 from the Issaquah Hobart Road to Raging River. This segment of Highway 18 is one of City of Maple Valley's critical ingress and egress, and long planned changes are needed to reduce congestion and improve safety. Design for this project has been funded. Maple Valley urges legislators to adopt a new transportation package that includes fully funding the right of way acquisition and construction phases of SR 18.

Police Reform Legislative Adjustments

- Definition of "military" equipment should be revised to exempt less lethal alternatives such as launchers, blue nose, and perhaps shotguns.
- Reasonable force, as defined in the new law, may be used to assist with enforcement of ITA orders; AND ideally there should be immunity for deputies acting in good faith in that context
- Seek exceptions on the use of force limitations, which are now allowed in only four scenarios. Allow for use of physical force can be used during execution of a search warrant, for arrest warrant and clarify that it includes ability to use reasonable force for someone other than subject of warrant; include the ability to cuff even a resistant subject, for the purpose of conducting a Terry stop/reasonable suspicion investigation; allow reasonable force to preserve crime scenes when de-escalation tactics fail.
- Provide for more experienced law enforcement membership on the CJTC—essentially give more balance to this commission

SR169

State Route 169 is the main commute route for the cities of Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Enumclaw, and portions of unincorporated King County. Given the projected growth within the region, capacity and safety conditions will continue to decline. There are multiple projects identified on the City's 6-year Transportation Improvement Program to improve safety and increase capacity on SR 169 within city limits. The City is actively working on the design of two projects within our corporate limits.

- T-36: SR 169 Widening from SE 240 Street to SE 244th Street (\$9.7 Million)
- T-45: SR 169 Widening from SE 253rd Place to SE 260th Street (\$10 Million)

The combined total project costs are in excess of \$19 Million. The city will be actively seeking grant funding, but is concerned that there will likely be a funding gap to overcome and is looking to the State to assist, as this is an important State Route in our region.

The City is also requesting the state provide adequate funding for State Route 169 outside of our city limits, from Maple Valley limits to Jones Road.

Public Noticing

To enhance public awareness, participation, and transparency, the City wants to modernize public notification requirements to recognize the shift in how our public receives information. The circulation of the official newspaper in the City is very limited and requirements need to be updated to include online sources and digital platforms to insure the public has timely, accurate information on the City’s official public events. Removing the requirement of the official newspaper will allow the City to enhance and comply with public notification in an efficient and cost effective manner.

Capital Funding

Pedestrian Bridge

The City of Maple Valley is requesting \$8 Million in state capital funding for the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge on SR 169 in the vicinity of SE 258th Street. SR 169, a classified State Highway of Significance, has developed from a rural highway to a freight and commuter highway, serving 21,000 vehicles per day. The pedestrian bridge would be designed to connect communities east and west of SR 169. It would serve as a gateway into the City’s future downtown development and Legacy Site public amenities, the King County Regional Cedar to Green River Trail, and the Maple Valley Farmers’ Market. It would connect parking lots on the Legacy Site and Rock Creek Elementary School as well as reduce the SR 169 traffic flow during event days by encouraging non-motorized access from adjacent neighborhoods.

Parks Project (\$200K - \$500K)

1	LW Lodge Emergency Generator	\$ 400,000	Emergency power supply for Lodge (council meetings, emergency shelter, etc.) (multiple power outages a year)
2	Arboretum Improvements	\$225K - \$500K	Irrigation, Education/Visitor Center Design (construct?), multiple smaller projects/needs). Scalable \$225K - \$500K)
3	Take-A-Break Playground	\$ 400,000	Replace existing playground (past life expectancy)
4	Parks Maintenance Building	\$ 425,000	Replace dilapidated parks maintenance building with new modular structure.