

STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2025



About the City of SeaTac

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 32,000*. The City is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately three-square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle. *2021 OFM



2025 Top Priorities



Aviation Impacts

While SeaTac International Airport is the City's largest employer, it also has a massive impact on residents. The City of SeaTac will play an active role in any issues that have the potential to add to, mitigate, or affect these impacts including air pollution mitigation, port mitigation funding, transition to sustainable aviation fuel, and the siting of another major international airport in the state. The City will partner with the SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (START) to advance these issues.

In 2024, the Legislature established the Port District Equity Fund, which provides grants to repair failed soundproofing for affected homes near the airport. The City encourages the Legislature to allocate an additional \$5 million and make any necessary statutory changes to ensure that the Port District Equity Fund can successfully address community concerns.



Fire Service Funding

The City of SeaTac requests the Legislature's partnership to identify opportunities to increase funding and revenue mechanisms for fire services.

Uniquely, the City contracts with Puget Sound Regional Fire for fire services. The cost of fire services has increased by over 30% for the 2025 budget, significantly impacting the City's general fund.



Unique Parking Demands

Because a large number of SeaTac's residents are employed as drivers for airport travelers, the City faces unique parking challenges.

Vehicles used to provide rideshare, shuttle, and town car services are parked at private residences throughout the City. Additionally, SeaTac has a large immigrant population that generally shares more multigenerational housing and therefore more cars per household than average. The City will express concerns with state-imposed parking restrictions that are not tailored to these local circumstances and will have a particularly burdensome impact on SeaTac's residents.



2025 Policy Issues

The SeaTac City Council has adopted city goals to steer the city's action items. The City will engage in state legislative efforts in areas that align with the city goals as outlined below. Additionally, the City will support the efforts of the Association of Washington Cities in those areas where it best serves the interests of the SeaTac community.



Public Safety

The City asks for the state's partnership to improve public safety.

Specifically, the City supports:

- Funding to hire and train law enforcement officers to address vacancies, including but not limited to supporting the state continuing to pay 100% of the costs to train officers through the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA), grants to attract a diverse law enforcement workforce, and increased revenue or local option tools for public safety.
- Funding and training for police co-responder models, and diversion measures.
- Efforts to address the ongoing fentanyl crisis.
- State funding and policy changes to address the rising number of traffic accidents and fatalities, including funding for traffic calming measures.
- Funding and enhanced workforce support for public defense services.
- Policies and funding to address human trafficking, including emphasis efforts related to the FIFA World Cup.



Housing and Human Services

The City of SeaTac is a member of South King Housing and Homelessness Partners.

In conjunction with its regional partners, the City supports:

- Policies and funding that promote homeownership for moderate-income households and below, preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH), land acquisition to secure permanent affordability, permanent supportive housing (PSH), the infrastructure around affordable housing developments, workforce housing (i.e. smaller-sized units below 60% AMI and family-sized units at all income levels).

SEATAC by the Numbers

Home to SeaTac International Airport

The 9th busiest airport
in the U.S.

Connection hub of
**I-5, I-405, SR 509
and SR 518**

Served by
**3 light rail
stations**

215,000+
Total Daily Population
32,710 Residents
40,000+ Workers

142,000
Travelers per day

9,000
Overnight visitors per day

2+ Million
Overnight visitors per year

\$2+ Billion
Taxable sales per year

\$1.5 Billion
Private and public
investments per year

2,000+
Units of housing planned/
under construction



2025 Policy Issues (continued)

Additionally, the City supports:

- The state leading and providing resources to house and provide case management, legal services, and wraparound services to asylum seekers equitably across the state.
- Policies and funding to enhance childcare opportunities.
- Enhancements to the behavioral health system for the benefit of residents, including support for additional 9-8-8 crisis response teams and crisis triage and detox facilities.
- Investments in the behavioral health workforce throughout the entire continuum of care for youth and adults.



Community Engagement

The City of SeaTac is committed to strong, honest, and consistent community engagement. The City conducts significant public engagement when developing local policies.

The City calls on the Legislature to honor this community-driven process and allow decisions to be made locally.



Infrastructure

The City calls on the state to partner with the city in building infrastructure to create a connected community.

The City supports:

- Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support climate resiliency efforts, including but not limited to electric vehicle infrastructure, building decarbonization, and green energy.
- Grant programs that expand and create multimodal connectivity and ADA accessibility, such as Complete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, and the WSDOT Bike/Ped Program.
- Increased maintenance and preservation funding for state and local roadways.
- Investments to remove fish barriers and support habitat restoration.
- Investments in infrastructure needed to support the large influx of people anticipated to enter the state through SeaTac airport during the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
- Maintaining investments made in previous transportation packages, including ensuring that toll revenue remains dedicated to constructing and maintaining the Puget Sound Gateway project.

*2025 Policy Issues (continued)***Economic Development and Workforce**

The City remains committed to improving the City's commercial/industrial tax base and small-scale economic activity.

Additionally, the City is strongly invested in expanding workforce opportunities for residents and ensuring youth and young adults may access local, family-wage jobs, including careers within the technical and trades industry.

The City supports:

- Pre-apprenticeship programs operated in conjunction with local labor partners and education institutions.
- Continued investment in the newly developed running start summer grant program.

**Parks**

The City of SeaTac remains committed to providing open space and recreational activities for its community.

The City supports:

- Funding and policy opportunities to protect North SeaTac Park as green space.
- Funding for recreational, senior, and youth sports programs.
- Policies and funding to enhance the City's tree canopy.