



2024 State Legislative Policy Agenda

Clackamas County is truly urban, suburban, rural, and wild. We are dedicated to welcoming new residents and businesses, and committed to delivering community services that are dependable, accessible, and equitable to the public.

COUNTY INITIATIVES

Courthouse Replacement Project



Secure the full 50% match from state bonding to fund the Clackamas County Replacement Courthouse. Although steeped in history, the current courthouse is functionally obsolete, poses safety and seismic risks, and cannot accommodate our growing population. Funding in 2024 will aim to complete the state's contribution toward this project, which is on budget and on schedule to open by Summer 2025. This LEED Gold certified project will feature 16 courtrooms, 20 judicial chambers, and office space for state agencies such as the Oregon Office of Public Defense Services and the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Transportation Improvement Projects

Advocate for state action to develop a long-term transportation funding plan that addresses regional congestion, resolves bottlenecks on state highways, and mitigates diversion and impacts on local traffic. Priorities for an anticipated 2025 Transportation Funding Package include:

- Opposing tolling programs as currently proposed and ensuring policies include a commitment to revenue sharing to address needed off-system improvements, mitigate diversion, and improve safety.
- Completing the I-205 Bottleneck Project in HB 2017 and supporting local priority projects, including the Sunrise Gateway Corridor.
- Prioritizing multimodal improvements in areas with little to no existing investments.

COUNTY PRIORITIES

Advance policies to address the housing and homeless crisis, and ensure a regionally balanced approach to land use planning to meet housing and employment land goals.

Support action to address the impact Measure 110 has had on public safety, homelessness, and our communities and pursue funding for a recovery-oriented system of care that includes public safety diversion programs, such as crisis stabilization centers, mental health facilities and services, community-based prevention and intervention services, and juvenile prevention programs.

No more unfunded or partially funded mandates from the State. Advocate for legislation that provides full cost and predictable revenue, as well as reasonable liability, for local governments providing state-mandated and contracted services.

Support legislation that creates a standard statewide process for county foreclosure surplus claims in response to the Supreme Court decision Tyler vs Hennepin County.

LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Clackamas County's policy positions will be guided by the five strategic goals below.



Build a Strong Infrastructure

The county supports legislation that encourages long-term investments in major infrastructure projects to improve the quality of life of county residents. Successful legislation will ease congestion, expand travel options, enhance seismic resiliency, spur economic growth in employment, increase housing inventory, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based and ratepayer-minded water quality protections.



Ensure Safe, Healthy, and Secure Communities

The county supports legislation that improves the health, safety, and wellbeing of all county residents and communities. Successful legislation will support access to community assets, such as parks and libraries, and assist vulnerable populations including residents who are facing homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, behavioral health challenges, and public health threats. Legislation also should help to reduce the crime rate and recidivism, promote and sustain best practices for justice-involved individuals, improve emergency communications and disaster preparedness, and protect survivors of domestic violence.



Grow a Vibrant Economy

The county supports legislation that incentivizes businesses to grow and prosper. Successful legislation will ensure the county has dedicated resources for attracting and growing industries and workforce and has access to an adequate supply of shovel-ready employment lands to expand economic development opportunities.



Honor, Utilize, Promote & Invest in our Natural Resources

The county supports legislation that ensures effective and sustainable management and conservation of our abundant natural and agricultural resources. Successful legislation will stimulate and preserve the integrity of our natural resource-based economy, reduce and sequester carbon emissions, and adhere to the public process of Oregon's land use system.



Build Public Trust through Good Government

The county supports legislation that enhances the county's ability to deliver effective, reliable, and equitable services to county residents. Successful legislation will maintain the county's financial sustainability, allocate sufficient resources for county programs, preserve state and county shared revenue agreements, support county efforts to attract and retain qualified employees, and ensure adequate community engagement. Legislation also should not impose unfunded mandates, preempt local tax sources, or restrict local government authority.